



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

21st September 2017

Diary for Term 1	
Every Thursday: 14 th September – 19 th October	KS2 Swimming lessons
Friday 22 nd September	'I Do Like to be Beside the Seaside' Owl Class visit to Bournemouth
Tuesday 26 th September	2pm KS2 Cross Country at Stoke Row Recreation ground (pick-up at 3.30pm)
Tuesday 26 th and Wednesday 27 th September	Bags for School drop off (Bags were sent out this week. Please drop off your filled bags back at the school porch.)
Wednesday 27 th September	2.45pm: Harvest Service in church (all welcome)
Friday 29 th September	Non-uniform day to raise money for a ShelterBox (see below for more details)
Thursday 5 th October	Census Day: If your child is in Owlet Class or Owl Class, please order a school meal for your child today as numbers determine funding for the year <i>thank you</i>
Wednesday 11 th October	Individual photographs
Friday 20 th October	Last Day of Term 1
Monday 30 th October	INSET DAY: no children in school
Tuesday 31 st October	First Day of Term 2
Friday 3 rd November	***School Association Fireworks***

Learning highlights this week...

Children in **Owlet Class** have spent some time with pupils in Year 5 and they now all have buddies. The buddies have spent time getting to know them and reading and sharing books. We have been finding out more about the brain and this week we have been exploring neurons and neuroplasticity. They have loved these new words! Pupils in **Owl Class** made courgette soup from the courgettes grown over summer. One courgette was as big as a marrow! Everyone had a taste and some children even had a third and fourth helping! **Panda Class** pupils enjoyed a great art lesson with Mrs Lovegrove, exploring textures in the natural world and represented them using ink and paper. The resulting mosaic is enticingly tactile. Children in **Rhino Class** have been writing exciting adventure stories this week. Their short stories have been very imaginative and they have written their stories from the viewpoints of different characters.

Learning Projects for Term 1

Owlet Class	Magical Me, Healthy Me		
Owl Class	Geography: I do like to be beside the seaside	Science: Autumn Days	Art: Seascapes

Panda Class	Science: Autumn Watch	Geography: Town Mouse Country Mouse	RE: Do Murtis help Hindus understand God?
	Music: Animal Magic		
Rhino Class	Geography: Checkendon, a local study	Science: How can I light up my life?	English and Drama: The Highwayman

Sporting Highlights

Next week sees the start of our programme of events for this year with the first of our Cross Country series taking place in Stoke Row. Children in Year 4, 5 and 6 should have had a letter in their book bags with details. Please consider if you are able to help at the event with marshalling or supervising the children as none of these events could take place without the help of volunteers. Also please find attached the details of a series of cross country events run by Chiltern Edge school on Saturdays which is a great way to get some training in!

Autumn School Census 5th October 2017

Government funding for school meals for *the whole year* is based on the number of lunches booked on 5th October, so it is very important that as many children as possible book meals on that day. Please help us by ordering a school meal for your child for Thursday 5th October.

Recruitment Update

We are delighted to inform you that we have recruited Kerry Bainbridge as our new teaching assistant working in Owl Class on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. Kerry will start on 31st October.

Governor Update

We are delighted to welcome Paul Meakin on board as a parent governor; he is duly elected unopposed and will attend his first full governor board meeting next month. We are also very grateful to Sarah Tunstill, who joins us as Foundation Governor (nominated by the Checkendon Parochial Church Council).

In addition, we are indebted to another parent who has kindly volunteered to fill the current vacancy for a Foundation Governor (nominated by Oxford Diocese). More details to follow in due course!

Harvest Service 27th September

This year we would like to donate our harvest collections to Readifood, Reading's Food Bank. Please bring your harvest donations on the day. All food must be within its *use by date*. Currently their greatest need is for tinned vegetables, tinned ready meals, tinned meat and fish, tinned meat pies and tinned potatoes. Please NO pasta or cereal – thank you (they get given a lot). Amongst other foods that they always need are biscuits, tea bags (40 or 80 packs), coffee (instant), tinned fruit & puddings, pasta sauces, steamed puddings, long life milk, meat pies, tinned meat and tuna and rice.



Non-Uniform Day 29th September

After consultation with the children, they would like to fundraise for a ShelterBox in response to the devastation caused by hurricane Irma and the Mexican earthquake. They cost £590 and to start the fundraising we will be holding a non-uniform day on 29nd September and ask for donations.

Thank you for your support.



First Class Supplement

The First Class supplement is available in today's Henley Standard. The supplement is a collection of photos of children's first year at schools – look out for our Reception pupils looking very happy and proud!

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Unfortunately due to numbers, Ignite are unable to run the gymnastics and archery clubs. As some of you have mentioned this week that you are interested in your children attending the clubs but had not yet registered, we are in contact with Ignite to see if they can restart the clubs and will update you in due course. If you were considering either club, please inform the office if you haven't already.

