



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

24th March 2016

Diary for Term 3

Thursday 24 th March	Last day of Term 4 – finish at 3.20pm
Tuesday 12 th April	First day of Term 5

What have we been learning in school this week?

Owlet Class

Children in Owlet Class have had a week of learning focussed on pets. Oscar brought in a Silky chicken for us to meet and Ellie brought in her rabbit Ted. William made a book all about his shire horse. We have also been learning about Easter by learning new songs in assembly and making Easter cards to take home.

Owl Class

This week, children in Year 2 had a Skype call to Max's uncle in Adelaide, to find out how the weather and geography is different from Sydney. We also found out that koalas and possums make grunting noises at night that keep people awake! This week, we have also been learning about Captain James Cook and wrote about what his diary might be like after he first landed in Australia.

Panda Class

This week the children in Panda Class have been creating their topic end product: a box with chocolates in. They have been working in groups to create tray bakes and truffles and worked independently to make their boxes. We have also been learning about finding fractions of amounts.

Rhino Class

In Rhino Class the children have been learning about the different climate zones across the USA. They have also been studying the life cycles of flowering and non- flowering plants. They have been defining the different stages in the human life cycle.

School Council News

Thank you to everyone who made a donation towards our 'soak the staff' Sport Relief event last Friday. We raised an impressive £102.37 for this worthwhile charity! Please visit the school website for photos of the event. This week School Council has been reviewing the new Pupil Code of Conduct which has been amended to incorporate the school values.

Class Choirs

We are delighted that Emma Davies will be leading Class Choirs for Panda Class and Owl Class weekly during the summer term. As you know Emma and Kevin Davies have led a very successful Autumn Term Christingle Choir for some years now, and, in response to parent feedback, we have arranged to extend the provision of a choir across the summer term. This will be a pilot project and, if it goes well, we would hope to do the same for Owlet Class and Rhino Class in due course.

New Laptops for Pupils

There will be new laptops in school for the summer term! As part of our commitment to providing high quality learning resources for pupils, we are very pleased to have been able to arrange for the replacement of the oldest set of laptops with 15 brand new Lenovos!

Road Maintenance – Main Street, Checkendon – Road Closure during Easter Holiday

Please note that Oxfordshire County Council will be undertaking structural patching works in Main Street, Checkendon starting on Tuesday 29th March until Thursday 31st March. **This is during the school's Easter holidays.** During this period, Main Street will therefore be closed to vehicles from the Hammonds Farm triangle to the junction with Whitehall Lane, but open to pedestrians. Essential vehicle access will be maintained to properties within the closures. A suitable diversion has been arranged for through traffic and will be signed accordingly.

Message from the School Association

The circus is coming to town....

Wednesday 18th May is fast approaching and we are now selling tickets for Happy's Circus! Tickets are £8.00 each and £30.00 for a family of 4. [Gates open at 4.30pm, show starts at 6.00pm.](#)

For those who haven't been to a Happy's Circus before it's a really family-friendly fun circus show for all ages, which everybody thoroughly enjoys and at the same time you will be raising much needed funds for the new play area on the field.

Please encourage friends and family to come along. If you know of anywhere where we could sell tickets in the local area e.g. childrens' after school club, please let us know. Tickets are on a first come, first served basis and usually sell out so please see your year rep or Suzanne or Jo for tickets asap.

We would really appreciate everyone's support so we can get the play area on the field up and running for the children to enjoy during this summer.

******TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE AFTER CHURCH ON THURSDAY******

Cheques should be made payable to "Checkendon School Association"

Fund raising thermometer

We have now put up the fund raising thermometer so everyone can see the progress being made towards our target. The play area will be developed in two phases which are approximately £10,000 each. Please see the thermometer near the office to see how we're doing. If anyone would like to make a personal donation towards the play area this would be very gratefully received - please see Jo, Suzanne or Tracey.

Two years is up!

Jo and Suzanne will have co-chaired the SA for two years in May which is the maximum allowed under the SA constitution. If you think you can help co-chair or chair the SA from May please speak to us. Many thanks!

