

RESPECT COURAGE INTEGRITY COMPASSION HOPE



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

23rd November 2017

Diary for Term 2

Friday 24 th November	9:00am: School Book Fair
Monday 27 th November	4:15pm Drama Club showcase 'Reindeer Rap'
Friday 1 st December	Big Christmas Sing, Oxford Town Hall
Monday 4 th December	Flu Vaccination (Reception to Year 4)
Thursday 7 th December	6pm: Parent and Child Online Safety Workshop for children in Years 4, 5 and 6 We are hoping that <i>all</i> parents and children in these year groups will attend!
Monday 11 th December	2:30pm Reception & KS1 Nativity Play: all welcome
Tuesday 12 th December	5:30pm Reception & KS1 Nativity Play: all welcome
Wednesday 13 th December	School Christmas Lunch <i>please order online with Aspens</i>
Monday 18 th December	6pm Christmas Service in the Church
Tuesday 19 th December	Last day of Term 2, <i>finish at 2pm</i>
Thursday 4 th January	First day of Term 3

Learning highlights this week...

Children in **Owlet Class** have been reading non-fiction books to find out how stars are made. We have been making our own stars for our space area. We have also been exploring fiction through short film clips and having a go at retelling stories. Children in **Owl Class** have been off to the Equestrian Centre grounds again, observing trees in the late autumn. They should now be able to identify oak, beech, sweet chestnut, maple and holly trees from their leaves, and be able to explain the difference between evergreen and deciduous trees. Quiz them when you are out and about this weekend! Children in **Panda Class** enjoyed 'The Power of One' anti-bullying show. We have discussed how to stop physical, verbal and cyberbullying and children recorded their learning as posters you can see displayed in the classroom. Children in **Rhino Class** have been Anglo-Saxon settlers this week. They have designed and built their own settlement, including the chief's house, huts, docks and animals pens. They used similar techniques and materials that would have been available at the time.

Children in Need

Thank you for your generous donations to our Children in Need appeal last Friday. We raised an amazing **£229** which is our highest total ever! The children came dressed in a variety of 'Weekend Wear' including sports kits, pyjamas, onesies and superhero costumes. Members of staff and children from Checkendon Pre-School joined us for worship during which we enjoyed rousing singing performances from each class.

Good Behaviour Policy

We have recently amended our Good Behaviour Policy to reflect current practice. A copy of the policy has been attached to the newsletter email.

Lunchtime at School

As you will be aware, we have been trialling amendments to our lunchtime arrangements to improve these.

Our aims are to:

- extend the length of uninterrupted playtime for all pupils by serving the children in one sitting
- promote compassion, respect and good interpersonal skills by seating children of different ages together and organising timings so that they can all to play together
- improve behaviour and reduce noise levels in the school hall during lunchtime

We continue to review and amend our practice as we evaluate the impact of these changes.

'The Power of One'

The children enjoyed yesterday's 'The Power of One' anti-bullying show. A school pledge board is now going around every class and the children will be invited to sign the pledge:



*I will not bully others.
I will not stand by while others are bullied.
I will report and deal with bullying whenever I see it...
...because I have
the POWER of ONE*

Thank you to the School Association for supporting the show.

School Photographs

School photographs can be viewed and ordered at the following link.

www.ordermyphotos.co.uk

Please use image code 1252 9710 3333 A to access the photos.

Primary Schools Health Nurse Team

We are delighted to attach the Term 2 newsletter from the Primary School Health Nurse team.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Piano

Emma Davies has one free lunch time slot for piano. If you are interested please email

daviesems-piano@mybtinternet.com.

Drama

Please see the attached flyer for the Drama Factory Club which will continue on Monday's next term running from 8th January until 26th March. On Monday 27th November at 4.15pm the club are performing a showcase of the Reindeer Rap, which the current children have been working on in the club. If your child is interested in joining the club next term, you are welcome to watch and see what they do.

Fundraising

Poppy Appeal

Thank you very much for helping with our appeal in school and thank you to our School Values Ambassadors for selling the poppies. We raised £74.90.

