



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 18th January 2018

Diary for Term 3

Friday 19 th January	No afternoon School Crossing patrol
Thursday 25 th January	Year 3 & 4 Girls Football Tournament at Langtree School
Monday 29 th January	Parents' Evening sign-up sheets available outside office
Tuesday 30 th January	Year 3 & 4 Rocks and Fossils Workshop
Friday 2 nd February	<i>Spring Snapshots in book bags The revised snapshot report (attached) has been designed to provide feedback for parents about pupil conduct and independent learning skills. It will go out twice annually, in the Autumn and Spring; as always we welcome comments in due course!</i>
Tuesday 6 th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 8 th February	3:30pm: Parents' Evening
Thursday 9 th February	3:30pm: Parents' Evening
Friday 9 th February	Last day of Term 3, finish at 3.20pm

Diary for Term 4

Monday 19 th February	INSET day – no children in school
Tuesday 20 th February	8:50am First day of term 4
Monday 26 th February	3pm: Community Worship
Tuesday 13 th March	Rhino Class SRE
Tuesday 20 th March	Rhino Class SRE
Wednesday 28 th March	2.30pm Easter Communion Service
Thursday 29 th March	Last day of Term 4, finish at 3.20pm

At school this week...

Whole School Worship

Term 3 Value: Perseverance

Week 3: Persevering to finish the job

School Values Ambassadors

William and Finn Butler helped with worship this week. We talked about the story of Nehemiah and about important our friends are when it is difficult to keep going to finish a task.

Dear God, please help us to persevere even when tasks seem long and hard. Help us to encourage our friends to keep going when they feel fed up. Help us to be compassionate when we see others going through hard times. Give us strength to do our best whatever the task, and however long it takes. Amen

Learning highlights

Children in **Owlet Class** had a great time at their visit to the Story Museum. They had the opportunity to experience lots of stories, get dressed up and take part in some art activities. The class met up with pre-school for a winter walk which was very cold, muddy and fun! Children in **Owl Class** found out about the lives of

famous astronauts and cosmonauts: Neil Armstrong, Yuri Gagarin, Valentina Tereshkova, Helen Sharman and Tim Peake. Who knew that Neil Armstrong got his pilot's licence before he got his driving licence, or that Yuri Gagarin was chosen to be the first person in space because he was short? Children in **Panda Class** enjoyed reading their class novel *How to Train Your Dragon*; they learnt to speak Dragonese and had a great time planning Thor'sday Thursday Celebrations! Children in **Rhino Class** wrote exciting newspaper reports for the Anglo-Saxon Times; reporting on the Viking attacks on Lindisfarne Island.

Parent Participation Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed Parent Participation Surveys which were sent out last week. 28 out of a possible 65 were returned, and 14 of those who responded said *Yes to Would you like to have more say in school issues?* Over the course of the next two weeks, we will be looking at the results in more detail and planning next steps. However, as the most frequently requested issue for consultation was Behaviour Policy, we have attached the current Good Behaviour Policy (previously circulated for consultation with the newsletter on 23rd November 2017). As you will see from the policy, our School Values are at the heart of expectations and management of behaviour in the school. Parents have a crucial role to play in supporting the school as we teach children about these values, which are embedded in the Pupil Code of Conduct.

Pupil Code of Conduct

Pupils will **respect** everyone in the school community and

- be ready to learn and let others learn
- be polite to adults and each other
- take care of school property and the school environment
- walk quietly around school
- follow the school uniform, lunchtime, playtime and off site visit rules

Pupils will behave with **integrity** and **compassion** to

- take care of each other
- be honest
- do the right thing, even when this is not easy
- sort out disagreements without hitting or saying mean things
- understand and accept individual differences

Pupils will be **courageous, hopeful** learners who

- take responsibility for their learning
- ask thoughtful questions
- make mistakes
- persevere
- work hard enough to find out how good they can really be

Can you help?

We are in urgent need of volunteers to dismantle and dispose of the existing raised beds on the school field as the wooden boards are rotten and they are falling apart. Please contact the school office if you can help. (We plan to design and build some replacements to create a kitchen garden, so we would also welcome any offers of help with this project in due course!)

Arrangements for Emergency Closure of the School

On rare occasions, for example during extreme weather conditions or when the school has no heating or water, the Headteacher and Chair of Governors may have to take the decision to close the school. It is school policy to keep the school open if at all possible, but there are occasions when it would not be possible to operate the school within the health and safety requirements.

In the very unlikely event of an emergency closure during the school day, the school will contact parents via the email contact details kept in school. All children will be kept safely until collected. Please ensure, therefore, that the school has your up-to-date daytime contact details.

