



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

23rd June 2016

Diary for Term 6

Wednesday 29th June	Mobile Library (last one – collection only)
Friday 1st July 2:30 in the school hall	Class Choirs Concert – all welcome, especially parents of children in Owl Class and Panda Class
Monday 11th July 2.15pm in the school hall Tuesday 12th July 6.30pm in the school hall	Rhino Class Production Rhino Class Production
Friday 15th July from 12:00	Sports Day
Monday 18th July from 12:00	Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 19th July 2:45 in the school hall	Farewell to Katy Brereton, Dawn Cox, Louise Jessel, Marilyn Maddock and Elise Way – all welcome
Wednesday 20th July 1.15pm in church	Leavers Service - all welcome, especially parents of Year 6

Collection

As you know, at the end of this term we will be saying fond farewells to a number of valued members of staff. If you would like to contribute to gifts for Katy Brereton, Dawn Cox, Louise Jessel, Marilyn Maddock or Elise Way, please put donations in labelled envelopes and post these in the box on the wall by the office door (*please do not hand them directly to staff*).

Thank you

Welcome to Olivia Richardson

We are pleased to announce that Olivia Richardson will be joining Checkendon as a part time teaching assistant in September. She will be working with Mr Boyer and the Owl Class team as well as helping to supervise lunchtimes. Mrs Richardson lives with her family in the village and has had experience working with children in Shiplake Primary School and Cranford House School. We hope that she will be very happy here.

Staffing update for 2016-17

As you know, we are delighted to have appointed David Lane as Panda Cass teacher next year and you will have read about recent successful teaching assistant appointments in previous school newsletters. We are currently advertising the vacancy in Rhino Class either as a full-time post or as a 0.5 job share. If you know someone who might be interested, do pass on the details (attached to this newsletter)

What have we been learning in school this week?

Owlet Class

This week dinosaur world has been slowly and gradually turning into a treasure island. We have been working as a class to make an aquarium and have drawn treasure maps. As well as continuing to read lots of literature linked to the sea we have been watching some footage shot underwater to help us learn about what lives under the sea.

Owl Class

Owl Class children have been investigating keeping healthy, creating our own balanced diet food pyramid and visiting the Byways Dental Practice. Each child designed and made their own smoothie for someone at home; we hope you enjoyed sampling it! We'd like to say a big thank you to Sammy and his mum for picking strawberries from their garden (as sadly all our school strawberries seem to have been picked by someone or something whilst they were still green). We have also harvested our potato plants, but were a bit disappointed by the number of potatoes we got. We will be cooking and eating what we have next week!

Panda Class

In Panda class this week we have been investigating money and solving some real life money problems. In literacy we have been really enjoying the book "Friend or Foe" by Michael Morpurgo. We have been putting ourselves into the boys' shoes: wondering what we would do if we had the dilemma of helping the enemy. In art we have been looking at using space, shapes and shading to help us draw self-portraits. The results are really impressive.

Rhino Class

This week Rhino Class launched their geography topic, on water, with a visit to the Water Treatment Centre in Slough. It was a fascinating tour and workshop and the children learned how water is collected and recycled. They were shown the different stages in the process and learned about how important it is that we use our water carefully. In Literacy they have been learning about the features of playscripts.

Class Choirs Concert – Friday 1st July

Please join us at 2.30pm on Friday 1st July for a concert by Panda Class and Owl Class Choirs, which have taught by Emma Davies in weekly sessions this term.

A request for help!

Thanks to the tireless fundraising efforts of the School Association, we have been able to purchase some wonderful new staging equipment! In order to store the new equipment in the hall cupboard, we have been having a clear out and we have a number of old folding chairs that we no longer require. If you have a pick-up or a trailer and some spare time *we would really appreciate your help in disposing of these for us* before the new stage is delivered. If you can help, please contact the office on 01491 680693 *as soon as possible*. Thank you!

Bikes at school

We are delighted to be able to offer children in Rhino Class the opportunity to take part in the cycling proficiency programme and are indebted to volunteers Claire Hyman, Louise Jessel and Nicky West who make this possible. If your child uses a bicycle to travel to school, please ensure that s/he wears a helmet.

If we discover that a pupil has arrived at school on a bicycle without one, we will phone parents and ask them to bring it in.

ConquerMaths

Over the past year we have subscribed to Conquermaths, which offers teaching, practice and assessment activities at a range of levels. Our current subscription will expire soon and as part of our commitment to supporting pupils to ensure they make good progress in all areas of the curriculum, I would like to continue with the subscription.

We have found that lots of pupils benefitted from having access to this opportunity to develop and practice their maths skills independently so we are aiming for every child to subscribe. So that your child can have access to this useful resource throughout 2016 – 2017, please see the letter being sent home this week and discuss any queries with Class Teachers.

Class Photos

We are pleased to advise you that the class photos, taken by Charlotte Snowdon are available at the following link - www.ordermyphotos.co.uk

Code: 1182 9710 3537 A

Please note: the group shot of year 3 and 4 is under a separate tab, rather than under Panda tab.

We hope you like them!

Goring Gap

Thanks to everyone who supported this local event and especially to Susannah Lovegrove and the pupils who worked with her to create the wonderful cygnet sculpture now residing in the school entrance lobby! Do pop in and have a look!

Queen's Birthday Celebrations

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the church tea and Thanksgiving Service on Sunday. The rain stayed off just long enough, the cakes were delicious and we all enjoyed listening to the reminiscences of Daphne Horne, as we reflected on the changes the last 90 years have brought.

Lunchtime helpers required

We would be very interested in hearing from you if you would be willing to volunteer to assist during the lunch hour from 12 – 1pm. During this time you would assist the children whilst eating their lunch and assist supervising the playground. We would welcome offers from volunteers or applicants for a paid position.

Extra-Curricular Activities Term 6

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	YEARS	ORGANISERS
Monday	8.00-8.40	Dodgeball (06.6.16-11.7.16)	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	Drama Factory (18.4.16-11.7.16)	3-6	Berzerk Matt 07976 652742
Tuesday	12.00-12.45	Judo (19.4.16 – 28.6.16)	1 – 6	linkai Tel: 0118 9885822
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
		Guitar	All	Ian Marriss Tel: 07926 383737
	During school	School Council	2-6	Gill Peeling
	3.30-4.30	French Club (19.4.16-12.7.16)	2-6	Tutorbox Tel: 0118 9841684 Irene Casey
3.30-4.30	Quidditch (07.6.16-12.7.16)	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890	
Wednesday	(S.R.Pavillion) 8.00-8.30	Running Club	3-6	Chris Lee Elise Way
		Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
		Violin	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685
	3.30 – 4.30	Badminton (08.6.16-13.7.16)	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
Thursday	8.00-8.40	Archery (09.6.16-14.7.16)	1-6	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
	Lunchtime	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 (22.4.16-15.7.16)	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332

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Mon 18 th – Wed 20 th July	Whole school learning project: The Olympics
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Wednesday 20 th July	1.15pm Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 20 th July	Last day of Term 6

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