



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

3rd November 2016

Diary for Term 1	
Friday 4 th November	School Association Fireworks – Children to be collected from outside the School Office
Friday 4 th November	No Football Club after school
Monday 7 th November	11.00am: School Tour for prospective pupils
Monday 7 th November	3.00pm: Community Worship, All Welcome
Thursday 10 th November	2.00pm: School Tour for prospective pupils
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need: donations welcome!
Tuesday 22 nd November	Flu Vaccinations Years 1, 2 & 3
Thursday 24 th November	3.20pm: School Association Book Fair
Friday 9 th December	2.45pm: Scenes from Matilda by Panda Class, All Welcome
Monday 12 th December	2.00pm: Reception & KS1 Nativity, All Welcome
Tuesday 13 th December	5.30pm: Reception & KS1 Nativity, All Welcome
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas Lunch – please order online with Aspens
Wednesday 14 th December	6.30pm: Christmas Service in the Church
Thursday 15 th December	6.00 – 7.30pm: Christmas Disco
Friday 16 th December	Last day of Term 2 – finish at 2.00pm
Tuesday 3 rd January	INSET Day – No children in school
Wednesday 4 th January	First Day of Term 3

What have we been learning in school this week?

Owlet Class

The children in Owlet Class have launched this term's space theme by designing rockets from 3D shapes. They have enjoyed harvesting the butternut squash and making delicious soup. Today on the autumn walk with Owl Class the children were really excited to discover some space junk within the woods. Much speculation has taken place as to where it could be from and further investigations will continue to determine if it is genuinely from space.

Owl Class

Owl Class have been finding out about the toys that have been brought in for our toy museum, looking closely at what they are made out of. Today, we made soup from the squashes planted from Oscar's seeds and explored how autumn has changed the plants and trees in the Equestrian Centre grounds.

Panda Class

This week Panda Class has been looking at poetry and in maths the pupils have been working on refining their addition and subtraction skills. In science pupils are starting to investigate the Aurora Borealis, whilst

in history children have started to look at the topic of Egypt.

Rhino Class

In Rhino Class we have begun our topic this term on Ancient Greece. In literacy we have begun by looking at the Tale of the Odysseus looking at the original text from Homer and artefacts that represent this epic tale.

School Value for Term 2 FRIENDSHIP

This term we will be focussing in school on the value FRIENDSHIP. Please see the separate attachment for more information on what you could do at home to support your child's learning about this value.

Themes for Term 2

Owlet Class: Up, Up and Away including fireworks, night and space and the festivals of Harvest, Sukkot, Diwali and Christmas.

Owl Class: Toy Stories we investigate how toys have changed over time and create a class toy museum.

Panda Class: Has Egypt always been in the news? including finding out about what artefacts tell us about life in the past

Rhino Class: Myths and legends focussing on Ancient Greece

Cake donations for Fireworks on Friday 4th November

Please don't forget to bring cakes in on Friday to support the Fireworks event.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

We have been supplied with traditional poppies, poppy stickers and wrist bands which will be available from Monday, 7th November in school, from outside Mrs Seymour's room. All donations to this very worthwhile cause will be much appreciated.

Thank you to Mrs LeCorgne, Mrs Walker and Mrs Hyman

A big thank you to Mrs LeCorgne, Mrs Walker, Mrs Hyman who accompanied children in Y5 and Y6 on the residential visits last term. It certainly sounded as though the children enjoyed the variety of adventurous activities they participated in and we are very grateful to the staff members for giving up their time to make these memorable experiences possible.

Thank you to Louise Maze

A big thank you to Louise Maze for organising the Christmas Card project for the school this year.

Tombola Prizes

Thank you very much for all the wonderful tombola prizes kindly donated at the end of last term, it will certainly be a fantastic stall on Friday evening. If anyone would like to donate any further prizes, please drop them into the School Office.

Checkendon School Association Book Fair

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding a Book Fair at Checkendon Primary School on Thursday 24th November at 3.20pm. This fun event not only raises money for the school but gives you an opportunity to purchase some Christmas presents. We look forward to seeing you there; please look out for more details to follow.

