



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 3rd May 2018

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Justice cannot be for one side alone, but must be for both. Eleanor Roosevelt

Diary for Term 5

Wednesday 9 th May	Owl Class visit to Blue Tin Farm <i>letters sent home today</i>
Thursday 10 th May	2pm Year 5/6 Quad Kids athletics event at Langtree
Friday 11 th May	Parents Coffee Morning straight after drop off – all welcome!
Friday 11 th May	3pm Panda Class 'Material World' performance to school and parents
Monday 14 th May	Year 6 SATs: English grammar, punctuation and spelling
Tuesday 15 th May	Year 6 SATs: English reading
Wednesday 16 th May	Year 6 SATs: Maths 1&2
Thursday 17 th May	Year 6 SATs: Maths 3
	School Census
	2pm Year 3/4 Quad Kids athletics event at Langtree
	Year 6 and Year 5 Deposits for residential visits due
Wednesday 23 rd May	Rhino and Owlet Class visit to Beale Park
Friday 25 th May	2pm Pentecost Service and Country Dancing <i>everybody is welcome</i>

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/fortnite-all-you-need-know/>

The multiplayer action survival game, **Fortnite: Battle Royale**, has received a lot of media coverage recently due to growing popularity amongst children and also emerging safety concerns. Use of the game has grown rapidly amongst children and young people since the launch of the mobile game in March 2018. The game involves 100 players fighting each other in real time to be the final survivor.

What features and risks are there on Fortnite?

Fortnite: Battle Royale has several features that can be fun, but there are also risks.

- Players can add friends in the mobile game if they have an account with Epic, the game's developer. Friends can be added by username in the game's main menu.
- There is a chat feature in the game that allows users to contact each other using voice or text. You can disable voice chat in the game by selecting the 3 lines in the top right of the screen, select the settings icon, choose the 'Audio' tab at the top of the screen and go to the 'Voice Chat' option, where you can select 'Off'.
- There is cartoon violence in the game. Players can use a variety of weapons to kill other players, such as guns and axes.

Age ratings

- **Epic Games: Fortnite Battle Royale** does not direct the game to children under the **age of 13** in the UK.
- The PEGI rating **12 years old**. However, PEGI does not take chat features into consideration when rating games. You can find out more about age ratings by clicking on the link above.
- The **App Store** users must be **12+** to play.

Follow the NSPCC TEAM tips to help keep your child safe online when playing online games:

- Talk to your child regularly about what they are doing online and how to stay safe. Let them know they can

come to you or another trusted adult if they're feeling worried or upset by anything they have seen.

- **Explore** your child's online activities with your child and make sure they know how to keep themselves safe.
- **Agree** your own rules as a family when using sites, apps and games.
- **Manage** your technology and use the settings available to keep your child safe.

If you'd like advice and support about keeping your children safe online, call the free O2 NSPCC Online Safety Helpline on 0808 800 5002.

At school this week

Class Highlights

Children in **Owlet Class** have begun gardening. We have planted beans, tomatoes and a variety of flowers. The planting will continue into next week and we are hoping to get the raised beds dug and planted with onions and pumpkins. As well as eggs in the incubator we are watching some tadpoles in the tank and have been learning about life cycles connected with this. Mr Boyer is really excited to be back with **Owl Class** and he particularly enjoyed hearing the children perform their Julia Donaldson songs to the school and their parents. This week the children have been identifying the different plants on our field. Children in **Panda Class** have started reading Mr Stink and will complete an English unit on this over the next couple of weeks. They have also this week been working in groups to design and build bridges and rafts. Well done to Joseph W for building the raft which held the most weight before sinking! Children in **Rhino Class** have continued learning about the USA by researching the history of the native American Indians and how the first settlers arrived. The children have also been learning about the different climate zones across such a large country.

Sports Highlights

The first event of the summer term recently took place when a group of children from Year 5 took part in a tag rugby tournament in Wallingford. Checkendon finished 4th in their group and 7th overall. This was the first time some of the children had played tag rugby competitively and there were a lot of rules to get used to! However, after a bit of practice, the children got to grips with the game and worked really well as a team winning 3 of their matches. Well done everyone!

Mrs Seymour at the Houses of Parliament

On Monday, Mrs Seymour and a number of other head teachers were invited by John Howell MP to Westminster for a meeting with Nick Gibb MP, Minister of State for School Standards. The meeting was specially arranged by John Howell for small primary schools within his constituency to discuss issues that relate particularly to small schools. These included the new national funding formula, SEN budgets, academisation, and the fair reporting of progress measures when cohorts are small. In total, eight schools were represented at the meeting and we all appreciated the opportunity to have a full and frank discussion of our current concerns at such a high level. We'll have to wait and see if any of our proposals appear in policies in due course!

KS1 Statutory Assessments

During May, children in Year 2 will be sitting national curriculum tests in English and maths, commonly called SATs. Please see the separate attachment for more information about the purpose and timing of the tests.

Cutting Down on Plastics

Thank you for supporting the school's commitment to 'do our bit' by avoiding non-recyclable plastics in children's breaktime snacks. **As a reminder, children are not allowed breaktime snacks with non-recyclable plastic wrappers.**



Showjumping Success

Last month Alfie, a pupil Panda Class, was placed 4th in two showjumping classes held at Checkendon Equestrian Centre and so has qualified for the finals at the Sunshine Tour Show held at the world-renowned and international course at Hickstead in September. Congratulations Alfie!!

