



## CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018

### Diary for Term 3

Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Class Curriculum Newsletters in book bags
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	3pm Community Worship in the school hall: all welcome
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	1pm Year 5 and Year 6 Sportshall Athletics
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Owl Class visit: The Science Museum, London
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Rhino Class: Viking Workshop in school
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Owlet Class visit: The Story Museum, Oxford
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	3:30pm: Parents' Evening
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	3:30pm: Parents' Evening
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term 3, finish at 3.20pm
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Inset day – no children in school
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	8:50am First day of term 4

### Happy New Year!

Welcome back to Checkendon School. We hope you all had a very enjoyable Christmas. Thank you so much for all our lovely Christmas gifts.

### Please drive safely near our school!

Please take extra care when driving through the village especially at school drop-off and collection times. Some of our children walk to school with their families and just prior to Christmas there was a near miss.

### Reading: Appeal for Adult Volunteers

We are very grateful indeed to all the wonderful adult volunteers who gave up their time to read with children last term. We really noticed what a difference it made! We would love all the parents, grandparents and friends of the school who helped us out last term to volunteer again and we also have a few vacancies. So, if you or someone you know would like to join us for a trial visit, please speak to one of the class teachers. Thank you

### Reading: How parents can help their children

Parents often ask how they can help their children learn to read; and it's no wonder that they're interested in this essential skill. Reading plays an important role in later school success. ***One study even demonstrates that how well 7-year-olds read predicts their income 35 years later!*** We do everything we can to help your child to develop their reading and writing skills. However, children need their parents' involvement ***throughout primary school*** to ensure that they read and write confidently. Please make sure that you read to them and with them, talk to your children about what you read together and ***try to do this every day***. We provide reading books for your children; ***each class has a library of carefully chosen fiction and non-fiction books and we encourage parents to browse these with their children after school***. Of course you can also borrow books from your local library; your child may also enjoy reading magazines and comics.

Why is this all so important?

1. In school, we ask children to read things and find out what's important – 'browsing'. It is very hard to

teach browsing. The best way to learn browsing is going to a bookshop, going to a library or sitting with a pile of books or magazines and talking to an adult about choosing what you want to read.

2. In school, we ask children to think about difficult ideas. This might be about, say, why or how things happened in history. It might be when we ask children to think about 'if' and 'why'. If children read lots of different kinds of books and talk to about what they read, they will start to think about such things as part of their reading.
3. In school, we ask children to think beyond themselves, to think about why or how other people think and behave. If children read lots of different kinds of books, and talk about what they read, they will start to think about such things as part of their reading.
4. In school, we want children to ask questions, to wonder about things, to be curious and interested. If children read lots of different kinds of books, and think about what they have read, they will develop these characteristics.
5. Like adults, children are full of feelings and thoughts. Like adults, these sometimes boil over and the children don't always know what to do with them. Reading books often shows us people facing up to problems and finding ways to deal with them. This means that reading books helps children find ways of dealing with their feelings and thoughts.
6. We know from research all over the world that children who read widely and often make progress better at school than children who don't.

If you have any further questions about how best to support your child's developing reading skills, please talk to your child's class teacher. Thank you for your support.

### **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 and the school website
- 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.

### **Extra-Curricular Clubs**

#### **Next term's clubs**

Please see further below for all next term's clubs. We do hope you will give these clubs your full support in

order that they will continue to run. Booking forms have been attached to the parent email.

### **Violin Club**

Elestr Lee has a couple of spaces if your child is interested in learning the violin. Please contact her on 0118 9478685 or [elestr.lee@btopenworld.com](mailto:elestr.lee@btopenworld.com).

### **Relax Kids**

We are pleased to announce the return of RELAX KIDS CHILL CLUB at our school next term. Sophia Cleverly runs Relax Kids South Oxfordshire. She will be running a FREE TASTER CLASS FOR children in years 1-6 on Friday 12th January 8-845 in the Hall. Relax Kids is the leader in children's relaxation and mindfulness classes in the UK. The theme for next term is BRILLIANT ME! See attached poster and leaflet for details.

The classes are fun-based and include games, stretching and practical relaxation techniques (diaphragmatic breathing, self and peer kind touch, affirmations and visualisation) to instil and reinforce positivity, focus, concentration, kindness and empathy. The classes are inclusive and are taught to all children with the same seven step method but themed and tailored to the age group and can be adapted to suit particular children's needs. They are brilliant for all children who seem to enjoy the classes hugely, as well as learn from them and can also help children with special educational needs.

Further to the free taster, cost is £6 per session per child. Please contact Sophia to reserve a place for the taster.

[relaxkidssouthoxfordshire@gmail.com](mailto:relaxkidssouthoxfordshire@gmail.com),

facebook: Relax Kids South Oxfordshire

#07811268990

### Term 3 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 (8/1/18 – 26/3/18)</b>	Yrs 2-6	Berzerk Tel: 07976 652742
	3.30-4.30	<b>Tag Rugby (8/1/18 – 5/2/18)</b>	Yrs 3-6	Paul Meakin paulmeakinsportscoach@gmail.com
<b>Tuesday</b>	(S.R.Pavillion) 8.00-8.30	<b>Stoke Row Running Club (starting back on 9/1/17)</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 (9/1/18 – 6/2/18)</b>	All	Checkendon Equestrian Centre Tel: 01491 680225
<b>Wednesday</b>	08.00-08.45 (Hall)	<b>Exercise to Music (10/1/18 – 7/2/18)</b>	All	Paul Meakin paulmeakinsportscoach@gmail.com
	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Lunchtime	<b>Violin (restarting on 10/1/18)</b>	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685 elestr.lee@btopenworld.com
	3.30-4.30	<b>Gymnastics (10/1/18 – 7/2/18)</b>	All	Paul Meakin paulmeakinsportscoach@gmail.com
<b>Thursday</b>	08.00-08.40	<b>Music Club (11/1/18 – 29/3/18)</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	10:10	<b>Woodwind</b>	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service
<b>Friday</b>	08.00-08.45 (Hall)	<b>Relax Kids (restarting 12/1/18 with free taster session)</b>	Yrs 1-6	Sophia Cleverly Tel: 07811 268990 relaxkidssouthoxfordshire@gmail.com
	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	<b>Football (12/1/18 – 23/3/18)</b>	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332
	3.30	<b>Guitar (restarting on 19/1/17)</b>	All	Russ Payne Tel: 07921 087816

## Dates for your Diary

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

## QUEEN ANNE'S SCHOOL



U10 - U11

## JUNIOR DANCE WORKSHOP

SATURDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2018

9.30AM TO 12.30PM

Come and experience a fun-packed morning of dance at Queen Anne's School. Whether you love to dance or you are a complete beginner, this workshop is for you!

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