



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

2nd March 2017

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At Checkendon Primary School this week...

School Values Ambassadors

Olivia has been helping with worship this week, setting up the hall and leading prayers as well as reading from the School Values Ambassadors' Book of Stories.

All School Values Ambassadors were involved in the Ash Wednesday Service and the Order of Service booklet was beautifully illustrated by Phoebe and Charlotte.

PE and School Sport

After storm Doris meant last week's netball competition was postponed, two teams from Rhino class will now take part in this week's tournament at Langtree. They will be competing for a place in the regional finals later this month. Good luck!

Worship in school this week

Term 4 Value: Truthfulness

Week 2: Truth and Deception

Text: *The Bad Brother* Genesis 27

Prayer: Lord, Help us always to be truthful in our dealings with our friends. Amen

Music for reflection: Take 5 Dave Brubeck

Community Service

We were delighted to welcome family and friends to our Community Service on Monday. We talked about the Bible story *The Bad Brother* from Genesis 27 and discussed the feelings of Jacob at different points. The lessons about truth and deception introduced in the Bible story, were explored further in *The Boy Who Cried Wolf*. Thank you to everyone who joined us for the service.

Ash Wednesday Service

We all enjoyed the opportunities for reflection at the Ash Wednesday Service in church this week. Thank you to parents and grandparents who joined us, to Graham Littlewood for his Bible reading, to the School Values Ambassadors for their involvement, to Bill Boyer for the music and to Rev Kevin Davies for leading the service.

Class Highlights

Owlet Class

The children in Owlet Class have been practising their subtracting skills and learning the tricky word 'are'. In addition they have been enjoying creating their animal fact files.

Owl Class

The children in Owl Class have been finding out more about Lord Nuffield and why he was famous. Year 1s had a great time using an assembly line to make pictures! We have also been out and about again in the Equestrian Centre grounds, investigating how plants change in late winter/early spring.

Panda Class

The children in Panda class have been questioning Mr Lane about his living arrangements in order to understand why people might choose to live in the town or in the country. They have used this information to help them create a map and booklet to attract people to live in Checkendon. They have also been investigating rhyme in order to create their own book of raps.

Rhino Class

The children in Rhino Class have been letting their imaginations run wild and are writing their own fantasy stories. They have been reading some short stories by Shaun Tan. In science they have been trying to decide who would like to travel into space by learning about famous astronauts and their missions.

Congratulations Aurelia

We are delighted that Aurelia's short film 'Aurelia's Astronaut School' has been nominated in the [Into Film Awards](#) 2017 in the [Into Film: Into Space and Home Under 12's category](#). She has made the final three in her category from hundreds of entries by school, clubs and individuals across the UK and has been invited to attend the awards ceremony on 14th March at the Odeon, Leicester Square. Please click on the link to watch her wonderful film https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Omfwf4-73_M&index=20&list=PLYOHB4V8B-q6EPSgaC_BE3jc8beUrL9zH

New Parent Governor Vacancy

From May 2017 there will be a Parent Governor vacancy as Pete Schmidt steps down after completing his term. Pete is on the Resources Committee, with specific responsibility for monitoring the maintenance and upkeep of the school premises. If you may be interested being a school governor please speak to Pete Schmidt, Jackie Griffin, Gillian Seymour or contact the school office.

Mrs Martin

Following Mrs Martin's recovery, she has been advised to have another week off school. You will have seen this morning that Mrs Evans is in Owlet Class and will be until Mrs Martin's return next Friday, with the exception of next Wednesday when Mr Boyer is looking forward to spending the morning in Owlet Class. We continue to wish Mrs Martin a good recovery.

School Administrator Vacancy

It is with regret that due to a change in family circumstances Sarah Doherty has resigned from the position as School Administrator. Sarah has thoroughly enjoyed the past year working at Checkendon and will certainly miss the staff, pupils, parents and Governors and thanks everyone for making the role so enjoyable. Please pass on the advertisement below to anyone you think may be interested.



Checkendon CE Primary School

Finance Officer/Administrator

**Grade 6. Full time (8.15am – 4.00pm Monday - Friday, term-time only) plus 1 INSET Day.
Required to start 24th April 2017**

We are looking for a warm and friendly person with a welcoming manner, good computer skills and excellent organisational abilities to help run our school office, and to play a key role in school life. Checkendon is a happy school with lovely children, a great staff team and well-appointed facilities.

