



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 25th January 2018

Diary for Term 3

Monday 29th January	Parents' Evening sign-up sheets available outside office <i>As part of our commitment to promoting pupils independent learning, we would like to invite children to accompany their parents to these meetings. We are happy for parents to decide whether or not this is appropriate for them.</i>
Tuesday 30th January	Year 3 & 4 Rocks and Fossils Workshop
Friday 2nd February	<i>Spring Snapshots</i> in book bags
Tuesday 6th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 8th February	3:30pm: Parents' Evening
Thursday 9th February	3:30pm: Parents' Evening
Friday 9th February	Last day of Term 3, finish at 3.20pm

Diary for Term 4

Monday 19th February	INSET day – no children in school
Tuesday 20th February	8:50am First day of term 4
Monday 26th February	3pm: Community Worship
Tuesday 13th March	Rhino Class SRE
Tuesday 20th March	Rhino Class SRE
Wednesday 28th March	2.30pm Easter Communion Service
Thursday 29th March	Last day of Term 4, finish at 3.20pm

At school this week...

Learning highlights

Through our Once Upon a Time theme, children in **Owlet Class** have become very interested in wolves and foxes as they always seem to be the baddies in the stories they are reading. We have looked at non-fiction texts to research these animals and have searched online for interesting facts about habitats and habits. We have written up our interesting facts. Children in **Owl Class** Owl class have been planning their own space missions: creating and debugging algorithms to get a spaceship from Earth to a space station. We have learnt how to program Beebots and are starting to learn how to program in Scratch. Children in **Panda Class** have been designing 'How to Train your Dragon' board games. We are really looking forward to playing these once complete. Children in **Rhino Class** have been designing and creating their own 30 Viking longships. They have designed detailed and terrifying dragonheads to decorate them.

School Council

At last Friday's meeting each class brought along their new School Council Book which has been set up to improve communication by ensuring that only issues that cannot be resolved in Class Council are brought to School Council meetings. Having listened to the matters raised in each class it emerged that two classes had issues affecting each other. The obvious solution was to suggest that the two classes hold a joint Class Council. As a result Panda and Owl classes met this week and were able to resolve their differences together!

Parent Participation Survey

As a result of analysis of the Parent Participation Survey responses (attached), we are introducing these three improvements:

- A Checkendon School Parent Council (to replace the current parent forum) **7 volunteers**
- Parent class meetings at the beginning of Term 3 and Term 5 (in addition to Term 1) **17 responses**
- Drop-in sessions with Mrs Seymour (Terms 2, 4 and 6 – first session 2.30pm to 3.15pm on 27/2/18) **13 responses**

With the newsletter last week, we circulated the current Good Behaviour Policy **19 responses**. This week, we welcome your comments on our current policies for Home Learning Activities Statement **18 responses** and Sex and Relationships Education Policy (SRE) **16 responses**. Both documents have been attached to the newsletter. We welcome your comments by emailing office.3801@checkendon.oxon.sch.uk.

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 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 receive the weekly newsletter. If parents need to find out whether or not the school is closed they should:

- Check their email and the school website
- 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.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Football Club

We still only have 9 children signed up for Football Club. iProfootball have said they need 10 children for the club to continue. This is unfortunately the last day to sign up if your child is interested.

School Association Quiz

In March last year, the School Association ran a very successful and fun quiz. We would like to run this as an annual event and very much need your support to make the evening a success again. If you are interested in volunteering in whatever capacity to help run the event, please let the office know so we can set up an organising group.

Wanted....School Association Treasurer (Sept 2018)

Can you spare a few hours per month?

Do you have a basic knowledge of Excel?

Do you enjoy working with numbers and spreadsheets?

We are looking for someone to take over the role of Treasurer for the School Association.

The role consists of managing monies in and out of the School Association bank account, keeping an up to

date Excel spreadsheet and preparing annual accounts. Agree and manage budgets for School Association events, liaise with event organisers, withdraw floats, reimburse expenses, pay in takings, produce profit/loss reports etc. Pay in school uniform monies. Receive bank statements and update accounts accordingly. Complete charity registration and other subscriptions.

A full briefing and handover would be arranged, ideally during the summer term or earlier!

For more information speak to Tracey (Perdy Year 6).

