

RESPECT COURAGE INTEGRITY COMPASSION HOPE



## CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Some old-fashioned things like fresh air and sunshine are hard to beat. Laura Ingalls Wilder

### Diary for Term 5

<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	9am Owlet and Owl Class 'African Jungle' Drama workshop in school <i>No permission slips needed</i>
	3pm Community Worship, all welcome
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Reception School Vision Screening
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Owl Class at Music Festival with Julia Donaldson, Oxford
	Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament at Wallingford Sports Ground
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	1.15pm Bluebell Walk: parents welcome to join us
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Pay it Forward Day
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 SATs: English grammar, punctuation and spelling
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 SATs: English reading
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 SATs: Maths 1&2
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 SATs: Maths 3
	School Census
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	Rhino and Owlet Class visit to Beale Park
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	2pm Pentecost Service and Country Dancing

### At school this week

#### Owlet Class visit to Paddock Farm

Children in Owlet Class had a wonderful time today on their expedition through the fields of Checkendon to visit Paddock Farm. We learned about the rare breed Valais Black Nose sheep and had a chance to handle the sheep, watch them being shampooed and blow dried. Thank you to all the parents who helped during the visit.



### **Panda Class Junk Orchestra Workshop**

Panda Class had a noisy and fun time in their junk orchestra workshop today. They created a band as well as their own instruments using recycled materials. The workshop finished with a collective jam session including parents with the children playing their own instruments.



### **Staff Update**

We are delighted to welcome 2 new teaching assistants to our school. Mrs Butler will be starting tomorrow in Panda Class every afternoon and Mrs Thomas will be starting on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April in Owlet Class all day on a Monday and Tuesday and every Thursday afternoon. We extend a warm welcome to them both.

### **Professional Culture**

So that we can all support effective time management and a prompt start to the school day, we encourage parents to make pre-arranged meetings with teachers. This allows teachers to prepare for the meetings and makes them more useful, it also ensures that confidential conversations are not overheard by others. Naturally, expectations about parental engagement change as pupils get older. When children are in Reception and KS1, parents may talk informally with staff members at the beginning and end of the school day. However, longer meetings or confidential discussions are usually pre-arranged at a convenient time usually after school. Once children are in KS2, meetings between teachers and parents are pre-arranged via the school office. There is no direct email communication between individual teachers and parents; all emails go through the school office. Thank you for your support

### **Class Meetings**

Thank you to everyone who attended the Class Meetings which we organised at the request of parents who responded to our survey about parental engagement. In total, 12 parents joined teachers for the meetings.

Upcoming opportunities for parental engagement:

**Monday 23rd April 3:00pm:** all parents invited to join us for Community Worship

**Thursday 26th April 1:00pm:** all parents invited to join us for the Bluebell Walk

**Week beginning 30th April after school:** parents of children with SEN will be invited to Pupil Profile Reviews

**Friday 4th May 3:00pm:** parents of children in Panda Class invited to performance of Material World

### **Fostering Independence**

As the children grow older, they become more independent and we are keen to foster this developing independence. To clarify our expectations for the beginning and end of the day:

- Parents of children in Reception are expected to bring their children into the classroom and help them with bags and coats. At the end of the day, children are handed directly from the classroom into the care of a named adult.
- Parents of children in Key Stage 1 are encouraged to bring their children into the corridor and help them with bags and coats; they may accompany Year 1 pupils into the classroom. At the end of the day, children leave the allocated playground area into the care of a named adult.
- Parents of children in Year 3 and Year 4 may bring their children into the corridor and help them with bags and coats; they are not expected to go into the classroom. At the end of the day, children leave the classroom to locate their known adult on the playground; if this person is not there, they return to the care of the class teacher.
- Children in Year 5 and Year 6 are expected to enter the building independently; parents are not expected to go into the classroom. At the end of the day, children leave the classroom to locate their known adult on the playground; if this person is not there, they return to the care of the class teacher. Some children have written permission from their parents to walk/cycle home unaccompanied.

### **Fortnite guidance**

We are aware that children of all ages are playing *Fortnite*, a game aimed at older children. Parents may not be aware of the contents of the game; click on this link for further guidance

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/game-reviews/fortnite/user-reviews/child#>

### **Cutting Down on Plastics**

Plastic pollution is an issue highlighted by David Attenborough in his recent series *Blue Planet II* which the staggering scale of harm plastic waste has on the environment. It's not just life below the water that's affected - studies have shown up to 90% of seabirds have plastic in their digestive systems and microplastics (broken-down plastics which are eaten by filter feeders like plankton and in turn fish then humans) have been found in a range of edible products. Click on these links for further information:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsbeat/article/42309891/six-simple-ways-to-cut-back-on-plastic>

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2018/apr/15/hidden-plastics-the-five-lorna-codrai>

While the government and manufacturing companies ultimately have the responsibility of ending plastic pollution, there are ways we can all do our bit. We hope you will support the school's commitment to 'do our bit' by avoiding non-recyclable plastics in children's breaktime snacks. We are giving ourselves a week to adjust to the new guidelines, and then, from Monday 30th April, children will not be allowed breaktime snacks with non-recyclable plastic wrappers. Thank you for your support.

### **Hearing Dogs for Deaf People**

Last term we were visited by Sacha, a hearing dog for deaf people. One of our families will now be looking after Sacha one day a week; as she is an assistance dog, she has special permission to be in the playground, so you may see her there from time to time.

