



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

30th March 2017

Diary for Term 4	
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At Checkendon Primary School this week...

School Values Ambassadors

Max has been helping with worship this week, setting up the hall and leading prayers.

PE and School Sport

This week a group of children from Rhino Class attended a swimming gala at the Oratory Senior School. There were individual races for boys and girls in backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and front crawl as well as mixed relays and a number of fun races. The doggie paddle and crocodile were particularly entertaining! All of the children were very enthusiastic both when competing and supporting, and put in a great effort to come 4th overall. Goring School was out in front but there was only one point between each of the teams in 2nd, 3rd and 4th place. The medal for courage and determination went to Olivia. Well done everyone!

Worship in school this week

Term 4 Value: Truthfulness

Week 6: Seeing the truth

Text: A Miracle on the Damascus Road taken from The Lion Bible for Children

Music for reflection: Gregorian Chant: Choral Scholars of the Hofburgkappelle Vienna

Class Highlights

Owlet Class

The children in Owlet Class have been planning, doing and reviewing! These skills have been used by children when making their animal habitats. Our challenge is to be able to identify what we could have done differently and learn to assess our work and change it as necessary. The habitats look amazing and the children have worked very hard on them. They are displayed in the classroom so come in and have a look.

Owl Class

The children in Owl Class have been out and about visiting Butler & Proctor. We found out all about telehandlers, skip dumpers and JCBs. Thank you Mr Butler for demonstrating all these interesting vehicles

to us and letting us sit in the driving seats.

Panda Class

The children in Panda Class have been investigating states of matter by classifying solids, liquids and gases to help define what they mean and to understand how these states of matter can change. They have also been writing their own fictional stories in the style of Fantastic Mr. Fox.

Rhino Class

The children in Rhino class have had an exciting week and have been filming their own information documentary about the Maya civilisation, using our green screen equipment. They have all worked together: as reporters, cameramen, directors and producers to create an informative and fun film.

School Administrator

We are pleased to announce that Karen Barker has been appointed as our new Administrator, starting after Easter. Karen is married with 3 children and lives in Henley. She has worked in local government and industry for 25 years in finance and communication roles. In her spare time she is a keen runner having run the London marathon twice and enjoys spending time with her family and friends and watching TV thrillers. Karen is really looking forward to meeting and supporting everyone in the school community.



Parent Governor urgently required!

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 Sarah Doherty.

Red Nose Day

Thank you for your generous donations to this very worthwhile cause; we raised an amazing **£121.47** with our Joke Competition. The class winners and their jokes were:

Louis from Owlets: How do you make an octopus laugh?

Answer: Give him ten tickles.

Samuel from Owls: What do you give a skeleton on his birthday?

Answer: A mobile bone.

Henry from Rhinos: What do you call an old snowman?

Answer: A puddle.

It was very difficult choosing an overall winner, however, School Council finally decided on **Lucy's** joke which was the Panda Class winner:

There once was a balloon family and it was time for baby balloon to go to bed. But he could not get to sleep so he decided to go into his Mum and Dad's bed. But he could not fit. So he let himself down a bit. He still could not fit, so he let his Mum down a bit. He still could not fit so he let his Dad down a bit and then he could fit. Then his Dad woke up and said "You've let yourself down, your mother down and me down".

Lucy's prize was a 'Horrid Henry Jumbo Joke Book' so she can continue to amuse her friends and family with her joke-telling skills!

School Council News

At this week's meeting we talked about how to avoid mud from the field being brought into classrooms,

especially as we will now be using the field more as the weather improves. We discussed the option of wearing school shoes in class but then changing into trainers or wellies if the field is muddy. Class councils will now consider where to store muddy footwear, if this plan were to go ahead. We also discussed the problem raised by Panda Class Council of how to avoid children going through the football area at break time and disrupting games. Children in Panda Class and Owl Class who use this route to the playground will be encouraged by their teachers to go out quickly at break time and take everything they need with them so that they do not need to return to their classroom. For Owl class we decided that the best option would be for the Rhino daily monitor to collect the children from their classroom and lead them through the football area in one group. The footballers will allow children through the area before they start their game so that we can all enjoy a safe and happy playtime!

Summer Term Clubs

A reminder to sign up for extracurricular clubs starting after Easter. Judo and the new Mad Science Club don't currently have enough children signed up to run so please do sign your child up if they would like to attend otherwise they will be cancelled. Details are below for the popular Music Club run by Emma Davies on Thursday mornings and please look out for details of Ignite sports clubs shortly. Attending extracurricular clubs is an excellent opportunity for children to try new activities and socialise with friends so please do give your support to these clubs.

