



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

28th September 2017

Diary for Term 1

Every Thursday: 14 th September – 19 th October	KS2 Swimming lessons
Friday 29 th September	Non-uniform day to raise money for a ShelterBox (<i>see below for more details</i>)
Thursday 5 th October	Census Day: If your child is in Owlet Class or Owl Class, please order a school meal for your child today as numbers determine funding for the year <i>thank you</i>
Wednesday 11 th October	Individual photographs
Friday 20 th October	Last Day of Term 1
Monday 30 th October	INSET DAY: no children in school
Tuesday 31 st October	First Day of Term 2
Friday 3 rd November	School Association Fireworks

Learning highlights this week...

Children in **Owlet Class** have been exploring 2d shapes and talking a lot about them. They have been for shape walks around school and taken photographs as well as investigating neural pathways by creating woollen statues. Do come and have a look at our photographs! Pupils in **Owl Class** had an amazing time on our trip to Bournemouth. Unfortunately, the red flags were flying, so we couldn't go in the water, but we got to build sandcastles, look inside a beach hut and walk along the pier (*see the photographs below*). **Panda Class** pupils have made effective use of identification charts to name the huge variety of plants in our beautiful grounds. They then constructed a group poem about them and a collage for the Harvest Service. In maths lessons, they have also been busy learning how to add and subtract two and three digit numbers in their heads. Children in **Rhino Class** have been designing presentations using PowerPoint. They are creating informative presentations about their trips to Kilvrough and Path Hill and have included photographs and illustrations as well as using the descriptive features of the programme.



Sporting Highlights

On Tuesday, 24 children from Year 4, 5 and 6 took part in our first cross country race of the season in Stoke Row. It was a lovely sunny afternoon and there were some very determined performances. The award for courage went to Maisie Crook for her perseverance.

Autumn School Census 5th October 2017

Government funding for school meals for *the whole year* is based on the number of lunches booked on 5th October, so it is very important that as many children as possible book meals on that day. Please help us by ordering a school meal for your child for Thursday 5th October.

Governor News: A warm welcome to our new governors

New Foundation Governor: Sarah Tunstill

Sarah is pleased to take up the position of Foundation Governor and is looking forward to getting involved at her first meeting in October. Sarah and husband Simon have two daughters, both at Checkendon School - Sophia in Year 2 and Jessie recently started in Reception. She lives locally, and works as a part-time GP in Henley. When not working, Sarah enjoys exploring the local area with her family and their Border Terrier, Lottie. If the weather's good, it's possible you might even find her out running.



New Parent Governor: Paul Meakin

Paul has a long association with Checkendon school having been involved with the PE and after school sports club on and off since 2004. He runs a sports coaching company that has been nominated and won a number of awards over the past five years and currently delivers PE lessons at Checkendon school on Monday afternoons and also runs an after school club. Paul's children, Adam and Amie, are both in Panda class and enjoy being at school. In his role as governor, Paul is looking forward to helping the school as it endeavours to provide pupils with the best possible education and learning experience as well as to raise standards and strive for success.

Charity Projects

Non-Uniform Day 29th September

Please support our charity fundraising campaign to raise £590 for ShelterBox! Children in all classes are invited to take part in our non-uniform day **tomorrow** by bringing in a donation for the appeal. There will be collecting boxes in each class.

Thank you for your support.

Thank you

Thank you for all your contributions to the Harvest Appeal – more than 100 tins and packages were donated and will soon be on their way to Readifood, Reading's Food Bank.



School Values Ambassadors Farewell Project (*final week to donate*)

What you can do if you would like to help:

- Collect shoes that can still be worn, solid soles with no holes, laces if the shoes need them
- Give your shoes a quick clean before you pass them on – no mud!
- Pair your shoes with a couple of rubber bands
- Tape a £1 onto one of the soles in each pair to help us to get your shoes to their new owner
- Put them in the collection box in the foyer



Thank you!

School Association Update

We're very happy to let you know that this year's **Fireworks Night** will take place on the Friday the 3rd November. It will once again be a fun filled evening of games, food, drinks and of course fireworks. We very much need your support to make the evening a success so please spread the word. More

information will be released in upcoming newsletters. Caroline Herbert, Carolyn Robb and Kate Pullan are heading the organisation of the event but desperately need more volunteers to come forward to help in the run up and to help on the evening itself. So if you would like to help in whatever capacity, please speak to Caroline, Carolyn or Kate who will be very grateful and happily assign you a role.

