



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

20th October 2016

Diary for Term 1	
Friday 21 st October	Non Uniform Day in exchange for a tombola prize
Friday 21 st October	Last Day of Term 1
Monday 31 st October	INSET DAY: no children in school
Tuesday 1 st November	First Day of Term 2
Friday 4 th November	At the end of the school day children to be collected from outside the School Office please
Friday 4 th November	No Football Club after school
Friday 4 th November	6.00pm: School Association Fireworks
Monday 7 th November	11.00am: School Tour for prospective pupils
Monday 7 th November	3.00pm: Community Worship in the school hall , all welcome
Thursday 10 th November	2.00pm: School Tour for prospective pupils
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need Fundraiser: Soak the teachers!
Tuesday 22 nd November	Flu Vaccinations Years 1, 2 & 3
Friday 9 th December	2.45pm: Scenes from Matilda performed by Panda Class in the school hall, all welcome
Monday 12 th December	2.00pm: Reception & KS1 Nativity, all welcome
Tuesday 13 th December	5.30pm: Reception & KS1 Nativity, all welcome
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas Lunch – please order online with Aspens
Wednesday 14 th December	6.30pm: Christmas Service in the church
Thursday 15 th December	6.00 – 7.30pm: Christmas Disco
Friday 16 th December	Last day of Term 2 – finish at 2.00pm

What have we been learning in school this week?

Owlet Class

Children in Owlet Class have been focusing on our skills of blending to read and segmenting to spell. We have had a visit from Rainbow, Kate and Tiny the guinea pigs from Louis' pre-school. This visit has prompted lots of interest and investigation about how to look after animals. We have been writing around this topic.

Owl Class

Children in Owl Class have been testing materials to see if they are waterproof and to see if they let light through. In computing we have been editing photos and adding effects using Picasa. In English, we have we have been learning to recite the poem *The Empty Suit of Armour* by Kaye Umansky. Hopefully it will be ready to perform to our parents tomorrow morning!

Panda Class

In Panda Class this week we are presenting our completed geography projects on destinations around the world. In science we have looked at forces and magnets, while in English we have completed our Adventure Dolphin leaflets. In maths we are starting to look at mass and weight.

Rhino Class

The Year 6 pupils in Rhino Class have had an amazing time on their residential visit to Kilvrough in Wales. So far they have been caving, climbing, canoeing, participating in team building games, night walks and have even found time to enjoy some time at the beach. Meanwhile the Year 5 pupils, jointly with Stoke Row Year 5 pupils have undertaken survival themed learning activities in advance of their trip to Path Hill Outdoors at the end of the week. They explored themes from *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare, learned more about the story by watching a film animation and really enjoyed learning songs from the BBC Music Workshop version of the play. They produced several pieces of writing in different tenses and from different viewpoints, wonderfully detailed collage pictures of Caliban and effective wax resist artworks to represent Ariel.

School Council News

At our meeting this week each School Council member put forward their fundraising idea for 'Children in Need 2016'. Ideas included: having a cake sale; bringing in a bear and making a bandage for it and holding a 'Who can draw the best Pudsey Bear?' competition. However, following a vote, the most popular idea by far was to throw water balloons at the teachers! So, if you would like to see your teacher soaked to the skin on a cold November day(!) please bring in your donation for this worthwhile cause on **Friday 18th November** and put it in the 'Children in Need' pot in your classroom.

Tombola Prizes

We would be very grateful for your donations of tombola prizes for the Fireworks event on the 4th November – please see below for further details.

TOMBOLA PRIZES FOR FIREWORKS NIGHT

We need your donations please for the Tombola at our Fireworks Night, we'd love any of the following :



Bottles (wine, beer, cider etc.)

Chocolates, gifts, toys or books



This is a great opportunity to give away some unwanted gifts that are maybe cluttering your cupboards, but please make sure items are **NEW**.

Children can wear their own choice of clothes on Friday 21st October **in exchange for donating a Tombola prize**. Please bring your donations to the collection point at the school entrance.

Ignite Sports Clubs

A final decision will be made tomorrow regarding the running of the Ignite Clubs next term, please look out for further information tomorrow.