Term 3 Extra-Curricular Activities

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	YEARS	ORGANISERS
Monday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	Tag Rugby (8/1/18 – 5/2/18)	Yrs 3-6	Paul Meakin paulmeakinsportscoach@gmail.com
Tuesday	(S.R.Pavillion) 8.00-8.30	Stoke Row Running Club (starting back on 9/1/17)	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 (9/1/18 – 6/2/18)	All	Checkendon Equestrian Centre Tel: 01491 680225
Wednesday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Lunchtime	Violin (restarting on 17/1/18)	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685 elestr.lee@btopenworld.com
	3.30-4.30	Gymnastics (10/1/18 – 7/2/18)	All	Paul Meakin paulmeakinsportscoach@gmail.com
Thursday	08.00-08.40	Music Club (11/1/18 – 29/3/18)	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	10:10	Woodwind	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service
Friday	08.00-08.45 (Hall)	Relax Kids (restarting 12/1/18 with free taster session)	Yrs 1-6	Sophia Cleverly Tel: 07811 268990 relaxkidssouthoxfordshire@gmail.com
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Lunchtime 12:30	Chess (19/1/18 – 23/3/18)	Y3-6	Mr Boyer Owl Class
	3.30-4.30	Football (12/1/18 – tbc)	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332
	3.30	Guitar (restarting on 19/1/17)	All	Russ Payne Tel: 07921 087816

Dates for your Diary

Fri 30th March – Fri 13th April
Monday 16th April
Tuesday 17th April
Monday 23rd April
Monday 14th May
Friday 25th May
Mon 28th May – Fri 1st Jun
Monday 4th June
Tuesday 5th June
Monday 11th June
Thursday 5th July
Wednesday 25th July

Easter Holiday
Inset day – no children in school
First day of term 5
3pm Community Worship
Year 6 SATs week
Last day of term 5, finish at 3.20pm
Summer Holiday
Inset day – no children in school
First day of term 6
3pm Community Worship
Annual Reports issued
Last day of term 6, finish at 2pm

WADS Woodcote Village Hall
WOODCOTE AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

present **The** **EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES**
By Limelight Scripts

01491 680573
wadsboxoffice@gmail.com

Children are encouraged to dress up. The theme this year is 'NURSERY RHYMES'. There is a prize for the best boy & girl costume at each performance: adults may also join in for fun!

2018
Sat 27 Jan - 2:15 & 7:30pm
Sun 28 Jan - 2:15pm
Fri 2 Feb - 7:30pm
Sat 3 Feb - 2:15 & 7:30pm

woodcotedrama.co.uk



CHECKENDON PLAYGROUND NEEDS YOU!

**We have the funding, now for the fun part.
Come and have your say on the new design.**

Village Consultation , all welcome

2-4pm

Saturday 3rd February 2018

Checkendon Village Hall



BROOKES SCIENCE BAZAAR

FREE fun for the family!

Saturday 24 February 2018, 10:30-16:00
Headington Campus, Oxford, OX3 0BP



NO BOOKING REQUIRED

Just drop-in at our
reception!

Join us for a range
of activities for
children aged 5-12
years.

Web: [www.brookes.ac.uk/
science-bazaar/](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/science-bazaar/)

Email: events@brookes.ac.uk

 @ScienceBazaar





invite you to



Talking SEND

Wednesdays – 10.00 to 11.30am

24 January 2018 – County Hall, Oxford OX1 1ND

A parents guide to 'SEN Support in mainstream schools'

28 February 2018 – Old Town Hall, Faringdon SN7 7JA

and 23 May 2018 – Thame Barns Centre, Thame OX9 3AJ

A parents guide to 'Outcomes'

27 June 2018 – Didcot Civic Hall, Didcot OX11 7HN

A parents' guide to 'Requesting an Education Health
Care Needs Assessment'

Refreshments will be served from 9.45am

Upcoming Open Day

Moulsford Prep School: Friday 2nd February 10am – 12pm and 1pm – 3pm

Upcoming workshops at Queen Anne's School

Junior Dance Workshop - Saturday 3rd February 9.30AM-12.30PM.

This workshop is open to girls in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 and has limited spaces available.

Please visit www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/queen-annes-school-junior-dance-workshop-tickets-42352805381 for more information and if you would like to reserve a space.

Junior Lacrosse Coaching Camp - Saturday 21st April, 9.30AM-12.30PM

This workshop is open to girls in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 and has limited spaces available. Please can this be forwarded to parents and staff. Teachers can also book a group (Maximum of 9) on to this event.

Please visit www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/queen-annes-school-junior-lacrosse-coaching-camp-tickets-42348109335 for more information and if you would like to reserve a space for an individual girl or a group.

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