



# CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016

Diary for Term 1	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	2.45pm: Harvest Service in church: all welcome
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Census Day: please order a school meal for your child</b>
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Owl Class Trip to Windsor Castle Letter about Aspens packed lunches for this in book bags today
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual photographs
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 6 Kilvrough Residential Visit
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 5 Path Hill Residential Visit
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Last Day of Term 1
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Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	First Day of Term 2

## What have we been learning in school this week?

### Owlet Class

Children have been learning about the sounds s, a and t, looking at number formation and making birthday cakes with their ages on. As part of our topic *Marvellous Me*, children began to make fact files on themselves; talking about when they were babies and what they can do now that they couldn't do when they were younger. During independent learning children set up a cake shop and used lots of language to recreate roles and experiences. They have also been using language linked to money.

### Panda Class

This week, children visited Adventure Dolphin and experienced many of the activities undertaken by the characters in 'Cliffhanger'. In literacy, they learned how to recall stories and significant events. In maths, children continued to improve their knowledge and understanding of estimation and revised their times tables. In science, they investigated skeletons in humans and animals and how they use their joints and muscles to move; this has fitted in well with PE lessons, which focussed on improving skills in tag rugby.

### Rhino Class

This week, children explored figurative language in order to create a poem based around foxes. In computing lessons, they started to build their models and back drops for their stop motion animations of a scene from *The Midnight Fox*. In science, they have been furthering their knowledge of classification by looking at Charles Darwin's theory of natural selection.

## Autumn School Census 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016

You will have seen letters in book bags today regarding the Autumn School census which is taking place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Please return the required information by Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Government funding for school meals *for the whole year* is based on the number of lunches booked on the 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> October**. Menu options include fish and chips and packed lunches so there should be something for everyone!

### **School Council**

School Council met for their first meeting this week. We started by discussing the expectations for our meetings and agreed that we will show each other respect by taking turns to speak so that all children have a voice. Next we set up the new rota for Mrs McEvoy's bench so that two members of School Council each day will be keeping an eye on the bench for any children who may need our help finding someone to play with. Finn and Max then volunteered to talk to Owlet class about the bench and show them where it is on the playground. Max and Audrey volunteered to take new photos for the School Council Board outside Panda class and had very efficiently done this by the end of lunch time! Finley and Amie kindly agreed to take the bins out at play time for the rest of term 1. We will be asking Class Councils next week to discuss the types of equipment they would like to be put out at playtime and vote on their five favourite choices. We will then be able to organise a new rota, hopefully with some new activities.

### **Participating in organised sports and joining after school clubs can help to improve primary school children's academic performance and social skills, new research shows.**

<http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/news/out-school-activities-improve-children%E2%80%99s-educational-attainment>

We would like to draw your attention to the wide range of sporting, musical and extra-curricular activities on offer at the school throughout the week. We are delighted to be able to offer such a variety, however the number of pupils participating in some of these events is low. As you can imagine, club providers require minimum numbers to run, so the low take-up means that we may not be able to continue to offer such activities in the future. This would be a real loss for those who do regularly attend and enjoy learning new skills while socialising with school friends. Recent research (click on the link above) suggests that taking part in out of school activities boosts children educational attainment. Please do have a look at what is available this term (full details below) and consider the benefits of signing up your child for a club or music tuition.

### **Fireworks Night 2016**

We are very pleased to say that the Checkendon School Fireworks will be going ahead again this year on **Friday 4 November**. A group of Year 2 mums have come forward and volunteered to run the event this year for the school in the absence of new school association chair/co-chairs.

Fireworks Night is the school's biggest annual fundraising event and provides a very welcome opportunity for everyone to get together so please put this in your diaries now and tell all your friends and family. More information will follow over the coming weeks.

The team will need plenty of support so if you would like to be involved in organising the event or helping out on the night, please contact either Kirsty Ball [kirstysusanball@gmail.com](mailto:kirstysusanball@gmail.com) or Lucy Chapman [ljlittlewood@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ljlittlewood@hotmail.co.uk)

### **Christmas card project 2016.**

Thank you for your support last year with the Christmas card project, we are pleased to announce it is back again this year! It will be run slightly differently this year, as we will be giving you the opportunity to get creative at home, which means anyone can join in the fun designing your child's card. All cards will be entered into a competition and the best one from each year group will win a ticket to the school Christmas disco which will be held at the school on the 15th of December!

Please look out for order forms in book bags next week, in the meantime, any questions please speak to Louise Maze. Once again thanks for all your support and we look forward to looking at all the wonderful

designs.

### **Checkendon School Association**

We are still looking for a new chair or co-chairs for the School Association and would be very happy to hear from anyone who might be interested in either a formal role on the School Association or in organising a future fundraising event. Events like the fireworks won't be able to go ahead without parental support so please contact [joannacrook@btinternet.com](mailto:joannacrook@btinternet.com) and/or [suzanne.m.bradley@icloud.com](mailto:suzanne.m.bradley@icloud.com) for more information or if you can help.