Parents Coffee Morning

All parents are invited to a parent led coffee morning being held in school on the 11th May. A nice opportunity for parents, across all years, to simply say hi, catch up and eat cake, even if just for 5 minutes; it would be great to see you.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Relax Kids are offering a free taster session this Friday morning of fun team games, stretching, learning tools for relaxation, mindfulness, self-esteem and self-confidence. "Why not boost your child's brain power and help them develop their emotional literacy, empathy, resilience, grit and focus whilst giving them tools to relax - for life?" If your child is interested please turn up on Friday morning at 8am.

Due to the SATs there will be no violin or guitar lessons taking place at school in the week beginning 14/5/18.

Term 5 Extra-Curricular Activities

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	YEARS	ORGANISERS
Monday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.20-4.20	Pottery (23/4/18 – 9/7/18)	Yrs 2-6	Sarah Rushbrooke Sarahrushbrooke@outlook.com 07771 768491
	3.30-4.30	Cricket (23/4/18 – 9/7/18)	Yrs 3-6	Paul Meakin paulmeakinsportscoach@gmail.com
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
	3.30-4.30	Sculpture Project 1/5/18 to 15/5/18 KS2 22/5/18 to 5/6/18 Reception & KS1	All Please refer to dates	Susannah Lovegrove zanlovegrove@gmail.com
	3.30-5.15	Equestrian Club (17/4/18 to 15/5/18)	All	Checkendon Equestrian Centre Tel: 01491 680225
Wednesday	08.00-08.40 (Hall)	Festival of Voices	KS2	Bill Boyer c/o School Office
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Lunchtime	Violin (restarting on 18/4/18)	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685 elestr.lee@btopenworld.com
Thursday	08.00-08.40	Music Club (19/4/18 – 19/7/18)	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	09:50 and 10:10	Woodwind	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service
Friday	08.00-08.40 (Hall)	Relax Kids (restarting 20/4/18)	Yrs 1-6	Sophia Cleverly Tel: 07811 268990 relaxkidssouthoxfordshire@gmail.com
	08.00-08.40	Tennis (27/4/18 – 6/7/18 excluding 11/5/18)	Yrs 1-6	Matt Whittle (whittlematthew@hotmail.com)
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	Football (27/4/18 – 13/7/18)	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332
	3.30	Guitar (restarting on 27/4/18)	All	Russ Payne Tel: 07921 087816

Dates for your Diary

2017/18

Friday 25 th May	Last day of term 5, finish at 3.20pm
Mon 28 th May – Fri 1 st Jun	Half Term
Monday 4 th June	Inset day – no children in school
Tuesday 5 th June	First day of term 6
Monday 11 th June	3pm Community Worship
Thursday 5 th July	Annual Reports issued
Friday 13 th July	Sports Day
Wednesday 18 th July	2pm Rhino Class Production
Thursday 19 th July	6pm Rhino Class Production
Wednesday 25 th July	1.15pm Leavers' Service
Wednesday 25 th July	Last day of term 6, finish at 2pm
Thurs 26 th July – Mon 3 rd Sept	Summer Holiday

2018/19

Tuesday 4 th September	Inset day – no children in school
Wednesday 5 th September	First day of term 1
Friday 19 th October	Last day of term 1, finish at 3.20pm
Mon 22 nd Oct – Fri 26 th Oct	Half Term
Monday 29 th October	Inset day – no children in school
Tuesday 30 th October	First day of term 2
Friday 21 st December	Last day of term 2, finish at 2pm
Mon 24 th Dec – Fri 4 th Jan	Christmas Holiday
Monday 7 th January	Inset day – no children in school
Tuesday 8 th January	First day of term 3
Friday 15 th February	Last day of term 3, finish at 3.20pm
Mon 18 th Feb – 22 nd Feb	Half Term
Monday 25 th February	Inset day – no children in school
Tuesday 26 th February	First day of term 4
Friday 5 th April	Last day of term 4, finish at 3.20pm
Mon 8 th Apr – Mon 22 nd Apr	Easter Holiday
Tuesday 23 rd April	First day of term 5
Monday 13 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Friday 24 th May	Last day of term 5, finish at 3.20pm
Mon 27 th May – 31 st May	Half Term
Monday 3 rd June	Inset day – no children in school
Tuesday 4 th June	First day of term 6
Wednesday 24 th July	Last day of term 6, finish at 2pm



COLOURS GALORE
Langtree Team Churches
7-11 Holiday Club

To find out more, follow these clues!

Place to meet Woodcote Village Hall

Time to meet Thurs 31st May & Fri 1st June
9.45 — 3.30

People wanted Children aged 7-11

Presentation Friday 1st at 3 pm for family &
friends

What to do Have fun!

Organisers: Langtree Team Ministry

contact Janet Casson 01491 681483 for details

Supported by Checkendon Preschool CIO

CHECKENDON **Run**

10k and 5k
Children's races 2k, 1k & 100m

SUNDAY JUNE 17



★ More Stalls
More Cakes
More People
MORE FUN

www.checkendon-run.org.uk

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