



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

19th May 2016

Diary for Term 5

Wednesday 25 th May	Year 6 trip to Ewelme Country Park
Wednesday 25 th May	Mobile Library – last day to borrow books
Friday 27 th May	RE Day: Christians around the World
Friday 27 th May	Last Day of Term 5

Happy Circus

Thank you very much to the School Association for all their hard work in preparation for the circus visit and everyone who helped on the day. Once again this was a very successful and well attended event and it was lovely to see you all enjoying it despite the weather!

What have we been learning in school this week?

Owlet Class

This week, the children in Owlet class have been watching their butterflies and keeping a diary. The caterpillars have now become chrysalises! They have also been learning about weight and how plants grow. They were very excited to see the circus appearing on the field outside their classroom.

Owl Class

This week the children in Owl Class have spent lots of time outdoors learning about capacity with water. There has been lots of splashing about and accurate measuring. In literacy we have been looking at information texts and have been planning our own about animals.

Panda Class

This week we have been looking back at our learning over the year. We have enjoyed learning about expanded noun phrases and we finished our book: "The Little Prince". We have also been working really hard on our country dancing and getting ready for the performance.

Rhino Class

Rhino Class had a very successful trip to Blenheim Palace this week - despite the rain! The children had a tour of the palace and were amazed at the size and number of the rooms. They were shown the Winston Churchill rooms and exhibition. They saw how the palace had been used during and after WWII. They walked around the formal gardens and found the 'secret' garden. It was an enjoyable and very informative trip.

School Council News

This week Mrs Griffin came to our School Council Meeting in her role as Staff Governor with a request from the Governors to discuss disability awareness within the school. We started by discussing what we think

“disability” means before going on to list the different disabilities we are aware of. We then talked about what we have learnt in school about disability either within our individual classes or as a whole school. After that we discussed the different ways that we have learnt about disabilities outside school. These included: cubs, guides, Children In Need, CBBC, the News, parents and parents of friends. At the end of the meeting we came up with some ideas for activities and learning that we could do in order to improve our disability awareness. Mrs Griffin will discuss these at the next Governors’ meeting.

BIG thank you from the School Association

Thank you so much to everyone who came to the circus last night and special thanks to all those who helped make the evening go so well. We are particularly grateful to Pete Schmidt and Mr Boyer for taking their turn in the stocks! It was great to see the children having such a good time and we have raised some significant funds towards the play area. Final numbers to be announced next week as we are still counting!

Silent Auction winners

Many thanks to everyone who put a bid in. The successful bidders are:

Weekend cottage in Wensleydale - Charlie Waggett

Blue Tin - Julia Butler

Steak night cookery course - Nicky West

Personal training session - Honor von Schmeider

Golf - Johnny Ball

Hobbs boat - G Tilby

Charlotte Snowden photoshoot - Jacqui Wallace

Cherry tree meal - Dan Ball

Please could you see Jo or Suzanne with a cheque made payable to Checkendon School Association and we will give you your voucher.

Guitar Lessons

Unfortunately Mr Marriss was off ill this week, having not been in last week due to SATs. We appreciate this is not ideal as far as continuity goes but it has been unavoidable on this occasion. We have been assured that the missed lessons will be made up this term.

Oxford Diocese Board of Education School Review

We welcomed two Diocesan School Link Advisors Elaine Skinner and Karen Metcalfe to school this week to carry out a review of teaching and learning. During the day they observed teaching of literacy and maths in all classes, met with children, staff and governors and looked at children’s books. Thank you very much to everyone who took part; both visitors had lots of positive things to say about the school and in particular enjoyed talking to our wonderful pupils.

Parents’ Forum

As part of our initiative to improve home/school communication class reps will be invited to attend termly (6 times a year) parents’ forum meetings with Mrs Seymour. The next meeting will take place on Thursday 26th May from 2.30pm – 3.15pm and will provide opportunities to work on school development priorities together. If you are a class rep and are not able to make it, please nominate someone else to attend on your behalf. If other parents would like to come, please get in touch with the school office.