Themes for Terms 5 and 6

We are looking forward to our exciting new themes for the next two terms:

	Term 5	Launch	End of Term 5
Rhino Class	Winston Churchill	Wartime Memories	Visit to Blenheim
Panda Class	France	French Day	French conversation presentation
Owl Class	Where my wellies take me	Spring walk	Poetry trail
Owlet Class	Wild and Wonderful	Drama workshop	Wild and wonderful walk

Extra-Curricular Activities Term 5

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	YEARS	ORGANISERS
Monday	8.00-8.40	Dodgeball (18.4.16-23.5.16)	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)	Yrs 3-6	Berzerk Matt 07976 652742
	Playground 3.30-4.30	KS2 Rounders (18.4.16-23.5.16)	Yrs 3-6	Paul Meakin Sports paulmeakinsports@orangehome.co.uk Tel: 07976 651635
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	Reps from Y2-6	Gill Peeling
	3.30-4.30	French Club (19.4.16-12.7.16)	Y2-6	Tutorbox Irene Casey Tel: 0118 9841684
	3.30-4.30	Athletics (19.4.16-24.5.16)	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
	3.30-5.15	Equestrian Club (12.4.16-10.5.16)	All	Check. Equestrian Centre Tel: 01491 680225
Wednesday	(S.R.Pavillion) 8.00-8.30	Running Club	Yrs 3-6	Chris Lee Susan Darnbrough
		Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
		Violin	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685

	3.30 – 4.30	Badminton (13.4.16-25.5.16)	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
Thursday	8.00-8.40	Archery (14.4.16-26.5.16)	Yrs 1-6	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
	Lunchtime	Woodwind	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service Tel: 07958 537157
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
Friday	(Outside/Hall) 3.30-4.30	Football (22.4.16-15.7.16)	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332



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Iinkai Judo & Self Defence Clubs
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Iinkai School Judo & Fundo Club 2016

Judo is both a Martial Art and Olympic Sport that provides students with discipline, confidence, and in later years an effective method of self-defence. It is also an excellent form of exercise, and can be a lot of fun! Fundo is a new activator sport that develops judo and other sports skills through specifically tailored exercises and games.

*The Term consists of 10 Lessons, commencing on **19th April 2016**.*

There will be a break for half term.

*The Club runs on **Tuesdays from 1200 to 1245***

Beginners are welcome and should wear appropriate clothing (durable without zips or sharp or hard objects) a P.E kit is fine and if necessary a hair band at each lesson.

Term Fees for Existing Students - £53.50 Term Fees for NEW Students - £63.50

If you would like your child to attend the Judo club please ask the school office for a form

DORCHESTER SAILING CLUB

After School Sailing Club for Years 4, 5, 6 and 7. Wednesday's 3.45 approx. - 6.00pm Terms 5 and 6. **Pre Booking is Essential.** Dorchester Sailing Club, Abingdon Road, Dorchester Oxon OX10 7LP.

More details can be obtained by emailing: schools@dorchestersailingclub.org.uk

or come and see what we can offer you, the club will be open on Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd March from 3.30pm for parents who would like to visit

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 24th March

Tuesday 12th April

Monday 18th April

Last day of Term 4 – finish at 3.20pm

First Day of Term 5

3.00pm: Community Worship – parents invited

Wednesday 27 th April	Mobile Library
Mon 9 th – Fri 13 th May	SATs Week
Wednesday 18 th May	Evening: Circus – organised by School Association
Friday 20 th May	2.00pm: Pentecost Service in church followed by dancing at school
Wednesday 25 th May	Mobile Library
Friday 27 th May	RE Day: Christians around the World
Friday 27 th May	Last Day of Term 5
Tuesday 7 th June	First Day of Term 6
Monday 13 th June	3.00pm: Community Worship – parents invited
Wednesday 29 th June	Mobile Library (last one – collection only)
Monday 11 th July	2.15pm: Rhino Class Production
Tuesday 12 th July	6.30pm: Rhino Class Production
Friday 15 th July	Sports Day
Mon 18 th – Wed 20 th July	Whole school learning project: The Olympics
Monday 18 th July	Sports Day reserve
Wednesday 20 th July	Last day of Term 6