

RESPECT COURAGE INTEGRITY COMPASSION HOPE



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 1st March 2018

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The greatest glory in living lies not in never failing, but in rising every time we fail. Nelson Mandela

Diary for Term 4

Monday 5 th March	9.30am Rhino Class visit to Junior Citizens Trust, Oxford <i>Please return your reply slips as soon as possible</i>
Wednesday 7 th March	Owlet Class visit to Byways Dentist
Friday 9 th March	Parents Coffee Morning straight after drop off – all welcome!
Tuesday 13 th March	Panda Class visit to Tolhurst Organic Farm
Tuesday 13 th and Wednesday 14 th March	Rhino Class SRE
Monday 19 th March	Rhino and Owlet Class visit to Beale Park
Wednesday 21 st March	Panda Class visit to The Living Rainforest
Friday 23 rd March	Sport Relief
Friday 23 rd March	6.30pm to 8pm School Easter Disco
Monday 26 th to 29 th March	Writing Week
Wednesday 28 th March **Date Change**	9am Measuring the height and weight of children in Reception and Year 6
Wednesday 28 th March	2.30pm Easter Communion Service - all welcome!
Thursday 29 th March	Last day of Term 4, finish at 3.20pm

At school this week

Whole School Worship Term 4 Generosity

Week 2: The Joy of being Generous

School Ambassadors William and Finn have been helping with whole school worship this week.

Community Worship

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Community Worship on Monday. We learned about the message of the story The Rainbow Fish and talked about the fantastic colourful fish made by pupils in Owlet Class.

World Book Day

We had lots of fun celebrating **World Book Day** - thank you to all the parents who braved the snow to join us for our special assembly this morning! As well as dressing up as characters from our favourite books, we talked about our chosen characters and read some fabulous stories. Thank you to everyone who supported the charity appeal for Book Aid International, donated second hand books for the sale or provided the amazing costumes worn by children (and adults!) today. We'll let you know the final total in the next week's newsletter.



Rhino Class Evacuation Day

As part of their learning project *Who was Winston Churchill?*, children in Rhino Class spent a day experiencing life as an evacuee. After arriving at school in role, they were evacuated to a small village in Devon and chosen by their host families. They wrote letters home to tell their families about their journeys and practiced taking shelter when the sirens sounded, wearing their gas masks until the all-clear. Many thanks to all the members of staff who helped to make this such a success and to parents for providing wonderfully authentic outfits!





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

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.

Parent Drop-in

We held the first Parents' Drop-in this week; four parents took up this opportunity to have an informal chat with Mrs Seymour and all agreed it was a positive experience! Look out for the date next term, no appointment needed – just drop in.

Parent Council

The first meeting of those interested in forming a Parent Council has been delayed as it has proved very difficult to find a date and time convenient to all involved. We are still working on it!

Writing Week 2018: Down Under Monday 26th to 29th March

We are busy planning lots of exciting activities for this year's Writing Week which will have an Australian theme incorporating texts by Australian authors and the Commonwealth Games (this year held on the Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia between 4 and 15 April). We'd love parents, and grandparents, to get involved and would like to invite you to come into school to talk to a class group about either the reasons why you write or about the sport you do or both! If you have been in before to one of our writing weeks you are very welcome to come in again or even come to another class. This is a great opportunity for our children to learn about and be enthused and motivated to write so we really value any time you can give. We will be sending out a letter early next week so that you can sign up for a slot.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

If your child is interested in Tag Rugby Club on Monday please see the attached booking form.

School Association

Parents Coffee Morning

Checkendon School Association would like to invite all parents to a coffee morning being held in the school hall on the 9th March. We thought this might be a nice opportunity for parents, across all years, to simply say hi, catch up and eat cake, even if just for 5 minutes; it would be great to see you. We are aiming to make this a bi-termly social so if you can't make the first one there will be other opportunities. We look forward to seeing you.

School Easter Disco

Save the date...23rd March 2018 for our School Association disco. Tickets cost £6.50 and will include a drink and glow stick. More details to follow!

Term 4 Extra-Curricular Activities

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	YEARS	ORGANISERS
Monday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	Tag Rugby (26/2/18 – 26/3/18)	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 (20/2/18 to 20/3/18)	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 (21/2/18 to 28/3/18)	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

2017/18

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	Half Term
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
Thurs 26 th July – Mon 3 rd Sept	Summer Holiday

2018/19

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



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Shiplake College Open Morning Saturday 17 March 2018, 9.15am - 12.00pm. Please book online:

www.shiplake.org.uk/openmorning

Pangbourne College Open Morning Saturday 28th April 2018 9am – 12pm RSVP

registrar@pangbourne.com

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