In the event of an emergency closure before the start of the school day the school will notify Oxfordshire

County Council and the local radio stations and will send a group email to all parents who receive the weekly newsletter. If parents need to find out whether or not the school is closed they should:

- Check their email and the school website
- Look on the county public website: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures;
- Listen to the announcements of the local radio stations:
 - BBC Radio Oxford – VHF/FM 95.2
 - Heart FM (Oxfordshire) – VHF/FM 102.6
 - JACK FM – VHF/FM 106.8

Parents are advised not to call the radio stations otherwise switchboards can become jammed and prevent the radio stations receiving information from schools. Parents may attempt to call the school, but the school cannot guarantee that there will be someone in the office to man the phone.

Our hot school meals are prepared in the kitchen at Langtree School and delivered to Checkendon in time for lunch. Langtree School may be closed on days when Checkendon School is open. We ask therefore that, if there is snow on the ground but Checkendon School is open, parents assume that hot dinners will **not** be delivered, cancel their lunch online and send their child with a packed lunch.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Football Club

We currently have 9 children signed up for Football Club. iProfootball have said they need 10 children for the club to continue. The club will be running tomorrow but may not continue from next week due to low numbers. If your child is interested please let the office know as soon as possible.

Chess Club

Mr Boyer is starting Chess Club tomorrow. The club is open to any children from Panda and Rhino Classes and Mr Boyer will let the children know how they can sign up during tomorrow's worship.

Wanted...School Association Treasurer (Sept 2018)

Can you spare a few hours per month?

Do you have a basic knowledge of Excel?

Do you enjoy working with numbers and spreadsheets?

We are looking for someone to take over the role of Treasurer for the School Association.

The role consists of managing monies in and out of the School Association bank account, keeping an up to date Excel spreadsheet and preparing annual accounts. Agree and manage budgets for School Association events, liaise with event organisers, withdraw floats, reimburse expenses, pay in takings, produce profit/loss reports etc. Pay in school uniform monies. Receive bank statements and update accounts accordingly.

Complete charity registration and other subscriptions.

A full briefing and handover would be arranged, ideally during the summer term or earlier!

For more information speak to Tracey (Perdy Year 6).

Job Opportunity

The local authority clerking service is looking for new clerks to join the service. This is a casual paid role, which can be in addition to anyone's full/part time roles. *We are looking for someone who is flexible and able to travel to schools around Oxfordshire. You will only be required to travel to schools who you are appointed to and full training will be provided. You will be required to work around 6-12 meetings per academic year for each school you choose to clerk for. For the job description or the application form anyone can visit:*

<https://newjob.tal.net/vx/lang-en-GB/mobile-0/channel-1/appcentre-4/brand-1/xf-60b1280142ea/candidate/so/pm/4/pl/7/opp/24273-Casual-Clerk-to-Governing-Bodies-OCC2672881/en-GB/posting/31395>

Term 3 Extra-Curricular Activities

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	YEARS	ORGANISERS
Monday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	Tag Rugby (8/1/18 – 5/2/18)	Yrs 3-6	Paul Meakin paulmeakinsportscoach@gmail.com
Tuesday	(S.R.Pavillion) 8.00-8.30	Stoke Row Running Club (starting back on 9/1/17)	Yrs 3-6	Stoke Row Running Club Elise Way - eliseway@hotmail.co.uk
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-5.15	Equestrian Club (9/1/18 – 6/2/18)	All	Checkendon Equestrian Centre Tel: 01491 680225
Wednesday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Lunchtime	Violin (restarting on 17/1/18)	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685 elestr.lee@btopenworld.com
	3.30-4.30	Gymnastics (10/1/18 – 7/2/18)	All	Paul Meakin paulmeakinsportscoach@gmail.com
Thursday	08.00-08.40	Music Club (11/1/18 – 29/3/18)	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	10:10	Woodwind	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service
Friday	08.00-08.45 (Hall)	Relax Kids (restarting 12/1/18 with free taster session)	Yrs 1-6	Sophia Cleverly Tel: 07811 268990 relaxkidsouthoxfordshire@gmail.com
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Lunchtime 12:30	Chess (19/1/18 – 23/3/18)	Y3-6	Mr Boyer Owl Class
	3.30-4.30	Football (12/1/18 – 23/3/18)	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332
	3.30	Guitar (restarting on 19/1/17)	All	Russ Payne Tel: 07921 087816

Dates for your Diary

Monday 26 th February	3pm Community Worship
Thursday 29 th March	Last day of term 4, finish at 3.20pm
Fri 30 th March – Fri 13 th April	Easter Holiday
Monday 16 th April	Inset day – no children in school
Tuesday 17 th April	First day of term 5
Monday 23 rd April	3pm Community Worship
Monday 14 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Friday 25 th May	Last day of term 5, finish at 3.20pm
Mon 28 th May – Fri 1 st Jun	Summer Holiday
Monday 4 th June	Inset day – no children in school
Tuesday 5 th June	First day of term 6
Monday 11 th June	3pm Community Worship
Thursday 5 th July	Annual Reports issued
Wednesday 25 th July	Last day of term 6, finish at 2pm

Upcoming Open Day

Moulsford Prep School: Friday 2nd February 10am – 12pm and 1pm – 3pm

Checkendon C of E Primary School accepts no responsibility for the organisation of external events.