



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

19th January 2017

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At Checkendon Primary School this week...

School Values Ambassadors

Henry has been helping with worship this week, setting up the hall and leading prayers.

PE and School Sport

On Tuesday Rhino Class took part in a Sportshall Athletics event at Henley Leisure Centre. There were 6 primary schools competing for a place in the regional finals. As well as races there were various field events and each child was only allowed to compete in a maximum of 1 run, 1 throw, 1 jump and 2 relays. The children were all very enthusiastic and encouraging of each other and put in some fantastic performances showing lots of determination. We won some races and finished 4th overall.

Worship in school this week

Term 3 Value: Courage

Week 3: Facing Our Fears with Courage

Text: The story of St George

Music for reflection: Pomp and Circumstance by Elgar

Class Highlights

Owlet Class

We all enjoyed the snow, which followed the day after our visit to Narnia in the Story Museum. We had a fantastic morning making snowmen, exploring the snowy field and drinking hot chocolate. Tuesday's writing session was also a highlight. We had some amazing rewrites of the Three Little Pigs traditional tale. Look out for them on our Once Upon A Time wall which is coming soon.

Owl Class

On Friday, children in Owl Class were very excited to go outside and experience our snowy field. We created an interesting array of snowmen and looked at how ice had formed in the wheelbarrow. It certainly helped us appreciate what the winter weather in Norway would be like!

Panda Class

Panda Class went on a trip to Ufton Court to experience a trip back in time to Tudor days. They dressed up in the attire of the day, which helped to immerse the children further in the experience of the trip. They also brought a variety of Tudor style lunches to continue this further. Thank you to all the parents who helped to make this trip really special for the children.

Rhino Class

Children in Rhino Class really enjoyed their visit to the Reading Gurdwara in freezing weather last Friday. We were given a fantastic welcome by members of the Sikh community, including some passing joggers who noticed us waiting in the building and came in to offer us apples and chocolate! We were given a very informative tour by our volunteer leader Era Singh and learned about the different parts of the Gurdwara. As well as a prayer space, there are offices, shoe racks, washing facilities and a large kitchen and dining room. The visit has given us lots to think about as we start exploring our Big Question for this term: *Do clothes express beliefs?*

New playground equipment

Following the School Council's research into playground equipment the children would like to have available at break and lunch time, we are pleased to have received this week a delivery of new skipping ropes, hoops and catching games.

Thank you to the School Association and Emma Davies' Piano Concert for their generous donations towards the equipment, which will certainly be enjoyed by the children.

Can you help?

As part of the equipment purchased, a storage holder for the hoops has also been brought, if anyone could spare some time to put this up for us, we would be very grateful. If you are able to help, please contact the School Office.

Asthma Training

To comply with current guidelines from the School Health Nurse, all Asthma Inhalers need to be stored in classrooms and records need to be kept in the same way as for other medicines. Children are no longer allowed to self-medicate without supervision and record keeping. The Medication Policy has been updated to reflect this change. If you are the parent of a child in Year 5 or 6 who has been keeping the inhaler in a school bag, this change will affect your child, please talk to your child's class teacher if you have any queries.

Welcome Evening – Cancelled

We regret to inform you that due to the low number of people able to attend, the Welcome Meeting on Wednesday was cancelled, apologies for any inconvenience caused. The event was planned to offer new parents an opportunity to find out about how different parts of the school operate and how parents can make valuable contributions to our school community.

For more information about the three aspects of the school that would have been discussed at the Welcome Evening, please contact:
Wendy Butler and Suzanne Bradley - School Association
Jackie Griffin (Owl Class Teaching Assistant) or Pete Schmidt (Parent of Josh & Harry) - School Governors
Gillian Seymour (via the School Office) - School Development Plan
If you have any suggestions of ways to improve communications with parents, do come along to the next Parents Forum on Thursday 2nd February at 2.30pm.

Ignite Sports Clubs

Please be advised that the Ignite Clubs (Archery and Netball) will not run this term if they don't receive enough bookings by Monday 23rd January – please book your child's place as soon as possible if you would like them to attend.

iPro Football Club

There are spaces remaining on the football club starting this Friday, please contact the School Office if you would like to book a place.

Go Guitar Lessons

Beginner guitar lessons are now available for Go Guitar, for more information please pick up an enrolment form from the School Office or contact Russ Payne from Go Guitar at goguitarmail@yahoo.co.uk, www.russpayneguitar.co.uk or call 07921 087816.

Checkendon School Association Quiz Night

Save the date – Checkendon School Association Quiz Night is taking place on Friday 3rd March, more details to follow.

Sainsbury's Active Kids

The Sainsbury's Active Kids voucher scheme is returning and Checkendon School are taking part to earn new cooking and sports equipment. We would like to ask parents to collect the vouchers and post them in the collection box outside the School Office.