School Payments

This year, we can now offer parents the option of paying online for school visits and events. Look out for payment details on future letters.

Thank you

Thanks to the generosity of two parents in Panda Class, we now have 4 more copies of *The Nine Lives of Montezuma*.

School Values Ambassadors Farewell Project



Before our 2016/17 Year 6 School Values Ambassadors dispersed to their new schools they asked for your help for their Farewell Project! They chose to support Sal's Shoes, a charity that collects outgrown shoes and delivers them to children who are in need.

What you can do if you would like to help:

- Collect shoes that can still be worn, solid soles with no holes, laces if the shoes need them
- Give your shoes a quick clean before you pass them on – no mud!
- Pair your shoes with a couple of rubber bands
- Tape a £1 onto one of the soles in each pair to help us to get your shoes to their new owner
- Put them in the collection box in the foyer

Thank you!

Can you help?

Our governors come from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experience but all share a common interest of wanting the best possible education for the children in our school.

Our school association is made up of a committee and a list of additional helpers who join the team for specific events; there are named representatives for each year group.

*Would you like to find out more?
Please contact the office or complete
the form that was sent out to all
parents this week.*

*We look forward to hearing from
you!!*

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 (11/9/17 – 27/11/17) No club on 30 th October due to inset day	Yrs 2-6	Berzerk Tel: 07976 652742
Tuesday	(S.R.Pavillion) 8.00-8.30	Stoke Row Running Club (restarting 12/9/17)	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 (12/9/17 – 17/10/17)	All	Checkendon Equestrian Centre Tel: 01491 680225
	3.30-4.30	Gymnastics Club <i>Not running due to numbers</i>	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
Wednesday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Lunchtime	Violin (restarting on 20/9/17)	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685
	3.30-4.30	Dodgeball (20/9/17 – 18/10/17)	All	Paul Meakin
Thursday	08.00-08.40	Music Club (7/9/17 to 14/12/17)	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	14:15	Woodwind	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service
	3.30-4.30	Archery Club <i>Not running due to numbers</i>	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
Friday	08.00-08.40	Relax Kids (22/9/17 – 20/10/17)	Yrs 1-6	Sophia Cleverly Tel: 07811 268990 relaxkidssouthoxfordshire@gmail.com
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	Football (15/9/17 to 8/12/17)	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332
	3.30	Guitar (restarting on 22/9/17)	All	Russ Payne Tel: 07921 087816

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 31 st October	First day of term 2
Monday 11 th December	2:30pm Reception & KS1 Nativity Play
Tuesday 12 th December	5:30pm Reception & KS1 Nativity Play
Wednesday 13 th December	School Christmas Lunch
Monday 18 th December	6pm Christmas Service
Tuesday 19 th December	Last day of term 2, finish at 2pm
Thursday 4 th January	First date of term 3
Friday 9 th February	Last day of term 3, finish at 3.20pm
Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th Feb	Spring Holiday
Monday 19 th February	Inset day – no children in school
Tuesday 20 th February	First day of term 4
Thursday 29 th March	Last day of term 4, finish at 3.20pm
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 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	Summer Holiday
Monday 4 th June	Inset day – no children in school
Tuesday 5 th June	First day of term 6
Wednesday 25 th July	Last day of term 6, finish at 2pm

Upcoming Open Days

Moulsford Prep School: Friday 22nd September 10:00 – 12:00 and 13:00 – 15:00 plus Saturday 23rd September 09:00 – 12:00

Pangbourne College: Whole school Saturday 23rd September 09:00 – 12:00 and Year 7-8 Saturday 14th October 09:00 – 12:00

Abingdon School: Saturday 30th September 09.30 – 12.00

Langtree School: Open evening on Tuesday 3rd October 2017 and open mornings on Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th October 2017 (see flyer below for more details)



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OPEN EVENING

For prospective parents with children in Years 5 & 6

Tuesday 3rd October 2017

Headteacher's address 6.30pm and 8.00pm.
There will be opportunities to tour the school and to speak to the
Headteacher, senior staff and to students between 7-9pm.
No appointment is required for the open evening.

OPEN MORNINGS

Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th October 2017
9.15am and 11.15am by appointment only

Please contact the school office on 01491 680514
or email: office@langtreeschool.com to book an open morning appointment

Our open mornings offer a further opportunity to tour the school with our
student leaders during a working day. This is the best way to view your child's
future school when it is at its busiest and best, full of working students.

**In 2017 Langtree School achieved record breaking results with
76% of students gaining English and Maths at grades A* - C**

Langtree School Website: www.langtreeschool.com
Langtree School Prospectus: www.langtreeschool.com/prospectus/

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