Christmas Card Project

Please be advised that the deadline for ordering and submitting your artwork for the Christmas Card Project is now Friday 21st October. We have been advised that the website is now available for orders.

Thank you to Sara & Stuart Walker

A massive thank you to Sara and Stuart who very kindly gave up their Sunday morning earlier this month to give the Rhino toilets a deep clean. Your efforts and the time you gave up willingly to help the school is very much appreciated – especially by pupils in Rhino Class!

Prospective Pupil Tours

If your child is due to start Reception Class in September 2017, we would be delighted to welcome you on a tour of the school with Mrs Seymour and answer any questions you may have. The tours will be taking place on Monday 7th November at 11am or Thursday 10th November at 2pm.

Applications for Secondary Schools

The closing date for the Year 6 to 7 Primary to Secondary Transfer is 31st October 2016 and therefore fast approaching. Please ensure you have completed your application by this date. Applications can be made on-line at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions.

Calling all football fans...

Would you like the opportunity to watch a Reading football match whilst raising vital funds for your school? Thanks to Paul Meakin you can by purchasing tickets for any of the following 6 fixtures over the course of the season: Bristol City, Newcastle United, Leeds, Wolves, Wigan and Blackburn.

These are available at discounted prices for parents & pupils at Checkendon Primary School. The prices are £15 for adults and £5 for children. To get the discount all you need to do is quote Checkendon Primary School when booking tickets for these games. If all the available tickets are sold Checkendon will raise £500, so well worth doing.

The first fixture is Bristol City on 26th November, please see the attached poster for more information.

Readifood Collection

Thank you very much for the donations for the Readifood Collection kindly donated at our Harvest Service, your contributions have been collected and will be much appreciated by their recipients.

Fireworks Friday 4th November 2016

We need a few more volunteers for the school fireworks. If you can help, let us know ASAP.

Also, please can you provide cakes to sell in support of the school. Cakes can be left in the kitchen on **Friday 4th November**. Thank you for your support.

Half Term Fireworks Competition

The fireworks evening is just around the corner so please put pen to paper and take part in our school competition to write a fireworks poem or draw a fireworks picture.

The competition is open to all Checkendon pupils and entries will be judged by Mrs Seymour and the teaching staff.

There will be a prize for best poem or picture in each year group with winners being announced on the day

of the fireworks.

The closing date for entries is Wednesday 2 November. Please mark your entry clearly with your name and year group and hand them into the school office. Poems should be no longer than 100 words.

Good luck!



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GOOD LUCK!

Woodcote Youth Club Volunteers

Several Year 6 children from Checkendon attend the Woodcote Youth Club and they need more volunteers for Monday (Year 6 and 7) and Tuesday (Year 8 and 9) nights 7.15-8.45pm. All volunteers will be DBS checked by the Youth Club. Help can be monthly, fortnightly or weekly, if interested please contact Elizabeth Sandham on 07917897417.

School Health Team Newsletter

The Primary School Health Nurse Team are introducing a Health newsletter, please see the first edition attached. It is aimed at families and children within the school with up to date public health messages, evidenced based health information and initiatives.

Term 1 - Extra-Curricular Activities

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	YEARS	ORGANISERS
Monday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	Drama Factory (19.9.16-05.12.16)	Yrs 2-6	Berzerk 07976 652742 Josh Buckland
Tuesday	(S.R.Pavillion) 8.00-8.30	Running Club Run by Stoke Row School but offered to Checkendon Pupils	Yrs 3-6	Stoke Row Running Club Elise Way - eliseway@hotmail.co.uk
	09.45-10.05 Sep – Dec 2016	Woodwind	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service Tel: 07958 537157
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
Wednesday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Lunchtime	Violin	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685
	3.30 – 4.30	Netball (14.9.16-14.12.16)	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
Thursday	11.10 – 11.30 From January 2017	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 (16.9.16-9.12.16)	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332
	Library	Guitar	All	Russ Payne Tel: 07921 087816

Dates for your Diary

Friday 21st October
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 Mon 24th – Fri 28th October
 Monday 31st October
 Tuesday 1st November
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 Friday 4th November
 Monday 7th November
 Friday 18th November
 Tuesday 22nd November
 Friday 9th December
 Monday 12th December
 Tuesday 13th December
 Wednesday 14th December

