



# CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

5<sup>th</sup> November 2015

## Diary for Term 2

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Panda Class visit to Chedworth Roman Villa
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Fireworks Night! Gates open 6.00pm. Admission is £3.50 for adults and £2.50 for children. <i>Please ensure that you collect your children promptly at 3.20pm to enable the School Association to set up for Fireworks Night. Thank you.</i>
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	3.00pm: Community Worship – parents invited
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need world record language lesson, non-uniform and guess the weight of Pudsey bear

## Good news this week!

### Checkendon in the top 2% of schools for phonics!

Because our school achieved a 100% pass rate and is in the top 2% of all primary schools in the country, we have been personally congratulated by Nick Gibb, Minister of State for School Reform. Figures show that 99% of pupils who reach or exceed the pass mark in the phonics check will go on to achieve at least the expected standard in key stage 1 in reading. Well done to all the children and thank you for the hard work put in by staff.

### Boxed Up Values

Our Boxed Up Values afternoon on Tuesday was a great success! Pupils of all ages worked hard throughout the afternoon to create 3d artworks to reflect the School Values of respect, courage, compassion, and hope. Claire Rowling (mum of Ellie who has just joined us in Owlet Class), with help from Elise Way and Florella Scozzafava, worked valiantly on Integrity, but this remains unfinished. If anyone can spare an hour or two in the next few days, to complete this box which was allocated to parents, that would be great. The boxes are all on display in the school hall to do pop in to admire them if you have not already done so. A special thank you to School Values Ambassador Hector Jessel, who came up with the original idea for this project.

### Congratulations to Mrs Peeling!

On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November Mrs Gill Peeling competed against dancers from around the country in the Social Dance Test category of the ISTD Grand Finals in Blackpool. She came 1<sup>st</sup> in the Latin event dancing the jive and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the ballroom event dancing the waltz. Well done Mrs Peeling!

## School Photographs

Individual portrait photographs of your child/ren from this year's photo shoot are now ready to view and purchase. Please go to:

[www.ordermyphotos.co.uk](http://www.ordermyphotos.co.uk)

Code: 1152 9710 3332 A

Then click 'set up my order'

If your child is not represented please email [charlotte@charlottesnowdenphotography.com](mailto:charlotte@charlottesnowdenphotography.com)

"Order My Photos" are a third party, so any enquiries should be sent to Charlotte on the above email address.

10% of the profits are given back to the school.

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## Children in Need Day 2015

We have organised two exciting fundraising activities for Children in Need Day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November:

- At 2.30pm on Children in Need day, all pupils at Checkendon School will be participating in a world record attempt approved by the Guinness World Records! The attempt will be to teach **The World's Largest Language Lesson**. This is a literacy lesson with an emphasis on spoken language. The lesson will be taught in English. The Schools Advisory Service has pledged to donate £1 to Children in Need for every pupil participating in the lesson. 10,000 pupils are required to set this brand new world record who will participate in the lesson via a live 'webcast' lesson taught by teachers David Andrews and Chris Williams.
- Children will be able to come to school in non-uniform if they bring along a donation to support this worthwhile cause. As an additional fund raiser, School Council will be running a 'Guess the weight of Pudsey Bear' competition. Many thanks to the giant teddies who have volunteered their services!

## ClubComplete Gymnastics After School Club - Starting in Spring Term on Thursdays

Applications are now closed. Response has been excellent and the club is currently oversubscribed. If you returned a slip/payment, we will let you know shortly if your child has a place.

## Flu Immunisation Programme for 2 to 6 Year Olds

The routine children's annual nasal spray flu immunisation programme has been extended and now includes children in Key Stage 1. This year, all 2 – 6 year olds are being offered the free flu vaccination. Parents will be contacted and informed where their child will be vaccinated. For information about the programme, visit <http://bit.ly/flu vaccineinfo>.

## **Cricket Christmas Camps**

**Run by Dan Housego - The Oratory School Cricket Professional (L3 specialist coach)**

**14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> December and 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

**Half day 10.00am – 12.30pm**

**Full day 10.00am – 4.00pm**

**£25.00 half day £40.00 full day £160.00 full week**

**Camps will take place in the sports hall at The Oratory School (RG8 0PJ)**

To book or for further information please contact Dan on 07916 804605 or danhousego@hotmail.com or take a look at [www.DanHousegoCricketCoaching.com](http://www.DanHousegoCricketCoaching.com)

## **Dates for your Diary**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November

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Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November

Sat/Sun 21/22 November

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> – Fri 27<sup>th</sup> November

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Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November

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Panda Class visit to Chedworth Roman Villa

Fireworks Night – organised by School Association

3.00pm: Community Worship – parents invited

Checkendon Village Crafts Fair

Writing Week

All years: Jungle Book Make a Play Day workshops:

2.45pm: Parents are invited to watch production in the school hall

Mobile library (last before Christmas)

3.00pm: Travelling Books book fair in school hall – parents welcome to view before end of school day

3.20pm: Travelling Books book fair in Panda Class

Wednesday Workshop for parents

School Disco organised by School Association - tbc

2.00pm in school hall: Owl and Owlet Class Christmas Nativity

6.30pm in school hall: Owl and Owlet Class Christmas Nativity

Children's Christmas dinner

Parents Christmas Drinks – organised by School Association venue tbc

6.30pm: Christmas Service in church

Last day of Term 2 (finish at 2.00pm)