

RESPECT COURAGE INTEGRITY COMPASSION HOPE



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 22nd February 2018

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened. Dr Seuss

Diary for Term 4

Monday 26 th February	3pm: Community Worship
Tuesday 27 th February	2.30pm Drop in session with Mrs Seymour <i>no need to book</i>
Wednesday 28 th February	Rhino Class Evacuation Day <i>in school</i>
Thursday 1 st March	9am World Book Day Assembly <i>parents welcome</i> <i>See below for more information about all the activities planned</i>
Thursday 1 st March	1:45pm – 3.45pm Year 5/6 Netball tournament, Langtree
Monday 5 th March	Rhino Class visit to Junior Citizens Trust, Oxford
Monday 5 th March	1pm Measuring the height and weight of children in Reception and Year 6 <i>Letters will be sent out tomorrow</i>
Tuesday 7 th March	Owlet Class visit to Byways Dentist
Tuesday 13 th March	Rhino Class SRE
Tuesday 13 th March	Panda Class visit to Tolhurst Organic Farm
Monday 19 th March	Rhino and Owlet Class visit to Beale Park
Tuesday 20 th March	Rhino Class SRE
Wednesday 21 st March	Panda Class visit to The Living Rainforest
Friday 23 rd March	Sport Relief
Monday 26 th to 29 th March	Writing Week
Wednesday 28 th March	2.30pm Easter Communion Service
Thursday 29 th March	Last day of Term 4, finish at 3.20pm

At school this week

Whole School Worship Term 4 Generosity

Please see the separate attachment for more information about what you could do at home to extend your child's understanding of this value.

Week 1: Unconditional Generosity We read *The Big Party* from The Lion Storyteller Bible. Jesus told this story because he wanted everyone to know that God's generosity and love would leave no one out. ***Dear God Thank you for your love that includes everyone. Please help us to find ways to be extravagantly generous to those around us today. Amen***

Music: *When the Saints Go Marching In*

Prayer Spaces

We were delighted to welcome back the Prayer Spaces programme this week which enables children of all faiths and none to explore life questions, spirituality and faith in a safe, creative and interactive way. Children in all classes got the chance to explore four prayer spaces: Fizzy Forgiveness, Thank you Pipe Cleaner People, Please Bubbles and Friends and Community Flower. We are very grateful indeed to all the volunteers who

gave up their time to provide this opportunity in our school. Thank you.

Class Highlights

Children in **Owlet Class** have launched their animal topic with lots of stories and a new role play area. We have made a class book of Chicken Licken and explored friendship issues through the Rainbow Fish story. Children in **Owl Class** have finally finished their puppets. Please pop in to the classroom at 3pm tomorrow to have a look at them. To launch their Charlie and the Chocolate Factory learning project, children in **Panda Class** had a terrific afternoon on Wednesday learning about the history and making of chocolate with a presentation by Mrs Barker. We were all very intrigued and had many questions to ask her about her previous job at Mars Chocolate! We even got to try some Mars samples. Children in **Rhino Class** have launched their learning project on World War II and the evacuation of children at the beginning of the war. They have been sharing diaries, letters and memories of family members who remember the war.

Courage Concerts

School Values Ambassadors organised a series of wonderful Courage Concerts in the week before half term. This was a great opportunity for children to show off their music talent. Well done and congratulations to everyone who performed for this event: James, Perdy, Johnny, Sophia, Emma, Zoe, Livie, Luke, Fred, Finley, Sam, Ben, Hugo, Jacob, Lucy M, George, Aurelia, Lucy P, Billy, Oscar, Ellie R, Josh and Finn W. It was great to see so many of our talented musicians taking part!

Staff Update

We say thank you and goodbye to Mrs Piggott this Friday as she heads off to the golf course and have successfully recruited Mrs Hood-Cree to cover this vacancy commencing Monday 26th February. We have also recruited Mrs Butler who will work as a TA in Owlet Class every Monday and Tuesday afternoon until Easter.

World Book Day Thursday 1st March

~~We will be celebrating World Book Day with a dressing up day!~~ Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character and donate to *Book Aid International*, a leading UK charity working in 20 different countries to provide access to the books that will enrich, improve and change children's lives. During World Book Day, all children will have the opportunity to talk about why they have chosen their favourite book so *please check that children have their chosen book with them in school on the day*. It would be a good idea for children to practise what they plan to say in preparation, and it would be great if parents would help with this. We are going to start the day with a special assembly at 9am to celebrate books and reading; parents are welcome to join us for this. Indeed, we would encourage parents to volunteer to take part in the assembly, so if you would like to talk about your favourite book please talk to your child's class teacher. During the day, children will take part in paired reading sessions (pupils of different ages reading to each other) and then, finally, at the end of the day, children in Rhino Class will be running a book sale to raise money for *Book Aid International* so we would welcome lots of good quality children's and adults' books to sell. Please drop them in to the Rhino Classroom before 1st March. Thank you for your support.

Short Breaks Newsletter

Attached to the newsletter is February's edition of the Short Breaks Update. This is a newsletter for families with children with special needs and disabilities about services and events in Oxfordshire.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

Between now and May 2018, we will be taking steps to ensure that the way we handle data in our school will be in line with the new rules under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The regulation will apply to all schools from **25 May 2018**, and will apply even after the UK leaves the EU.

Please help your child learn multiplication tables

From June 2020, all pupils at the end of **Year 4** in England will take an online multiplication tables check. The national curriculum specifies that pupils at this stage should be able to recall the multiplication tables **up to and including 12x12!**

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please find below details of the clubs for this term.

Wanted....School Association Treasurer (Sept 2018)

Can you spare a few hours per month?

Do you have a basic knowledge of Excel?

Do you enjoy working with numbers and spreadsheets?

We are looking for someone to take over the role of Treasurer for the School Association.

The role consists of managing monies in and out of the School Association bank account, keeping an up to date Excel spreadsheet and preparing annual accounts. Agree and manage budgets for School Association events, liaise with event organisers, withdraw floats, reimburse expenses, pay in takings, produce profit/loss reports etc. Pay in school uniform monies. Receive bank statements and update accounts accordingly.

Complete charity registration and other subscriptions.

A full briefing and handover would be arranged, ideally during the summer term or earlier!

For more information speak to Tracey (Perdy Year 6).

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

BROOKES SCIENCE BAZAAR

FREE fun for the family!

Saturday 24 February 2018, 10:30-16:00
Headington Campus, Oxford, OX3 0BP



NO BOOKING REQUIRED

Just drop-in at our
reception!

Join us for a range
of activities for
children aged 5-12
years.

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