Use of the school playground and field outside of school hours

It has come to our attention that the school premises including the field and playground are being used outside of school hours. This is prohibited; please ensure that your children do not under any circumstances enter the school grounds outside of school hours. In addition, if the school field is not used within the school day, pupils are not permitted to use the field after school. We would be grateful for your support in ensuring that children do not use the field after school on these occasions.

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 telephone or 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 have sent emergency contact email details to the office. If parents need to find out

whether or not the school is closed they should:

- Check their email if they have asked to be contacted by email;
- 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.

Term 3 - Extra-Curricular Activities

| DAY | TIME | ACTIVITY | YEARS | ORGANISERS |
|------------------|------------------------------|--|---------|--|
| Monday | 08.00-08.40 | Judo (23.1.17- | Yr1-6 | linkai Tel: 0118 9885822 |
| | Lunchtime | Piano | All | Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252 |
| | 3.30-4.30 | Drama Factory (16.1.17-27.3.17) | Yrs 2-6 | Berzerk 07976 652742 Josh Buckland |
| | 3.30-4.30 | Pottery (9.1.17-20.3.17) | Yrs 2-6 | Sarah Rushbrook 07771 768491 |
| Tuesday | (S.R.Pavillion) 8.00-8.30 | Stoke Row Running Club | 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 (10.1.17-7.2.17) | All | Check. Equestrian Centre Tel: 01491 680225 |
| | 3.30-4.30 | French Club (17.1.17-4.4.17) | Y2-6 | Tutorbox Irene Casey Tel: 0118 9841684 |
| | 3.30-4.30 | Archery Club | | Ignite Tel: 01869 220890 |
| Wednesday | Lunchtime | Piano | All | Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252 |
| | Lunchtime | Violin (11.1.17- | All | Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685 |
| | 3.30 – 4.30 | Netball | All | Ignite Tel: 01869 220890 |
| Thursday | 08.00-08.40 | Music Club (5.1.17-6.4.17) | All | Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252 |
| | 11.10-11.30 | Woodwind | All | Lucy Robertson County Music Service |
| | Lunchtime | Chill Skills Club (5.1.17-9.2.17) | Yr5&6 | Sophia Cleverly, Relax Kids 07811268990 |
| | 3.30-4.30 | Magical Maths Club (12.1.17-23.2.17) | All | Tom Ward 01162029944 |
| Friday | 08.00 – 08.40 | Dodgeball (13.1.17-10.2.17) | All | Paul Meakin 07976 651635 |
| | Lunchtime | Piano | All | Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252 |
| | Lunchtime | Chess Club (20.1.17-31.3.17) | Y3-6 | Mr Boyer Owl Class |
| | 3.30-4.30 | Football (20.1.17-31.3.17) | All | Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332 |
| | 3.30 | Guitar | All | Russ Payne Tel: 07921 087816 |

Dates for your Diary

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| Friday 7 th April | INSET Day |
| Monday 24 th April | First Day of Term 5 |
| Thursday 27 th April | Bluebell Walk |
| Mon 8 th – Thurs 11 th May | KS2 SATS |
| Monday 8 th May | 2.30pm: Community Worship, all welcome |
| Thursday 18 th May | School Census – Please order a school meal |
| Thursday 25 th May | Parents Forum, all welcome |
| Friday 26 th May | Last Day of Term 5 |
| Monday 5 th June | First Day of Term 6 |
| Friday 9 th June | 2.00pm: Pentecost Service & May Pole Dancing, all welcome |
| Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th June | Phonics Assessments |
| Monday 12 th June | 2.30pm: Community Worship, all welcome |
| Thursday 6 th July | Reports Issued |
| Friday 14 th July | Sports Day |
| Monday 17 th July | Reserve Sports Day |
| Friday 21 st July | 1.15pm: Leavers Service |
| Friday 21 st July | Last Day of Term 6, finish at 2pm |

| Church Services & Community Worship | | |
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| Community Worship | Monday 27 th February 2017 | 3.00pm |
| Ash Wednesday Service | Wednesday 1 st March 2017 | 2.15pm |
| Community Worship | Monday 8 th May 2017 | 3.00pm |
| Pentecost Service & Maypole Dancing | Friday 9 th June 2017 | 2.00pm |
| Community Worship | Monday 12 th June 2017 | 3.00pm |

| INSET Day |
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| Friday 7 th April 2017 |

| Parents Forum | |
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| Thursday 2 nd February 2017 | 2.30pm |
| Thursday 25 th May 2017 | 2.30pm |

| Parent Consultation Evenings and Reports | | |
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| Parents' Evening | Wednesday 8 th February 2017 | 3:30 - 5:50 |
| Parents' Evening | Thursday 9 th February 2017 | 3:30 -5:50 |
| Reports issued | Thursday 6 th July 2017 | |

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