Pupil Update Form

You will shortly be receiving a pupil update form, which details some of the information we hold about your child in school. We would be very grateful if you could check the form and return it to the School Office by

Monday 14th November either stating that no changes are required or by marking changes on the form. Thank you for your support in ensuring our records are kept up to date.

Shoebox Appeal

You will have received in book bags a leaflet and letter regarding the Samaritan's Purse shoebox appeal which we are pleased to be participating in this year. Please return all filled shoeboxes to the School Office by Monday 14th November. A ladies shoe box is an ideal size, please remember to cover the lid separately from the box as all boxes have to be checked before being sent on. Thank you in advance for supporting this campaign and sending some Christmas joy to children who are less fortunate.

Checkendon Nativity

Preparations for this year's Nativity are underway and we are pleased to invite you to view what promises to be wonderful performances on Monday 12th December at 2.00pm and Tuesday 13th December at 5.30pm.

School Lunches

Please remember to order a school meal with Aspens for your child if you would like them to have school dinners.

Newspapers

We would be very grateful if you could bring into school any old newspapers as we use them for a number of activities. These can be given directly to class teachers. Thank you.

Term 3 - Extra-Curricular Activities

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	YEARS	ORGANISERS
Monday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	Drama Factory (19.9.16-05.12.16)	Yrs 2-6	Berzerk 07976 652742 Josh Buckland
Tuesday	(S.R.Pavillion) 8.00-8.30	Running Club Run by Stoke Row School but offered to Checkendon Pupils	Yrs 3-6	Stoke Row Running Club Elise Way - eliseway@hotmail.co.uk
	09.45-10.05 Sep – Dec 2016	Woodwind	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service Tel: 07958 537157
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
Wednesday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Lunchtime	Violin	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685
	3.30 – 4.30	Netball (14.9.16-14.12.16)	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
Thursday	11.10 – 11.30 From January 2017	Woodwind	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service Tel: 07958 537157

Friday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	(Outside/Hall) 3.30-4.30	Football (16.9.16-9.12.16)	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332
	Library	Guitar	All	Russ Payne Tel: 07921 087816

Dates for your Diary

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Thursday 2 nd February 2017	Parents Forum, all welcome
Tuesday 7 th February 2017	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 8 th February 2017	from 3:30pm: Parents' Evening
Thursday 9 th February 2017	from 3:30pm: Parents' Evening
Monday 27 th February 2017	2.30pm: Community Worship, all welcome
Wednesday 1 st March 2017	2.15pm: Ash Wednesday Service, all welcome
Thursday 27 th April 2017	Bluebell Walk
Mon 8 th – Thurs 11 th May 2017	KS2 SATS
Monday 8 th May 2017	2.30pm: Community Worship, all welcome
Thursday 25 th May 2017	Parents Forum, all welcome
Friday 9 th June 2017	2.00pm: Pentecost Service & May Pole Dancing, all welcome
Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th June 2017	Phonics Assessments
Monday 12 th June 2017	2.30pm: Community Worship, all welcome
Thursday 6 th July 2017	Reports Issued
Friday 14 th July 2017	Sports day
Monday 17 th July 2017	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 21 st July 2017	Leavers Service

Church Services & Community Worship		
Community Worship	Monday 7 th November 2016	2.30pm
Christmas Service	Wednesday 14 th December 2016	6.30pm
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Community Worship	Monday 12 th June 2017	2.30pm

INSET Day
Tuesday 3 rd January 2017
Friday 7 th April 2017

Parents Forum	
Thursday 2 nd February 2017	2.30pm
Thursday 25 th May 2017	2.30pm

Parent Consultation Evenings and Reports		
Parents' Evening	Wednesday 8 th February 2017	3:30 - 5:50
Parents' Evening	Thursday 9 th February 2017	3:30 - 5:50
Reports issued	Thursday 6 th July 2017	

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