



# CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

30<sup>th</sup> June 2016

## Ofsted judge Checkendon C of E School a GOOD School.

We are delighted to share the official report from our recent Ofsted Inspection which judged Checkendon C.E. School as a **GOOD** school, judging the school as **GOOD** in all areas. Thank you everyone who has worked so hard throughout the last two years to make this happen!

These are just a few highlights:

*Pupils work hard and are proud of their achievements. Pupils say they feel valued and safe. They try to live the school's values and look out for one another.*

*Teachers plan interesting work that engages pupils well. They check pupils' progress regularly and plan effective extra help whenever needed. Teaching assistants are skilful and contribute strongly to pupils' learning. Members of staff work as a strong team and are committed to the school's success.*

*Parents are very positive about the school. They say they are involved and well informed and that their children are happy and making good progress*

*The headteacher and governors share high expectations and are determined to continue the improvement in the school's performance.*

Please do read and enjoy the full report on the website and attached to this newsletter.

## Diary for Term 6

Monday 11th July 2.15pm in the school hall	Rhino Class Production
Tuesday 12th July 6.30pm in the school hall	Rhino Class Production
Friday 15th July from 12:00	Sports Day
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July from 12:00	Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 19th July 2:45 in the school hall	Farewell to Dawn Cox, Louise Jessel, Marilyn Maddock and Elise Way – all welcome
Wednesday 20th July 1.15pm in church	Leavers Service - all welcome, especially parents of Year 6

## What have we been learning in school this week?

### Owlet Class

On Monday we came to school dressed as a character linked with the sea. Some of us came dressed for the beach, we also had a jellyfish, a mermaid and lots of pirates. We walked the plank, made ships, compasses, treasure maps, wrote our own sea shanty and listened to lots of stories about the sea. We have also been finding out about water safety.

### Owl Class

We welcomed Rabbi Zvi Solomons to the school on Tuesday. After a whole school assembly discovering

some of the similarities between Christians and members of the Jewish faith, Rabbi Zvi explained the importance of Shabbat and the Friday evening meal. The children had the chance to share two loaves of challah, drink grape juice, and listen to stories from the Torah.

### **Panda Class**

This week, Children in Panda class have been reflecting on their learning journey over the past year. They have used this to write their pupil comments for the reports. In maths we have been revisiting time and exploring some tricky (and trick) questions.

### **Rhino Class**

This week children in Rhino Class have been in rehearsals for their end of term performance. They are working hard to learn their parts and are all in good voice! They are working together to design their stage and costumes. It promises to be a memorable performance.

### **Rhino Class 2016-17 staffing update**

We are delighted that, after a break to spend more time with her family, Mrs Brereton will be returning to teach in Rhino Class after the Christmas holidays! Alison LeCorgne, a very experienced Key Stage 2 teacher whom we know well, will be full time class teacher for the Autumn Term and is looking forward to accompanying Year 6 pupils to Kilvrough. We hope she will be very happy at Checkendon.

### **School Council News**

This week Mrs Seymour joined the first part of our School Council meeting to discuss ways to improve pupil engagement in whole schools worship. We decided to trial using the 'lolly stick' method which is used in classes. Each class has a pot of lolly sticks on which are written the names of all the children in the class. Rather than asking children to put their hands up to answer questions, teachers will sometimes ask a question, give the children time to reflect or discuss with a partner and then select a name from the pot. Using the lolly sticks, the person leading worship would be able to target questions of varying levels of difficulty at specific classes. If partner discussion has taken place before the question is asked, the child selected could choose to respond with their partner.

We then went on to discuss the outcome of class council discussions on the wearing of helmets when using scooters. As the majority of children in each class voted in favour of wearing helmets we will now investigate the available guidance and make a recommendation about introducing new school rules.

### **Governors' news**

The governors would like to wish Mrs Seymour and all her staff huge congratulations in achieving GOOD in our recent Ofsted inspection. We thank them all for all their continuing efforts and hard work on behalf of the children, families and community at Checkendon.

