



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

5th October 2017

Diary for Term 1

Every Thursday: 14 th September – 19 th October	KS2 Swimming lessons
Tuesday 10 th October	Year 5 Maths Challenge at The Oratory
Wednesday 11 th October	Individual photographs
Monday 16 th October	Pupil Learning Snapshot reports in book bags
Friday 20 th October Last Day of Term 1	Non-uniform Day: please bring in an item for the fireworks tombola. Plus a cake sale to raise money for ShelterBox
Monday 30 th October	INSET DAY: no children in school
Tuesday 31 st October	First Day of Term 2
Friday 3 rd November	School Association Fireworks
Monday 4 th December	Flu Vaccination (Reception to Year 4) <i>Consent forms will be sent out on 31st October</i>

Learning highlights this week...

Children in **Owlet Class** have been moving on with their phonics and are now reading and writing short words. They have been talking about their families as part of the Magical Me topic and making pictures of their Mums. Pupils in **Owl Class** have been colour mixing and creating tints to paint seascapes. Our gallery should be open next week for viewing. **Panda Class** pupils have been thinking carefully how we can help children who are feeling lonely. They came up with some great ideas for the School Council to consider including a whole-school buddy system and even a friendship slide! Children in **Rhino Class** have been working in the dark this week! They have been investigating different light sources and have carried out an investigation to observe the size of shadows when an object is moved from a light source.



School Council News

The new School Council met for the first time last Friday after receiving their badges in worship. The children who have been elected by their classes this year are:

Year 2	Jake and Sophia: terms 1-3/ Livi: terms 4-6 (due to a draw!)
Year 3	Louie and Poppy
Year 4	Johnny and Lucy
Year 5	Hugo and Emma
Year 6	William and Perdy

Firstly we attended to our beginning of year routines: Perdy kindly agreed to oversee the taking of photos for our School Council board; Poppy and Louie will be on breaktime bin duty for the rest of this term and Poppy also agreed to be the person who decides which of our School Values have been considered at our meetings.

The children will decide how they will manage the 'Meet and Greet' responsibilities when visitors visit their class and feedback to the next meeting. We will be asking class councils to consider new ideas for how to deal with children who don't have any one to play with at break and lunchtime as the retiring School Council members from 2016/17 decided at their end of year review that the bench idea was not working.

School Values Ambassadors

Congratulations to the newly appointed School Values Ambassadors for this year: Finn B, Finn W, Jake, James, Maisie, Perdy, Polly and William. School Values Ambassadors help to lead whole school worship and meet with Mrs Seymour regularly throughout the year to plan initiatives to strengthen values in the life of the school. We're looking forward to hearing all their ideas for 2017-18!

Digital Leaders

Congratulations to the newly appointed Digital Leaders for this year: Finn B, Finn W and James. They have already been busy taking photographs of staff and our new School Values Ambassadors.

Safeguarding

A polite reminder to all parents that:

- the front entrance to the school in the morning is only for dropping your child if they are late and arrive after 08:50. If needed, your child will then be escorted by Mrs Barker to their classroom.
- If you are still in the school after the door near the Panda classroom is locked (08:50), please leave through the main entrance. To ensure the safety of your children, this door needs to remain locked.

Reader Parent Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who has recently volunteered or continuing to listen to the children read. Your support makes such a difference to the children's reading levels.

School Photographs

On Wednesday 11th October Charlotte Snowden will be taking individual school photographs. If you would like an opportunity to include siblings, please come to the school hall for 8.30am on Wednesday. If you could spare some time to assist, please contact Charlotte.

Old Newspapers

If you have any spare old newspapers, please can you drop them in to the office. We use them at lunchtime.

Fundraising

ShelterBox

We are well on our way with our charity fundraising campaign to raise £590 for a ShelterBox! We raised an amazing £225 on our non-uniform day. Thank you for your support.

Our next fundraising event will be a cake sale on Friday 20th October 2017 (last day of term 1). Nicky and Joseph West are going to run the cake sale so please bring in your cake donations on the day. Thank you.



