



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

23rd February 2017

Diary for Term 3	
Monday 27th February	2.30pm: Community Worship, all welcome
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Friday 3rd March	School Association Quiz Night – tickets now on sale
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At Checkendon Primary School this week...

School Values Ambassadors

Olivia has been helping with worship this week, setting up the hall and leading prayers as well as reading from the School Values Ambassadors' Book of Stories.

PE and School Sport

We are looking forward to a sport filled term. Our first two events are netball tournaments, involving groups of children from Rhino Class competing against other schools from our Langtree cluster. Good luck Rhinos!

Worship in school this week

Term 4 Value: Thankfulness

Week 1: Checkendon School Values

Class Highlights

Owlet Class

This week the children in Owlet Class have enjoyed a visit from Wild Science, during which children were given the opportunity to stroke a cockroach, snake, frog, guinea pig and rabbit. The children found out many interesting facts about these animals and are starting to create their own *Dear Zoo* books. The children have also made a beautiful card for Mrs Martin, sending her their best wishes to get well soon.

Owl Class

The children in Owl Class had a fantastic time at the Oxfordshire Bus Museum on Wednesday. We saw a wide range of buses from charabancs to coaches, investigated bicycles through the ages, and found out about William Morris (Lord Nuffield). The children particularly enjoyed exploring the top decks of double decker buses!

Panda Class

Children from Panda Class have been exploring the amenities available in Checkendon,. They have learnt all about ordnance survey symbols and have enjoyed thinking about all the reason why people might like to visit our lovely village.

Rhino Class

The children in Rhino class have launched their learning project on Space and Space exploration by finding out about the first astronauts to orbit the Earth and the first men to land on the Moon. They have enjoyed reading and listening to their 500 word stories and many members of the class have entered the Radio 2 500 Words Story Competition.

School Value Term 4 THANKFULNESS

This term we will be focussing in school on the value THANKFULNESS. Please see the separate attachment for more information on what you could do at home to accompany our work within school on this value.

Panda Class Home Learning

Maths: To ensure that all children have their home learning task for the weekend, these will now be given out on Thursdays - hand-in stays the same.

Writing: Due to Mr Lane's absence, there was no writing task set for Week 1. Children will have the choice of completing either the Week 1 task or the Week 2 task in Week 2.

Whole School Big Write



Next week, the whole school will be completing a Big Write using the picture *The Search* by Pascal Campion as a starting point. The children will look at and discuss this in lesson time, but if you would like to help your children generate ideas, that would be really useful.

Spellzone for Key Stage 2

To support improvement in children's spelling skills, we have arranged for a subscription to **Spellzone** for all pupils in Key Stage 2; this online resource covers all English spelling rules and provides a baseline Spellzone Score and a personal Course Pathway for every student. It is adaptable for all abilities

and is ideal for dyslexic students (it was written by a dyslexia specialist). All activity and test results are saved online for quick and easy reporting and it has pre-loaded word lists which include Y1-Y6 statutory and non-statutory words. All children in Panda Class and Rhino Class will have opportunities to use the resources in timetabled sessions during the week. In addition, next week, they will be provided with login details so that they can practise at home; please do encourage them to do so!

Community Worship

All are welcome to attend Community Worship *in the school* hall on the theme of Thankfulness on Monday 27th February at 2.30pm.

Ash Wednesday Service

Do join us *in church* for the Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday 1st March at 2.15pm. As in previous years, this will follow the traditional liturgy of the Anglican Ash Wednesday Service. We look forward to seeing you there.

School Association Quiz

The tickets for the quiz are nearly sold out. We have had a few people reserve tickets but have yet to pay for them; unfortunately we will have to start selling these unless payment is made. We would ask that those wanting to come and support their child's school with a night of fun please buy your tickets from Wendy Butler or Sarah (in the office) **no later than tomorrow** – Friday.

Tickets on sale NOW from Sarah (in the office) or Wendy
LIMITED PLACES - ADVANCED TICKET SALES ONLY

CHECKENDON SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Quiz Night

Friday 3rd March

CHECKENDON VILLAGE HALL

Bar • Raffle **7.30pm**
£15 per person

(includes dinner, vegetarian option available)
£1 DONATION PER PERSON ON ENTRY FOR THE PRIZE FUND

Teams of up to 8 people only please, but come along in any numbers and we can match you up

**COME ALONG AND HELP US RAISE MONEY
FOR THE NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT ON THE FIELD**

PETE: 07720 298 958 • WENDY: 07887 505 500

School Association Contact Details

The School Association Chairs, Wendy and Pete have set up an email address, please contact them at the following address for anything related to the School Association checkendonsa@gmail.com.

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the forthcoming Quiz Night from Wendy or the school office.

Fund raising for our School Association without doing anything!

