



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

29th September 2016

Diary for Term 1	
Wednesday 5 th October	Lunch time KS2 Art Session – Christmas Card Project
Wednesday 5 th October	2.45pm: Harvest Service in church: all welcome
Thursday 6 th October	Census Day: Please order a school meal
Thursday 6 th October	Owl Class Trip to Windsor Castle
Wednesday 12 th October	Individual photographs
Thursday 13 th October	2.30pm: Parents Forum, all welcome
Friday 14 th October	Pupil Snapshot reports in book bags
Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st October	Year 6 Kilvrough Residential Visit
Tuesday 18 th October	Year 5 pupils at Stoke Row School
Thurs 20 th – Fri 21 st October	Year 5 Path Hill Residential Visit
Friday 21 st October	Last Day of Term 1
Monday 31 st October	INSET DAY: no children in school
Tuesday 1 st November	First Day of Term 2

What have we been learning in school this week?

Owlet Class

This week some of the children in Owlet Class have been learning more sounds and beginning to read words by blending the sounds together. Children have been exploring 2d shapes and have used them to make pictures. Children are learning autumn and harvest songs and, through story, have identified things about themselves that they feel makes them special.

Owl Class

In science, Owl Class have been out and about discovering the materials used to make the church and the houses in the village, thinking about what properties make them useful for building. In our topic, we have been learning about the countries that make up the United Kingdom and we have acted out the events of the Queen's coronation.

Panda Class

In Panda Class this week, the children have been preparing ideas for their stories in literacy and in maths, they have been practising the various methods involved in multiplication. In science this week, the children have been learning about the uses of the muscles in the human body and how the brain sends messages to those muscles and in geography the children have started group projects to investigate different towns, cities and countries from around the world.

Rhino Class

In Rhino Class this week we have been investigating 2D representations of 3D objects in maths and linking

these to the real world. In English we have been continuing our work on Charles Darwin and writing imaginary diary extracts. In science we have been studying how fossils are created and how this tells us about living things millions of years ago.

School Values Ambassadors

Congratulations to the newly appointed School Values Ambassadors for this year: Ivy, Olivia, Rhian, Phoebe, Audrey, Henry, Max, Joseph and Charlotte. School Values Ambassadors help to lead whole school worship and meet with Mrs Seymour regularly throughout the year to plan initiatives to strengthen values in the life of the school. We're looking forward to hearing all their ideas for 2016-17!

School Value for Term 1 - HUMILITY

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

Parents Forum

Parents Forum meetings take place once a term and provide opportunities for parents to discuss topics of interest with Mrs Seymour. Last year, these included school uniform, the School Development Plan, lunchtimes, home-school communication and school choirs. These meetings are open to all parents, although last year Class Representatives on the School Association were key participants. As we are without a School Association at the moment, Mrs Seymour is especially keen to see as many parents as possible at the next meeting – please do come if you can! **Thursday 13th October at 2.30pm.**

Autumn School Census 6th October

You will have seen letters regarding the Autumn School census which is taking place on Thursday 6th October. Please return the required information by tomorrow if you haven't already done so. Additionally, the funding for meals provided for pupils here is based on the number of lunches booked on the 6th 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 6th October**. Menu options include fish and chips and packed lunches so there should be something for everyone!



Book People Bedtime Story Competition

As part of our work in literacy, we will be encouraging children to participate in the Book People Bedtime Story Competition....

Book People are asking children aged between 5 and 11 to write a picture book of 200-800 words featuring animals. Selected by a panel of celebrity parents and publishing experts, the winning book will be entirely original and be perfect for sharing with a child before they go to bed. One lucky winner will have the chance to work with an editor from Little Tiger Press to help their story come to life. Illustrator Ada Grey will then create stunning artwork to accompany the text, and the book will be published in 2017. The shortlisted entrants, accompanied by a parent or guardian, will get the opportunity to attend an award ceremony in London to meet the judges and the publisher of the winning book. There will also be prizes for two runners up and two highly commended. More information can be found at:

<https://www.thebookpeople.co.uk/bedtime>

School Portraits

On Wednesday 12th October Charlotte Snowden will be taking individual school Portraits. If you would like an opportunity to include siblings, please come to the school hall for 8.30am on Thursday. If you could spare some time to assist, please contact Charlotte.

Year 5 Teaching arrangements 17th – 19th October

Prior to the Year 5 children attending their residential trip on the 20th – 21st October, please be aware that we have arranged the following teaching arrangements in Mrs LeCorgne's absence as she will be participating in the Year 6 Residential trip that week. On Monday 17th and Wednesday 19th October all Year 5 children from Checkendon and Stoke Row will be taught at Checkendon. On **Tuesday 18th October**, all Year 5 children will be taught at Stoke Row, so please would parents of these children **drop children off and collect from Stoke Row school at 8.50am and 3.20pm**.

Christingle Choir

Following the very successful Christingle Choir last year, Kevin and Emma Davies will be returning to Checkendon on Tuesday afternoons, after half term, please look out for further information if your child would like to participate.

Book Fair

Following the success of last year's book fair, we are pleased to be arranging for it to take place again this year in November. Please look out for more information to follow shortly.

Judo club cancelled

Due to low numbers enrolled, the weekly judo club which has been running successfully at Checkendon for some years has been cancelled until further notice. Full details of the wide range of extra-curricular activities available this term are below. Do take a look!

Fireworks 2016

Don't forget to put **Friday 4th November** in your diary for the Checkendon School Association Fireworks. We look forward to seeing you there for what promises to be a great evening.