Closing date for applications: Monday 20th March 12pm

Interviews: Thursday 23rd March

If you are interested in this position, there are more details on our website: www.checkendon.oxon.sch.uk under the 'our school' tab. Visits are recommended and warmly welcomed. To book a school visit, please telephone the school office on **01491 680693** during school hours.

Please email the school office office.3801@checkendon.oxon.sch.uk for an application form.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS check will be required.

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Thank you to Parent Volunteers

A big thank you to Suzanne Bradley, Zoe Hood Cree and Zoe Stott who have volunteered to participate in a new reading booster programme in Panda Class. We are very appreciative of your time to support this new initiative.

Summer Term Clubs

We hope the children enjoyed the visit from Mad Science and Linkai Judo Club this week who are looking to offer a club at Checkendon next term. Please do register your interest or speak to the office if you require any further details.

School Association Contact Details

The School Association Chairs, Wendy and Pete have set up an email address, please contact them at the following address for anything related to the School Association checkendonsa@gmail.com.

Fund raising for our School Association without doing anything!

Why not collect free funds for our school whilst shopping online? Simply register at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/checkendonprimaryschoolassociation

Then every time you shop at some of your favourite stores like Amazon, John Lewis, Argos, M&S you will earn vital funds for the play tower and other school projects. Thank you for your support.

Sainsbury's Active Kids

The Sainsbury's Active Kids voucher scheme is returning and Checkendon School are taking part to earn new cooking and sports equipment. We would like to ask parents to collect the vouchers and post them in the collection box outside the School Office.

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 telephone or 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 have sent emergency contact email details to the office. If parents need to find out whether or not the school is closed they should:

- Check their email if they have asked to be contacted by email;
- 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.

Term 4 - Extra-Curricular Activities

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	YEARS	ORGANISERS
Monday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	Drama Factory (16.1.17-27.3.17)	Yrs 2-6	Berzerk 07976 652742 Josh Buckland
	3.30-4.30	Pottery (9.1.17-20.3.17)	Yrs 2-6	Sarah Rushbrook 07771 768491
Tuesday	(S.R.Pavillion) 8.00-8.30	Stoke Row Running Club	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 (28.2.17-28.3.17)	All	Check. Equestrian Centre Tel: 01491 680225
	3.30-4.30	Archery Club		Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
Wednesday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Lunchtime	Violin (11.1.17-	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685
Thursday	08.00-08.40	Music Club (5.1.17-6.4.17)	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	11.10-11.30	Woodwind	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service
	Lunchtime	Chill Skills Club (23.2.17-6.4.17)	Yr5&6	Sophia Cleverly, Relax Kids 07811268990
	3.30-4.30	Magical Maths Club (12.1.17-2.3.17)	All	Tom Ward 01162029944
Friday	08.00 – 08.40	Dodgeball (3.3.17-31.3.17)	All	Paul Meakin 07976 651635
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Lunchtime	Chess Club (20.1.17-31.3.17)	Y3-6	Mr Boyer Owl Class
	3.30-4.30	Football (20.1.17-31.3.17)	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332
	3.30	Guitar	All	Russ Payne Tel: 07921 087816

Dates for your Diary

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Thursday 27 th April	Bluebell Walk
Mon 8 th – Thurs 11 th May	KS2 SATS
Monday 8 th May	3.00pm: Community Worship, all welcome
Thursday 18 th May	School Census – Please order a school meal
Thursday 25 th May	2.30pm: Parents Forum, all welcome
Friday 26 th May	Last Day of Term 5
Monday 5 th June	First Day of Term 6
Friday 9 th June	2.00pm: Pentecost Service & May Pole Dancing, all welcome
Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th June	Phonics Assessments
Monday 12 th June	3.00pm: Community Worship, all welcome
Thursday 6 th July	Reports Issued
Friday 14 th July	Sports Day
Monday 17 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 21 st July	1.15pm: Leavers Service
Friday 21 st July	Last Day of Term 6, finish at 2pm

Church Services & Community Worship		
Community Worship	Monday 8 th May 2017	3.00pm
Pentecost Service & Maypole Dancing	Friday 9 th June 2017	2.00pm
Community Worship	Monday 12 th June 2017	3.00pm

INSET Day
Friday 7 th April 2017

Parents Forum	
Thursday 25 th May 2017	2.30pm

Parent Consultation Evenings and Reports	
Reports issued	Thursday 6 th July 2017



COFFEE SHOP

Saturday 4th March 2017

10am-12noon

Checkendon Village Hall

**Come & enjoy tea, coffee, soft drinks and
homemade cakes with your friends! Activity
table for children. Free parking.**



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