Why not collect free funds for our school whilst shopping online? Simply register at

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/checkendonprimarieschoolassociation

Then every time you shop at some of your favourite stores like Amazon, John Lewis, Argos, M&S you will earn vital funds for the play tower and other school projects. Thank you for your support.

Sainsbury's Active Kids

The Sainsbury's Active Kids voucher scheme is returning and Checkendon School are taking part to earn new cooking and sports equipment. We would like to ask parents to collect the vouchers and post them in the collection box outside the School Office.

Arrangements for Emergency Closure of the School

On rare occasions, for example during extreme weather conditions or when the school has no heating or water, the Headteacher and Chair of Governors may have to take the decision to close the school. It is school policy to keep the school open if at all possible, but there are occasions when it would not be possible to operate the school within the health and safety requirements. In the very unlikely event of an emergency closure during the school day, the school will contact parents via the telephone or email contact details kept in school. All children will be kept safely until collected. Please ensure, therefore, that the school has your up-to-date daytime contact details. In the event of an emergency closure before the start of the school day the school will notify Oxfordshire County Council and the local radio stations and will send a group email to all parents who have sent emergency contact email details to the office. If parents need to find out whether or not the school is closed they should:

- Check their email if they have asked to be contacted by email;
- Look on the county public website: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures;
- Listen to the announcements of the local radio stations:
 - BBC Radio Oxford – VHF/FM 95.2
 - Heart FM (Oxfordshire) – VHF/FM 102.6
 - JACK FM – VHF/FM 106.8

Parents are advised not to call the radio stations otherwise switchboards can become jammed and prevent the radio stations receiving information from schools. Parents may attempt to call the school, but the school cannot guarantee that there will be someone in the office to man the phone.

Our hot school meals are prepared in the kitchen at Langtree School and delivered to Checkendon in time for lunch. Langtree School may be closed on days when Checkendon School is open. We ask therefore that, if there is snow on the ground but Checkendon School is open, parents assume that hot dinners will **not** be delivered, cancel their lunch online and send their child with a packed lunch.

Term 4 - Extra-Curricular Activities

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	YEARS	ORGANISERS
Monday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	Drama Factory (16.1.17-27.3.17)	Yrs 2-6	Berzerk 07976 652742 Josh Buckland
	3.30-4.30	Pottery (9.1.17-20.3.17)	Yrs 2-6	Sarah Rushbrook 07771 768491
Tuesday	(S.R.Pavillion) 8.00-8.30	Stoke Row Running Club	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 (28.2.17-28.3.17)	All	Check. Equestrian Centre Tel: 01491 680225
	3.30-4.30	Archery Club		Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
Wednesday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Lunchtime	Violin (11.1.17-	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685
Thursday	08.00-08.40	Music Club (5.1.17-6.4.17)	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	11.10-11.30	Woodwind	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service
	Lunchtime	Chill Skills Club (23.2.17-6.3.17)	Yr5&6	Sophia Cleverly, Relax Kids 07811268990
	3.30-4.30	Magical Maths Club (12.1.17-2.3.17)	All	Tom Ward 01162029944
Friday	08.00 – 08.40	Dodgeball TBC	All	Paul Meakin 07976 651635
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Lunchtime	Chess Club (20.1.17-31.3.17)	Y3-6	Mr Boyer Owl Class
	3.30-4.30	Football (20.1.17-31.3.17)	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332
	3.30	Guitar	All	Russ Payne Tel: 07921 087816

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Thursday 6 th April	Last Day of Term 4
Friday 7 th April	INSET Day
Monday 24 th April	First Day of Term 5
Thursday 27 th April	Bluebell Walk
Mon 8 th – Thurs 11 th May	KS2 SATS
Monday 8 th May	2.30pm: Community Worship, all welcome
Thursday 18 th May	School Census – Please order a school meal
Thursday 25 th May	Parents Forum, all welcome
Friday 26 th May	Last Day of Term 5
Monday 5 th June	First Day of Term 6
Friday 9 th June	2.00pm: Pentecost Service & May Pole Dancing, all welcome
Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th June	Phonics Assessments
Monday 12 th June	2.30pm: Community Worship, all welcome
Thursday 6 th July	Reports Issued
Friday 14 th July	Sports Day
Monday 17 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 21 st July	1.15pm: Leavers Service
Friday 21 st July	Last Day of Term 6, finish at 2pm

Church Services & Community Worship		
Community Worship	Monday 27 th February 2017	3.00pm
Ash Wednesday Service	Wednesday 1 st March 2017	2.15pm
Community Worship	Monday 8 th May 2017	3.00pm
Pentecost Service & Maypole Dancing	Friday 9 th June 2017	2.00pm
Community Worship	Monday 12 th June 2017	3.00pm

INSET Day
Friday 7 th April 2017

Parents Forum	
Thursday 25 th May 2017	2.30pm

Parent Consultation Evenings and Reports	
Reports issued	Thursday 6 th July 2017

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