2017 national curriculum tests for key stages 1 and 2: information for parents

Please see the following link on information regarding the forthcoming statutory tests taking place in primary Schools. We would like to remind parents that any holidays taken in school time is unauthorised, but we especially urge parents to avoid taking holidays during testing periods as it has a detrimental effect both on pupils and the school. Thank you for your support.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2017-national-curriculum-tests-for-key-stages-1-and-2-information-for-parents>

Oxfordshire County Council: links about keeping children safe online to support parents to understand the risks of the internet

A number of resources are now available for parents to understand about the risks of the internet and keeping children safe. These digital resources feature guides for parents on everything from Whatsapp to Kik; a guide to the social networks children and young people use, and a Digital Parenting magazine from Vodafone for parents to help children and young people navigate the web safely.

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/How-to-guides/?mc_cid=6edb2c8180&mc_eid=e2fd8af67c

https://www.net-aware.org.uk/?mc_cid=6edb2c8180&mc_eid=e2fd8af67c

http://www.vodafone.com/content/dam/vodafone-images/parents/assets-2016/pdf/Digital%20Parenting%20Magazine%20Issue%205.pdf?mc_cid=6edb2c8180&mc_eid=e2fd8af67c

Lily Clifton

We are delighted to announce that former Checkendon pupil, Lily Clifton, won her second arts award for achievements in dance at the South Oxfordshire District Council's annual Young Achiever Awards, held at Didcot civic hall. The scheme, now in its 13th year, celebrates excellence in sport, the arts and citizenship by 11- to 18-year-olds from across the district. Lily recently competed at the World Tap Championships, where she won gold medals for production and formation and in the past year she has been placed first at several national championships. Congratulations Lily!

Pottery Club

A message to all those children who attended Pottery club this term, your finished masterpieces are in the office ready for collection.

Running Club

There will be no running club on Tuesday 4th April, however the club will return as normal after Easter.

School Association Clothing Collection

Thinking of having a sort out over Easter? We have arranged a clothing collection in May to raise money for school funds and would be grateful for any donated items of clean clothing. Please look out for collecting bags in book bags next week, please return these to the school office by Friday 12th May. Many thanks for your support.

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.

Bluebell Walk – Thursday 27th April

Our annual walk through the Bluebell Woods of Checkendon will take place on Thursday 27th April. The staff and children will leave school after lunch and will return before the end of the school day, parents and friends are welcome to join us.

‘Play fighting’ after school

‘Play fighting’ is not allowed at school. Several parents have raised concerns about over-boisterous play in the playground *after school* and a number of recent incidents have resulted in minor injuries. Please ensure that children are adequately supervised if they remain on school premises after school. Thank you for your support.

Playing on the field after school

A parent has raised a health and safety concern about children playing round the electricity pylon near the play tower unsupervised after school. Please ensure that children are adequately supervised if they remain on school premises after school. Thank you for your support.

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.

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 6 th April	Last Day of Term 4
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Monday 24 th April	First Day of Term 5
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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

Checkendon School Music Club

“The only thing better than singing is more singing” Ella Fitzgerald

When - Before school 8 - 8.40am every Thursday during term time
April 27th - July 20th

Where - Checkendon School Hall

Who - Anyone who enjoys singing and wants to learn more about music
Open to all year groups

What - Singing, playing, moving, kazooing
Clapping, tapping, rapping, performing!

Cost - £50 for the term (12 sessions)

If you would like to book a place for your son/daughter please fill in the form below and return it to the school office with a cheque for £50 per child made payable to Emma Davies by **Wednesday 5th April** at the latest. Places are limited.
Payment is non-refundable.

Emma Davies
daviesems-piano@mybtinternet.com



Music Club

I would like to book a place/places for my child/children and enclose a cheque for £50 per child.

Child's name(s)

Year group

If your child plays an instrument eg piano, violin, flute, guitar, recorder, please specify which instrument and level reached eg beginner, grade 1, 2 etc.

Parent's name

Signature



HENNERTON GOLF CLUB

EASTER HOLIDAY GOLF CAMPS



Monday 3rd April
Wednesday 5th April
Friday 7th April
Wednesday 12th April
Thursday 13th April

10:00am – 2:30pm

For ages 6 years and up

**A fun-packed day of golfing fun & games
with lunch and Easter prizes included.**

£20 per player

Equipment provided if necessary

**To book please contact Warren in the Pro-shop on 0118 9401000
or email warren@hennertongolfclub.co.uk**

**Hennerton Golf Club, Crazies Hill Road,
Wargrave, RG10 8LT**

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