Class Reps for this school year are:

Reception - Wendy Butler

Year 1 - Nicky West
 Year 2 - Louise Maze
 Year 3 - Kate Gillingham & Gabby Robinson
 Year 4 - Emma Darke
 Year 5 - Mel Woodthorpe-Browne

Extra-Curricular Activities Term 5

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	YEARS	ORGANISERS
Monday	8.00-8.40	Dodgeball (18.4.16-23.5.16)	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	Drama Factory (18.4.16-11.7.16)	3-6	Berzerk Matt 07976 652742
	Playground 3.30-4.30	KS2 Rounders (18.4.16-23.5.16)	3-6	Paul Meakin Tel: 07976 651635 paulmeakinsports@orangehome.co.uk
Tuesday	12.00-12.45	Judo (19.4.16 – 28.6.16)	1 – 6	linkai Tel: 0118 9885822
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
		Guitar	All	Ian Marriss Tel: 07926 383737
	During school	School Council	2-6	Gill Peeling
	3.30-4.30	French Club (19.4.16-12.7.16)	2-6	Tutorbox Tel: 0118 9841684 Irene Casey
	3.30-4.30	Athletics (19.4.16-24.5.16)	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
3.30-5.15	Equestrian Club (12.4.16-10.5.16))	All	Check. Equestrian Centre Tel: 01491 680225	
Wednesday	(S.R.Pavillion) 8.00-8.30	Running Club	3-6	Chris Lee Elise Way
		Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
		Violin	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685
	3.30 – 4.30	Badminton (13.4.16-25.5.16)	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
Thursday	8.00-8.40	Archery (14.4.16-26.5.16)	1-6	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
	Lunchtime	Woodwind	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service Tel: 07958 537157
Friday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	(Outside/Hall) 3.30-4.30	Football (22.4.16-15.7.16)	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 25th May
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 Friday 27th May
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 Tuesday 7th June
 Monday 13th June

Year 6 trip to Ewelme Country Park
 Mobile Library
 RE Day: Christians around the World
 Last Day of Term 5
 First Day of Term 6
 3.00pm: Community Worship – parents invited

Wednesday 29 th June	Mobile Library (last one – collection only)
Monday 11 th July	2.15pm: Rhino Class Production
Tuesday 12 th July	6.30pm: Rhino Class Production
Friday 15 th July	Sports Day
Mon 18 th – Wed 20 th July	Whole school learning project: The Olympics
Monday 18 th July	Sports Day reserve
Wednesday 20 th July	Last day of Term 6

THE | OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SINGING SCHOOL

Summer 2016

25th- 29th July 2016

Merton College, Oxford

About us

Established in 2013, *The Oxford and Cambridge Singing School* is for boys and girls aged 7–13 who love to sing. The singing school was established to give children the opportunity to sing great classical music with world class coaches in a relaxed and fun environment and to develop their confidence and ability in singing and performing.

About the course

Held at Merton College Oxford, pupils will learn some beautiful music and at the same time gain a background in vocal technique, music theory and history. In honour of the Queen's birthday, this summer we will be working on some of the greatest pieces by Henry Purcell, considered to be one of the finest English composers; and Handel's *Zadok the Priest*.

Families are most welcome to come and listen to a mini-concert at the end of each day. Courses include whole-group singing, musical games and exercises to improve sight reading, small group vocal coaching and much more.

“How lucky are these young singers. They are brilliantly taught and have a lot of fun, and you will be amazed at what they achieve in just a few days - and all in the most beautiful surroundings”. Bob Chilcott

Places are limited. Please book early to avoid disappointment.



We have regular courses in Oxford, Cambridge and London. For more information and to book a space, please visit our website.

www.oxbridgesingingschool.co.uk

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SOCCER ACADEMY

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COURSE DETAILS

Dates: **Tues 31ST MAY – Fri 3RD JUNE 2016 - 4 DAY COURSE**

Cost: **£85 & includes details below:**

Tour Info: **Tues - Wembley Stadium Tour (8.45am at school venue)**

Training Info: **Wed, Thurs & Fri – 3 days football 9.30am – 3.00pm**

****Courses available****

GENERAL! ADVANCED! JUST4GIRLS!