Christmas card project 2016.

We hope the children are enjoying designing their cards for the Christmas Card project, please don't forget to return completed art work and order forms to the school office by **Friday 14th October**.

Checkendon School Association

The school is still looking for a new chair or co-chairs for the School Association and would be very happy to hear from anyone who might be interested in either a formal role on the School Association or in organising a future fundraising event. Events like the fireworks won't be able to go ahead without parental support so please contact joannacrook@btinternet.com and/or suzanne.m.bradley@icloud.com for more information or if you can help.

KS2 Swimming Lessons Thursdays

Please ensure all pupils in Rhino and Panda class have swimming kits on Thursday mornings! Unfortunately children who arrive at school without their kits on the day will miss their lesson as they will be required to observe from the poolside.

Owlet Health Forms & Flu Vaccination Consent Forms

If your child is in Year, 1, 2 or 3, please return the flu immunisation consent forms by the end of the week.

Completed forms for the School Nurse for children in Owlets should also be returned by the end of this week please.

A request for help...

We would be very grateful if someone would take a few items to the skip for us including a broken table. If you are able to help please contact the School Office.

Term 1 - Extra-Curricular Activities

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	YEARS	ORGANISERS
Monday	8.00-8.40	Dodgeball (12.9.16-12.12.16)	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	Drama Factory (19.9.16-28.11.16)	Yrs 2-6	Berzerk 07976 652742 Josh Buckland
Tuesday	8.00-8.45	Judo (01.11.16 – 6.12.16)	1 – 6	linkai Tel: 0118 9885822 info@iinkai-judo.co.uk
	(S.R.Pavillion) 8.00-8.30	Running Club Run by Stoke Row School but offered to Checkendon Pupils	Yrs 3-6	Stoke Row Running Club Elise Way - eliseway@hotmail.co.uk
	09.45-10.05 Sep – Dec 2016	Woodwind	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service Tel: 07958 537157
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	Tri Golf (13.9.16-13.12.16)	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
	3.30-5.15	Equestrian Club (20.9.16-18.10.16)	All	Check. Equestrian Centre Tel: 01491 680225
Wednesday		Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
		Violin Starts (14.9.16-	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685
	3.30 – 4.30	Netball (14.9.16-14.12.16)	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
Thursday	8.00-8.40	Archery (15.9.16-15.12.16)	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
	11.10 – 11.30 From January 2017	Woodwind	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service Tel: 07958 537157
Friday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	(Outside/Hall) 3.30-4.30	Football (16.9.16-9.12.16)	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332
	Library	Guitar (22.9.16-	All	Russ Payne Tel: 07921 087816

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 5 th October	Lunch time Art Session with Louise Maze
Wednesday 5 th October	2.45pm: Harvest Service in church, all welcome
Thursday 6 th October	Autumn School Census
Thursday 6 th October	Owl Class Trip to Windsor Castle
Wednesday 12 th October	School Portraits
Friday 14 th October	Snapshot Reports issued
Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st October	Year 6 Kilvrough Residential Visit
Mon 17 th & Weds 19 th October	Year 5 pupils from Stoke Row at Checkendon
Tuesday 18 th October	Year 5 pupils to Stoke Row
Thurs 20 th – Friday 21 st October	Year 5 Path Hill Residential Visit
Friday 21 st October	Last Day of Term 1
Mon 24 th – Fri 28 th October	Autumn Holiday
Monday 31 st October	Inset Day – no children in school
Tuesday 1 st November	First Day of Term 2
Tuesday 1 st November	Christingle Choir sessions start
Friday 4 th November	School Association Fireworks
Monday 7 th November	2.30pm: Community Worship, all welcome
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need
Tuesday 22 nd November	Flu Vaccinations Year 1, 2 & 3
Monday 12 th December	2.00pm: Reception & KS1 Nativity
Tuesday 13 th December	5.30pm: Reception & KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 14 th December	6.30pm: Christmas Service in church all welcome
Thursday 15 th December	6.00 – 7.30pm Christmas Disco
Friday 16 th December	Langtree Students Panto at Checkendon
Friday 16 th December	Last Day of Term 2, finish at 2pm
Tuesday 3 rd January	Inset Day – no children in school
Wednesday 4 th January 2017	First Day of Term 3



Elf The Musical

School drama club providers Berzerk Productions have their annual Christmas show on sale. This year will see Berkshire's premiere of the magical production of **"Elf The Musical"** – Based on the hit film. This modern day holiday classic is sure to make every audience member embrace their inner elf. After all, the best way to spread Christmas Cheer is singing loud for all to hear. Tickets now on sale: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/berzerkproductions> – Don't be a cotton headed ninny muggins and book your tickets soon as we have already sold out two performances. For those children that didn't get a chance to join drama club this term we do have a few spaces in our private centre classes for workshops and LAMDA exam classes, so do drop us a message to info@berzerkproductions.com for full information.

Autumn Water Festival

11am-4pm, Sunday 2nd October

Enjoy a family day out this Sunday by attending Earth Trust's annual autumnal celebration of water and wetlands. There'll be water rockets, apple pressing, natural dyeing, a chance to feed the pigs and many more aquatic crafts, games and activities. Poem Tree Café will be open, plus there'll be a hog roast from Coopers Oxford Pork. It's £6 per adult, £3 per child and £15 for a family of four. Book online and beat the queue (incurs a booking fee) or pay on the gate. We look forward to seeing you! More info at www.earthtrust.org.uk.

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