



# CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017

### Diary for Term 2

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Big Christmas Sing, Oxford Town Hall <i>Final rehearsal tomorrow at 8am</i>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu Vaccination (Reception to Year 4)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	1:00pm KS2 Cross Country at Goring Sheepcote Recreation Ground
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	6pm: Parent and Child Online Safety Workshop for children in Years 4, 5 and 6 <i>Please return your reply slip if you haven't already</i>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	2:30pm Reception & KS1 Nativity Play: all welcome
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	5:30pm Reception & KS1 Nativity Play: all welcome
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Lunch <i>please order online with Aspens</i>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	6pm Christmas Service in the Church
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Term 2, <i>finish at 2pm</i>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	First day of Term 3

### Learning highlights this week...

Children in **Owlet Class** have had a visit from a space scientist! Clare Rowling very kindly came into school to talk to us about what it would be like to be an astronaut. We have just begun the countdown to Christmas and have started learning some of our nativity songs. Children in **Owl Class** have been given their roles for the Nativity and have started to develop the script. The songs are on the way too! Only a week until the dress rehearsal. After reading *The Egyptian Cinderella*, *Irish Cinderlad* and *Princess Furball* and watching the animation *Penguin Cinderella*, children in **Panda Class** enjoyed writing their own versions of the Cinderella and designed some impressive front covers for their story booklets. We are very grateful to Miss Mundy and Miss Lloyd who joined the class to help us create papier mache masks based on those used by Ancient Romans. Children in **Rhino class** have been learning about the poetry of Charles Causley and enjoyed performing some of his poems. They have been writing their own descriptive poetry using similar themes and style. Below are pictures of their Anglo-Saxon settlement that they designed and built and showed to children in Owlet Class.



### Sports Highlights

Last week the girls from Rhino class took part in a football tournament at Langtree. They played two matches against each of Goring, Whitchurch, Nettlebed and South Stoke making a total of 8 matches. Some of the girls had never played football competitively before but entered into the spirit of the event with great enthusiasm. They improved in every match and without exception said they enjoyed it and would like to play more; it was lovely to see the girls choose to improve their football skills the following day in the playground! Polly was awarded the medal for teamwork. Well done girls!

### Flu Vaccination session

The School Nurse Team will be coming into school on **4<sup>th</sup> December** to vaccinate children in Reception class and Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 who have returned their consent forms with parental consent. ***Children returning their consent forms late may not be vaccinated in the school session.***

### Is your child wheezy or unwell?

If your child has a wheezy episode up to 3 days before the school session, please inform the School Nurse Team as this would mean they were not fit enough to be vaccinated. If your child has taken steroids up to 2 weeks before the school session this also means they are not fit enough to have the vaccination in school, please inform the School Nurse Team.

### Catch up clinics

Children not vaccinated on the day as absent or unwell, or who have returned their consent forms too late (unless you have informed us) will be invited to the School Health Nurses catch up sessions. Only children who are at high risk from flu due to one or more medical conditions can have this vaccination at their GP surgeries.

Please do contact your local School Health Nurse Team if you have any queries or use our dedicated email of: [Flu.schoolnurses@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:Flu.schoolnurses@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk)

### eSafety Policy

We have recently updated our eSafety Policy to reflect current practice. A copy of the policy has been attached to the newsletter email.

### 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 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 receive the weekly newsletter. If parents need to find out whether or not the school is closed they should:

- Check their email
- Look on the county public website: [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://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.

### **Christmas Tree**

We now have a lovely twinkly Christmas tree in the school hall. Thank you to Root One Garden Centre for donating the tree and to Kate Ashley, Suzanne Bradley and Wendy Butler for their decorating touches.

### **Extra-Curricular Clubs**

#### **Relax Kids**

Just a reminder that Relax Kids is not on tomorrow but back again on 8<sup>th</sup> December in the hall.

### **Fundraising**

#### **Book Fair**

Thank you to everyone who supported the book fair. You helped generate over £300 for the school to spend on books. Thank you too to Julia Butler and Mrs Brereton for running the fair. Mrs Seymour is writing her shopping list with much enthusiasm and we hope the children will enjoy all the new books that will be appearing in school soon as well as the ones you have purchased, thank you.