NB: EACH VENUE WILL ONLY HAVE 45 PLACES

AVAILABLE FOR THE WEMBLEY TOUR

PLACES ALLOCATED STRICTLY ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS



Football Training Days - 9:30am - 3.00pm. Tour Day – 8.45am – 3.00pm

WINDSOR VENUE, GENERAL COURSE: Tuesday 31st May – Friday 3rd June 2018 – 4 day Course
Crewer Green First School, Hatch Lane, Windsor, SL4 3RL. [Get N.J.I Cost £35.00](#)
9.30 – 3.00pm / 4-12 year olds / 14-YT (boys & girls) Grass Pitches. Indoors available in case of bad weather

MAIDENHEAD VENUE, GENERAL COURSE: Tuesday 31st May – Friday 3rd June 2018 – 4 day Course
Furze Platt Senior School, Furze Platt Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7ND. [Get N.J.I Cost £35.00](#)
9.30 – 3.00pm / 4-12 year olds / 14-YT (boys & girls) 3G Pitch. Indoors available in case of bad weather

MAIDENHEAD VENUE, ADVANCED COURSE: Tuesday 31st May – Friday 3rd June 2018 – 4 day Course
Furze Platt Senior School, Furze Platt Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7ND. [Get N.J.I Cost £35.00](#)
9.30 – 3.00pm / 9-12 year olds / 14-YT (boys & girls) 3G Pitch. Indoors available in case of bad weather

MAIDENHEAD VENUE, JUSTICIALS: Tues 31st May, Thurs 2nd & Friday 3rd June 2018 – 3 day Course
Furze Platt Senior School, Furze Platt Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7ND. [Get N.J.I Cost £35.00](#)
9.30 – 3.00pm / 8-12 year olds / Y6 – Y7 3G Pitch. Indoor facility available in case of bad weather

WEMBLEY TOUR FURTHER INFO:

This amazing package includes a tour to visit the home of football and one of the biggest stadiums in Europe.

This includes an access all areas tour of the stadium, museum and the England superstore.

The cost includes travel to & from Wembley Stadium from your chosen school venue

EACH VENUE ONLY HAS 45 SPACES AVAILABLE AND HAS TO BE BOOKED & PAID FOR IN ADVANCE.

Students require a packed lunch, drinks, football boots, trainers, shin pads and clothing appropriate to the relevant weather conditions.

It may be possible to book individual days of football at £20.
Applicable Wed – Fri Only

EARLY MORNING DROP OFF [Click to make enquiry](#)
Available from 6.30am onwards if the full set course of cost of £1 per day. Children's slip, gas receipts taken & will need to pay payment.
THE MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Option 1: Bank Transfer (BACS) - ACC NO: 94138185 / SORT CODE: 09-01-28

Ref: Must include Childs Full Name & Course ref code

NB: Please email or post form once transfer has been made as we require parents signed consent for children to attend our courses.

Option 2: Cash or Cheques payable to Pro Direct Soccer Academy & write on the back your child's name & course ref.

Places are restricted so to confirm your place please return the form below, together with payment, as soon as possible.

FAO Sean Kelleher, Pro-Direct Soccer Academy, C/O TVAC, Pococks Lane, Eton, SL4 6HX.

[\(Alternatively, if your child attends Crewer Green School please hand completed form and payment to the school office\)](#)

Course Ref:..... DAYS ATTENDING: **TUES WED THURS FRI** EARLY MORNING DROP OFF: **WED THURS FRI** (Please circle)

(To be completed in Capital Letters)

Child's Name: _____ D.O.B: _____ School Year: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____ Contact Name: _____ Emergency No.: _____

Email: _____

Medical conditions: _____

Pro Direct Soccer Academy reserves the right to take promotional photographs and images of any of our existing courses. These images will only be used in promote and advertise throughout Pro-Direct Soccer Academy events.
If you do not wish your child to appear in any Pro-Direct Soccer Academy literature please tick below []

Signed: _____ Date: _____

(Parent/Guardian)