Christmas Tea Towels

The children have enjoyed creating their own school tea towel again for 2017 with their drawings. A flyer on how to order a tea towel will be in book bags tomorrow.

Checkendon Pre-School

Checkendon Pre-School has been chosen for the next round of the Co-op Local Community Fund. The funding round started on 12th November 2017 and runs for 11 months until the 27th October 2018. This means that every time you shop in the Co-op 1% on what you spend on Co-op own branded products and services goes to the pre-school. The funds will go towards buying ICT tools and equipment for the children. All you have to do is go online at coop.co.uk/membership and choose Checkendon Pre-School as your local cause. Thanks for your support.

Term 2 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 (31/10/17 – 28/11/17)	All	Checkendon Equestrian Centre Tel: 01491 680225
	3.30-4.30	Dodgeball (14/11/17 to 12/12/17)		Paul Meakin Details to be sent out shortly
Wednesday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Lunchtime	Violin (restarting on 20/9/17)	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685 elestr.lee@btopenworld.com
	3.30-4.30	Gymnastics (8/11/17 to 5/12/17)		Paul Meakin Details to be sent out shortly
Thursday	08.00-08.40	Music Club (7/9/17 to 14/12/17)	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	10:05	Woodwind	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service
Friday	08.00-08.45 (Panda Classroom)	Relax Kids (3/11/17 to 15/12/17) excluding 1/12/17	Yrs 1-6	Sophia Cleverly Tel: 07811 268990 relaxkidssouthoxfordshire@gmail.com
	08.00-08.45 (School Hall)	'Big Christmas Sing' Choir	Yrs 3-6	Bill Boyer 01491 680693
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	Football (15/9/17 to 15/12/17) Double session on 15/12/17	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332
	3.30	Guitar (restarting on 22/9/17)	All	Russ Payne Tel: 07921 087816

Dates for your Diary

Monday 8 th January	3pm Community Worship
Wednesday 8 th February 2017	from 3:30pm: Parents' Evening
Thursday 9 th February 2017	from 3:30pm: Parents' Evening
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
Monday 26 th February	3pm Community Worship
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 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	Summer Holiday
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

HENLEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
presents
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Has your child ever heard a live symphony orchestra?
Come to this fun and informal performance lasting around 45 mins.
Aimed at 2-6 year olds. Younger or older siblings welcome.

EXCERPTS FROM:
TCHAIKOVSKY - NUTCRACKER SUITE
BACH - AIR ON A G STRING
SLEIGH RIDE & POPULAR
CHRISTMAS CLASSICS

CONDUCTOR - IAN BROWN
COMPÈRE - ANDY BAKER

SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2017, 4.30PM
CHRIST CHURCH, HENLEY
READING ROAD, RG9 1AG

Adults £5, children £3, under 2s free

Tickets available from Bagatelle Toys in Henley, from members of the orchestra,
HSO box office tel. 01235 839210 or via www.henleysymphonyorchestra.co.uk

*A concert
for Christmas*

Has your child heard a live symphony orchestra?

Sunday 10th December 2017
6.30 – 7.45pm
Christ Church, Henley-on-Thames

Followed by mulled wine, soft drinks and mince pies

Bach	Suite No 3 in D
Tchaikovsky	Nutcracker Suite: selection
Grieg	Symphonic Dances: selection
Marquez	Danzon
Ginastera	Malambo
Leroy Anderson	Sleigh Ride

Carols for all

HENLEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Ian Brown - Conductor

Tickets: £12 (unreserved), students £6, under-10s £2.
Available from orchestra members, 01235 839210 and via

www.henleysymphonyorchestra.co.uk/contact

The Henley Symphony Orchestra is a Registered Charity, No. 273949



**Wyfold Riding for the Disabled
Christmas Bazaar**

**Saturday 16th December, 12-3pm
at Wyfold Stables, Kingwood**



Father Christmas in his Ice Palace
Christmas Stalls and Children's Games

Pony Rides

Soup and Hot Dogs



Tickets: £3, children under 12 free, from Roger Hadaway, 01491 681273
Lorraine Maidment, 01491 574692 or from any member of Wyfold RDA





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