We are pleased to welcome Graham Littlewood (grandfather of Ben and Leo Chapman) on to the Governing Body as our new Parent Governor from September.

### **Use of the school playground and field outside of school hours**

It has come to our attention that the school premises including the field and playground are being used outside of school hours. This is prohibited; please ensure that your children do not under any circumstances enter the school grounds outside of school hours.

### **Scooters and footballs in the playground**

Please ensure that children do not scoot or cycle in the playground before or after school as, with so many people around, this is quite hazardous. For the same reason, footballs are not used on the school

playground at the beginning and end of the school day. In the interests of safety, we recommend that children *wheel* their scooters and bicycles up and down the drive. Thank you for your support.

### **Collection**

As you know, at the end of this term we will be saying fond farewells to a number of valued members of staff. If you would like to contribute to gifts for Dawn Cox, Louise Jessel, Marilyn Maddock or Elise Way, please put donations in labelled envelopes and post these in the box on the wall by the office door (*please do not hand them directly to staff*).

Thank you

### **Class Choirs Concert – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

Please join us at 2.30pm on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July for a concert by Panda Class and Owl Class Choirs, which have taught by Emma Davies in weekly sessions this term.

### **A letter from the Bishop of Dorchester**

Following our recent SIAMS Inspection, we have received a letter from The Rt Revd Colin Fletcher OBE congratulating the school on a positive report. A copy of the letter is attached to the newsletter email.

### **ConquerMaths**

Please return your ConquerMaths subscription letters and payment by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July, if you haven't already done so.

### **Stoke Row Running Club**

Stoke Row Running Club will finish for this term on Tuesday 12th July rather than on Wednesday 13th July. Usual time and usual place just a different day!

### **Lunchtime helpers required**

We would be very interested in hearing from you if you would be willing to volunteer to assist during the lunch hour from 12 – 1pm. During this time you would assist the children whilst eating their lunch and assist supervising the playground. We would welcome offers from volunteers or applicants for a paid position.

### **Flute and Bassoon lessons**

Last week the children received a demonstration of these woodwind instruments, if your child would like to have lessons in either instrument next term, please pick up a form from the office.

## Extra-Curricular Activities Term 6

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	YEARS	ORGANISERS
<b>Monday</b>	8.00-8.40	<b>Dodgeball (06.6.16-11.7.16)</b>	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	<b>Drama Factory (18.4.16-11.7.16)</b>	3-6	Berzerk Matt 07976 652742
<b>Tuesday</b>	12.00-12.45	<b>Judo (19.4.16 – 28.6.16 )</b>	1 – 6	linkai Tel: 0118 9885822
	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
		<b>Guitar</b>	All	Ian Marriss Tel: 07926 383737
	During school	<b>School Council</b>	2-6	Gill Peeling
	3.30-4.30	<b>French Club (19.4.16-12.7.16)</b>	2-6	Tutorbox Tel: 0118 9841684 Irene Casey
3.30-4.30	<b>Quidditch (07.6.16-12.7.16)</b>	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890	
<b>Wednesday</b>	(S.R.Pavillion) 8.00-8.30	<b>Running Club</b>	3-6	Chris Lee Elise Way
		<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
		<b>Violin</b>	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685
	3.30 – 4.30	<b>Badminton (08.6.16-13.7.16)</b>	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
<b>Thursday</b>	8.00-8.40	<b>Archery (09.6.16-14.7.16)</b>	1-6	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
	Lunchtime	<b>Woodwind</b>	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service Tel: 07958 537157
<b>Friday</b>	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	(Outside/Hall) 3.30-4.30	<b>Football (22.4.16-15.7.16)</b>	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332

## Dates for your Diary

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	2.30pm Class Choirs Concert
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	2.15pm: Rhino Class Production
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	6.30pm: Rhino Class Production
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole school learning project: The Olympics
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day reserve
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	2:45pm Farewell to staff
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	1.15pm Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of Term 6

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