### **KS2 Swimming Lessons on Thursdays**

Please ensure all pupils in Rhino and Panda class have swimming kits on Thursday mornings! Unfortunately children who arrive at school without their kits on the day will miss their lesson as they will be required to observe from the poolside.

### **Owlet Health Forms and Flu Vaccination Consent Forms**

If your child is in Reception, Year, 1, 2 or 3, please return the flu immunisation consent forms by the end of the week. Completed forms for the School Health Nurse for children in Owlets should also be returned by the end of this week please.

### **A request for help...**

We would be very grateful if someone would take a few items to the skip for us including a broken table. If you are able to help please contact the School Office.

### **First Class Supplement**

We are pleased to advise you that in next week's Henley Standard, the First Class supplement will be available. The special supplement is a collection of photos of children's first year at schools – look out for our Owlets looking very happy and proud!

### **The Book People**

There is a varied selection of fiction and non-fiction books for children and adults supplied by The Book People displayed outside the library. The school earns commission on books sold, so it may be worth having a look for Christmas presents!

### **School Uniform Orders**

Please be advised that any requests for school uniform will now be managed by the School Association. If you require new items, please place your uniform order in the School Association post box inside the School Office. The orders will then be picked up once a week on a Monday by the School Association and items will be given to children to bring home at the end of the day.

## Term 1 - Extra-Curricular Activities

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	YEARS	ORGANISERS
<b>Monday</b>	8.00-8.40	<b>Dodgeball (12.9.16-12.12.16)</b>	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	<b>Drama Factory (19.9.16-28.11.16)</b>	Yrs 2-6	Berzerk 07976 652742 Josh Buckland
<b>Tuesday</b>	8.00-8.45	<b>Judo (27.9.16 – 6.12.16)</b>	1 – 6	linkai Tel: 0118 9885822 info@iinkai-judo.co.uk
	(S.R.Pavillion) 8.00-8.30	<b>Running Club Run by Stoke Row School but offered to Checkendon Pupils</b>	Yrs 3-6	Stoke Row Running Club Elise Way - eliseway@hotmail.co.uk
	09.45-10.05 Sep – Dec 2016	<b>Woodwind</b>	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service Tel: 07958 537157
	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	<b>Tri Golf (13.9.16-13.12.16)</b>	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
	3.30-5.15	<b>Equestrian Club (20.9.16-18.10.16)</b>	All	Check. Equestrian Centre Tel: 01491 680225
<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
		<b>Violin Starts (14.9.16-</b>	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685
	3.30 – 4.30	<b>Netball (14.9.16-14.12.16)</b>	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
<b>Thursday</b>	8.00-8.40	<b>Archery (15.9.16-15.12.16)</b>	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
	11.10 – 11.30 From January 2017	<b>Woodwind</b>	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service Tel: 07958 537157
<b>Friday</b>	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	(Outside/Hall) 3.30-4.30	<b>Football (16.9.16-9.12.16)</b>	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332
	Library	<b>Guitar (22.9.16-</b>	All	Russ Payne Tel: 07921 087816

### Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October

2.45pm: Harvest Service in church, all welcome

Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Autumn School Census
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Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	School Portraits
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Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Autumn Holiday
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Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 6 IMPS Visit
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	School Association Fireworks
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30pm: Christmas Service in church all welcome
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00 – 7.30pm Christmas Disco
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term 2, finish at 2pm
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Inset Day – no children in school
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	First Day of Term 3

# 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 26<sup>th</sup> 1-3.30pm**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 9.30-12pm**

*£25 per child*

*Fully insured, 5\* hygiene rating, DBS checked*

*Please contact Vicki (Livi's mummy in Owls)*

*07841 574442 [virthomasuk@gmail.com](mailto:virthomasuk@gmail.com)*

### **Group Reformer Pilates Classes at Studio One**

Studio One in Nettlebed has the most established Pilates | Reformer | Barre | Yoga programme just on the outskirts of Henley. We are the first Studio to offer Group Reformer classes, with just 5 people in a class. You'll receive hands on attention in our bespoke studio whilst experiencing the toning effect of the Pilates Reformer.

Our Private Reformer Studio offers group classes for those who are experienced with Reformer and beginner taster sessions for those who have never tried it before. We also offer private sessions via appointment.

The Pilates Reformer is an elegant machine which provides finely tuned exercise resistance allowing you to work very precisely to develop good movement patterns, increase your core strength and improve flexibility.

**New at Studio One | Adult Ballet Barre**

Ballet is a beautiful form of art and a way of expressing yourself and has a great many benefits including

toning, strengthening, improving coordination and increasing flexibility. Our classes are specifically designed to build your confidence with ballet techniques and movement patterns building up each week to gain more control and grace of movement. The classes aim to find the freedom and love for dance following the structure of a ballet class focussing on finding the way your body wants to move and enjoying how that feels.

For more information about Group Reformer sessions or our new Adult Ballet Barre classes, please email [info@studioone.uk.com](mailto:info@studioone.uk.com) or call 01491 641772.

Studio One also offers an extensive Pilates Matwork timetable, Yoga and BarreConcept. We also have a small treatment room available to rent. Visit [www.studioone.uk.com](http://www.studioone.uk.com) for more details.

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