Non Uniform Day
 Last Day of Term 1
 Autumn Holiday
 Inset Day – no children in school
 First Day of Term 2
 Christingle Choir sessions start
 6.00pm: School Association Fireworks
 2.30pm: Community Worship, all welcome
 Children in Need
 Flu Vaccinations Year 1, 2 & 3
 2.45pm: Scenes from Matilda by Panda Class, Parents Welcome
 2.00pm: Reception & KS1 Nativity
 5.30pm: Reception & KS1 Nativity
 Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 14 th December	6.30pm: Christmas Service in church all welcome
Thursday 15 th December	6.00 – 7.30pm Christmas Disco
Friday 16 th December	Last Day of Term 2, finish at 2pm
Tuesday 3 rd January	Inset Day – no children in school
Wednesday 4 th January 2017	First Day of Term 3
Monday 9 th January 2017	2.30pm: Community Worship, all welcome
Thursday 2 nd February 2017	Parents Forum, all welcome
Tuesday 7 th February 2017	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 8 th February 2017	from 3:30pm: Parents' Evening
Thursday 9 th February 2017	from 3:30pm: Parents' Evening
Monday 27 th February 2017	2.30pm: Community Worship, all welcome
Wednesday 1 st March 2017	2.15pm: Ash Wednesday Service, all welcome
Thursday 27 th April 2017	Bluebell Walk
Mon 8 th – Thurs 11 th May 2017	KS2 SATS
Monday 8 th May 2017	2.30pm: Community Worship, all welcome
Thursday 25 th May 2017	Parents Forum, all welcome
Friday 9 th June 2017	2.00pm: Pentecost Service & May Pole Dancing, all welcome
Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th June 2017	Phonics Assessments
Monday 12 th June 2017	2.30pm: Community Worship, all welcome
Thursday 6 th July 2017	Reports Issued
Friday 14 th July 2017	Sports day
Monday 17 th July 2017	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 21 st July 2017	Leavers Service

Church Services & Community Worship		
Harvest Service	Wednesday 5 th October 2016	2.45pm
Community Worship	Monday 7 th November 2016	2.30pm
Christmas Service	Wednesday 14 th December 2016	6.30pm
Community Worship	Monday 9 th January 2017	2.30pm
Community Worship	Monday 27 th February 2017	2.30pm
Ash Wednesday Service	Wednesday 1 st March 2017	2.15pm
Community Worship	Monday 8 th May 2017	2.30pm
Pentecost Service & Maypole Dancing	Friday 9 th June 2017	2.00pm
Community Worship	Monday 12 th June 2017	2.30pm

INSET Day
Monday 31 st October 2016
Tuesday 3 rd January 2017
Friday 7 th April 2017

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

Parent Consultation Evenings and Reports		
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	

Jazz Evening

Please see the attached flyer for an exciting jazz evening in January. There are limited tickets and are selling fast don't miss out.

Plums Bakery

Half Term Baking Fun!

Held locally at my home in Nettlebed

Age 8 and up

Maximum of 8 children per class

You'll take home everything you make

Wednesday 26th 1-3.30pm

Thursday 27th and Friday 28th 9.30-12pm

£25 per child

Fully insured, 5 hygiene rating, DBS checked*

Please contact Vicki (Livi's mummy in Owls)

07841 574442 vlrthomasuk@gmail.com

Checkendon Church warmly invites you to



An illustrated talk

The Savile Row Cutter - the first 150 years of Dege & Skinner

given by

Michael Skinner, Chairman of Dege & Skinner

Michael first joined Dege & Skinner, the family firm, in 1953, before his National Service. The firm is one of

only two remaining Savile Row family owned businesses, still in the same ownership of the original families.
The photograph is of Michael with his son celebrating Dege & Skinner's 150th anniversary.

in **Checkendon Village Hall,**
8.00pm Friday 11th November
Doors open at 7.45pm. Talk starts at 8.30pm
Ticket £8.00 - to include canapés
Tickets from: liz@lowth.com
tel 0118 9843858

Ticket proceeds in aid of the upkeep of Checkendon Church and graveyard.

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