### **Extra-Curricular Clubs**

Please see below for details of all the clubs for this term. We still have availability for the tennis club on Friday mornings and the Festival of Voices club on Wednesday mornings. If your child is interested in either please pick up a booking form from the office.

Unfortunately due to low numbers we are unable to run the Fun and Fencing Clubs on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Premier Education is however able to offer a Multi Skills club for all years on a Wednesday

afternoon starting next week. If your child is interested please click on the link <https://family.premier-education.com/courses/venue/checkendon-cofe-a-primary-school/id/15786>

## Term 5 Extra-Curricular Activities

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	YEARS	ORGANISERS
<b>Monday</b>	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.20-4.20	<b>Pottery (23/4/18 – 9/7/18)</b>	Yrs 2-6	Sarah Rushbrooke <a href="mailto:Sarahrushbrooke@outlook.com">Sarahrushbrooke@outlook.com</a> 07771 768491
	3.30-4.30	<b>Cricket (23/4/18 – 9/7/18)</b>	Yrs 3-6	Paul Meakin paulmeakinsportscoach@gmail.com
<b>Tuesday</b>	(S.R.Pavillion) 8.00-8.30	<b>Stoke Row Running Club</b>	Yrs 3-6	Stoke Row Running Club Elise Way - eliseway@hotmail.co.uk
	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-5.15	<b>Equestrian Club (17/4/18 to 15/5/18)</b>	All	Checkendon Equestrian Centre Tel: 01491 680225
<b>Wednesday</b>	08.00-08.40 (Hall)	<b>Festival of Voices</b>	KS2	Bill Boyer c/o School Office
	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Lunchtime	<b>Violin (restarting on 18/4/18)</b>	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685 elestr.lee@btopenworld.com
	3.20-4.20	<b>Multi Skills (25/4/18 – 18/7/18)</b>	All	Premier Sport www.premier-education.com
<b>Thursday</b>	08.00-08.40	<b>Music Club (19/4/18 – 19/7/18)</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	09:50 and 10:10	<b>Woodwind</b>	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service
<b>Friday</b>	08.00-08.40 (Hall)	<b>Relax Kids (restarting 20/4/18)</b>	Yrs 1-6	Sophia Cleverly Tel: 07811 268990 relaxkidssouthoxfordshire@gmail.com
	08.00-08.40	<b>Tennis (27/4/18 – 6/7/18)</b>	Yrs 1-6	Matt Whittle (whittlematthew@hotmail.com)
	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	<b>Football (27/4/18 – 13/7/18)</b>	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332
	3.30	<b>Guitar (restarting on 27/4/18)</b>	All	Russ Payne Tel: 07921 087816

## Dates for your Diary

### 2017/18

Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of term 5, finish at 3.20pm
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> May – Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Jun	Half Term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset day – no children in school
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	First day of term 6
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	3pm Community Worship
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Annual Reports issued
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	2pm Rhino Class Production
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	5.30pm Rhino Class Production
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	1.15pm Leavers' Service
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term 6, finish at 2pm
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> July – Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Summer Holiday

### 2018/19

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Inset day – no children in school
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	First day of term 1
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of term 1, finish at 3.20pm
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct – Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Half Term
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Inset day – no children in school
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	First day of term 2
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Last day of term 2, finish at 2pm
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Christmas Holiday
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Inset day – no children in school
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	First day of term 3
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term 3, finish at 3.20pm
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Half Term
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Inset day – no children in school
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	First day of term 4
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of term 4, finish at 3.20pm
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Apr – Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	Easter Holiday
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	First day of term 5
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs week
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of term 5, finish at 3.20pm
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> May – 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Inset day – no children in school
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	First day of term 6
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term 6, finish at 2pm

# GIRLS CRICKET

at KidMore End  
Cricket Club



LOCATION: KECC,  
THE HAMLET,  
GALLOWSTREE  
COMMON, RG4 9BU

Weekly training  
For girls ages  
5 - 14 years

**ECB CLUBMARK ACCREDITED  
PROFESSIONAL COACHING  
MATCHES IN A GIRLS LEAGUE  
AMAZING GROUND WITH GREAT  
FACILITIES  
SOCIABLE AND LOTS OF FUN!**

TIME: TUES  
6:15PM - 7:45PM

performance  
cricket

THIS  
GIRL  
CAN



FIRST SESSION  
24TH APRIL

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT  
[WWW.KIDMOREENDCC.CO.UK](http://WWW.KIDMOREENDCC.CO.UK)  
OR JULES COOK  
[JULES.C.COOK@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JULES.C.COOK@GMAIL.COM)  
07717 000 761



**COLOURS GALORE**  
**Langtree Team Churches**  
**7-11 Holiday Club**

To find out more, follow these clues!

Place to meet Woodcote Village Hall

Time to meet Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> May & Fri 1<sup>st</sup> June  
9.45 — 3.30

People wanted Children aged 7-11

Presentation Friday 1<sup>st</sup> at 3 pm for family &  
friends

What to do Have fun!

Organisers: Langtree Team Ministry

contact Janet Casson 01491 681483 for details



Supported by Checkendon Preschool CIO

# CHECKENDON **Run**

10k and 5k  
Children's races 2k, 1k & 100m

**SUNDAY JUNE 17**



★ More Stalls  
More Cakes  
More People  
**MORE FUN**

[www.checkendon-run.org.uk](http://www.checkendon-run.org.uk)

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