#### **Christmas Tea Towels**

Final tea towel orders are due in by tomorrow (Friday 1st December). Please see the school office if you would like an order form.

## Term 2 Extra-Curricular Activities

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	YEARS	ORGANISERS
<b>Monday</b>	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	<b>Drama Factory (11/9/17 – 27/11/17)</b> No club on 30 <sup>th</sup> October due to inset day	Yrs 2-6	Berzerk Tel: 07976 652742
<b>Tuesday</b>	(S.R.Pavillion) 8.00-8.30	<b>Stoke Row Running Club (restarting 12/9/17)</b>	Yrs 3-6	Stoke Row Running Club Elise Way - eliseway@hotmail.co.uk
	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-5.15	<b>Equestrian Club (31/10/17 – 28/11/17)</b>	All	Checkendon Equestrian Centre Tel: 01491 680225
	3.30-4.30	<b>Dodgeball (14/11/17 to 12/12/17)</b>		Paul Meakin Details to be sent out shortly
<b>Wednesday</b>	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Lunchtime	<b>Violin (restarting on 20/9/17)</b>	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685 elestr.lee@btopenworld.com
	3.30-4.30	<b>Gymnastics (8/11/17 to 5/12/17)</b>		Paul Meakin Details to be sent out shortly
<b>Thursday</b>	08.00-08.40	<b>Music Club (7/9/17 to 14/12/17)</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	10:05	<b>Woodwind</b>	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service
<b>Friday</b>	08.00-08.45 (Panda Classroom)	<b>Relax Kids (3/11/17 to 15/12/17) excluding 1/12/17</b>	Yrs 1-6	Sophia Cleverly Tel: 07811 268990 relaxkidssouthoxfordshire@gmail.com
	08.00-08.45 (School Hall)	<b>'Big Christmas Sing' Choir (last one 1/12/17)</b>	Yrs 3-6	Bill Boyer 01491 680693
	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	<b>Football (15/9/17 to 15/12/17) Double session on 15/12/17</b>	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332
	3.30	<b>Guitar (restarting on 22/9/17)</b>	All	Russ Payne Tel: 07921 087816

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	3pm Community Worship
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	from 3:30pm: Parents' Evening
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	from 3:30pm: Parents' Evening
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term 3, finish at 3.20pm
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Spring Holiday
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Inset day – no children in school
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	First day of term 4
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	3pm Community Worship
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of term 4, finish at 3.20pm
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holiday
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Inset day – no children in school
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of term 5
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	3pm Community Worship
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs week
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of term 5, finish at 3.20pm
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> May – Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Jun	Summer Holiday
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset day – no children in school
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	First day of term 6
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	3pm Community Worship
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Annual Reports issued
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term 6, finish at 2pm

**South Oxfordshire Music Centre**

# CHRISTMAS CONCERT



**3.15pm - Saturday 2 December - 2017**  
ST. MARY LE MORE CHURCH, WALLINGFORD TOWN CENTRE

Free entry, donations welcome towards music for all in Oxfordshire

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# Christ Church Cathedral Choir Oxford

## Chorister for a Day Saturday 27th January 2018 2.30 pm – 7.00 pm

Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, is hosting a day to show what it's like to be a chorister in one of the world's most famous choirs.

Do you know a boy with musical potential (between the ages of 8 and 9) who loves music and would enjoy seeing what it's like to be a chorister?



Please contact Clare James, Registrar at Christ Church Cathedral School

Tel: 01865 242561 Email: [registrar@cccs.org.uk](mailto:registrar@cccs.org.uk)

[www.cccs.org.uk](http://www.cccs.org.uk)

Closing date: 19th January 2018

If your son is interested please speak to your class teacher.



## **OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SINGING SCHOOL CHRISTMAS COURSE**

DATES: Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st December 2017

WHERE: Magdalen College, OXFORD. ([magd.ox.ac.uk](http://magd.ox.ac.uk))

BOOKING: Via Our Website [www.oxbridgesingingschool.co.uk](http://www.oxbridgesingingschool.co.uk)

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