Thank you to all the bags of clothing you donated this week. You have helped raise £47 for the school. *It all helps!*

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Unfortunately due to staffing pressures, Ignite are still unable to run the gymnastics and archery clubs this term. We are hoping they will be able to offer these clubs next term. Details will be sent out in due course. Please register your interest as soon as you can so that we can ensure the clubs go ahead.

Drama Club, run by Berzerk, still has places on a Monday. If you are interested, please see the attached promotional material.

Term 1 - 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 (12/9/17 – 17/10/17)	All	Checkendon Equestrian Centre Tel: 01491 680225
	3.30-4.30	Gymnastics Club <i>Not running due to numbers</i>	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
Wednesday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Lunchtime	Violin (restarting on 20/9/17)	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685
	3.30-4.30	Dodgeball (20/9/17 – 18/10/17)	All	Paul Meakin
Thursday	08.00-08.40	Music Club (7/9/17 to 14/12/17)	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	14:15	Woodwind	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service
	3.30-4.30	Archery Club <i>Not running due to numbers</i>	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
Friday	08.00-08.40	Relax Kids (22/9/17 – 20/10/17)	Yrs 1-6	Sophia Cleverly Tel: 07811 268990 relaxkidssouthoxfordshire@gmail.com
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	Football (15/9/17 to 8/12/17)	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332
	3.30	Guitar (restarting on 22/9/17)	All	Russ Payne Tel: 07921 087816

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 31 st October	First day of term 2
Monday 11 th December	2:30pm Reception & KS1 Nativity Play
Tuesday 12 th December	5:30pm Reception & KS1 Nativity Play
Wednesday 13 th December	School Christmas Lunch
Monday 18 th December	6pm Christmas Service
Tuesday 19 th December	Last day of term 2, finish at 2pm
Thursday 4 th January	First date of term 3
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
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 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
Wednesday 25 th July	Last day of term 6, finish at 2pm


Upcoming Open Days

Pangbourne College: Year 7-8 Saturday 14th October 09:00 – 12:00

Abingdon School: Saturday 30th September 09.30 – 12.00

Cranford House: Whole School Saturday 7th October 09:30 – 12:00

Langtree School: Open evening on Tuesday 3rd October 2017 and open mornings on Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th October 2017 (see flyer below for more details)



**2017-18
Saturday Morning
Masterclasses**

Open to boys and girls in Years 5 and 6, these completely free sessions are designed to stretch, challenge and inspire.

During a morning of fun, imagination and energy, children will gain a taste of the exciting subjects that await them at Senior School, courtesy of our specialist teachers.

Stretch & Challenge sessions are free and run from 9am-12 noon. Places are limited so if you would like to register your child for any of the dates below, please visit www.cranfordhouse.net/stretch to download and complete a booking form.

Spaces are limited so please book online in advance
www.cranfordhouse.net/information/stretch

04 November, 2017	Blast Off! Space Science	13 January, 2018	Thinking Skills
11 November, 2017	Big Voices English/Drama	20 January, 2018	Crash, Bang, Sing!
18 November, 2017	Sporting Superstars	27 January, 2018	'Orrible 'istory

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OPEN EVENING

For prospective parents with children in Years 5 & 6

Tuesday 3rd October 2017

Headteacher's address 6.30pm and 8.00pm.
There will be opportunities to tour the school and to speak to the
Headteacher, senior staff and to students between 7-9pm.
No appointment is required for the open evening.

OPEN MORNINGS

Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th October 2017
9.15am and 11.15am by appointment only

Please contact the school office on 01491 680514
or email: office@langtreeschool.com to book an open morning appointment

Our open mornings offer a further opportunity to tour the school with our
student leaders during a working day. This is the best way to view your child's
future school when it is at its busiest and best, full of working students.

**In 2017 Langtree School achieved record breaking results with
76% of students gaining English and Maths at grades A* - C**

Langtree School Website: www.langtreeschool.com
Langtree School Prospectus: www.langtreeschool.com/prospectus/

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