Christmas Cards

The Christmas cards that you purchased last year raised £187 for the school which enabled us to buy some new books for Rhino Class and Owl Class. Thank you and we hope you like this year's Christmas card designs! Thank you too to Louise Maze for organising the fundraising.

School Association

Fireworks display

We very much need your support to make the evening a success so please spread the word. More information will be released in upcoming newsletters. Caroline Herbert, Carolyn Robb and Kate Pullan are heading the organisation of the event but desperately need more volunteers to come forward to help in the run up and to help on the evening itself. **IN PARTICULAR WE NEED 4/5 PEOPLE TO HELP WITH LIGHTING THE FIREWORKS ON THE EVENING.** So if you would like to help in whatever capacity, please speak to Caroline, Carolyn or Kate who will be very grateful and happily assign you a role or email Kate at kate.pullan@yahoo.co.uk

Remember to bring your tombola items on 20th October for non-uniform day. Thank you.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Thanks to all your vouchers we are now the proud owners of some new playground equipment including balls and cones and handy storage boxes.

Term 1 - Extra-Curricular Activities

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	YEARS	ORGANISERS
Monday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	Drama Factory (11/9/17 – 27/11/17) No club on 30 th October due to inset day	Yrs 2-6	Berzerk Tel: 07976 652742
Tuesday	(S.R.Pavillion) 8.00-8.30	Stoke Row Running Club (restarting 12/9/17)	Yrs 3-6	Stoke Row Running Club Elise Way - eliseway@hotmail.co.uk
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-5.15	Equestrian Club (12/9/17 – 17/10/17)	All	Checkendon Equestrian Centre Tel: 01491 680225
	3.30-4.30	Gymnastics Club <i>Not running due to numbers</i>	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
Wednesday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Lunchtime	Violin (restarting on 20/9/17)	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685
	3.30-4.30	Dodgeball (20/9/17 – 18/10/17)	All	Paul Meakin
Thursday	08.00-08.40	Music Club (7/9/17 to 14/12/17)	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	14:15	Woodwind	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service
	3.30-4.30	Archery Club <i>Not running due to numbers</i>	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
Friday	08.00-08.40	Relax Kids (22/9/17 – 20/10/17)	Yrs 1-6	Sophia Cleverly Tel: 07811 268990 relaxkidssouthoxfordshire@gmail.com
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	Football (15/9/17 to 8/12/17)	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332
	3.30	Guitar (restarting on 22/9/17)	All	Russ Payne Tel: 07921 087816

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 31 st October	First day of term 2
Monday 6 th November	3pm Community Worship
Monday 4 th December	Flu Immunisation (Reception to Year 4)
Monday 11 th December	2:30pm Reception & KS1 Nativity Play
Tuesday 12 th December	5:30pm Reception & KS1 Nativity Play
Wednesday 13 th December	School Christmas Lunch
Monday 18 th December	6pm Christmas Service
Tuesday 19 th December	Last day of term 2, finish at 2pm
Thursday 4 th January	First date of term 3
Monday 8 th January	3pm Community Worship
Friday 9 th February	Last day of term 3, finish at 3.20pm
Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th Feb	Spring Holiday
Monday 19 th February	Inset day – no children in school
Tuesday 20 th February	First day of term 4
Monday 26 th February	3pm Community Worship
Thursday 29 th March	Last day of term 4, finish at 3.20pm
Fri 30 th March – Fri 13 th April	Easter Holiday
Monday 16 th April	Inset day – no children in school
Tuesday 17 th April	First day of term 5
Monday 23 rd April	3pm Community Worship
Monday 14 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Friday 25 th May	Last day of term 5, finish at 3.20pm
Mon 28 th May – Fri 1 st Jun	Summer Holiday
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
Wednesday 25 th July	Last day of term 6, finish at 2pm

Checkendon Church invites you to Sunday Fun

Sunday 8th October 11am - 12 noon in Checkendon School Hall

Bible story, games, craft and singing.

0-11 years all welcome, Mums and Dads too!

School age children can be dropped off.

www.facebook.com/sundayfunatcheckendonchurch

Hope to see you there.

Upcoming Open Days

Cranford House: Whole School Saturday 7th October 09:30 – 12:00

Langtree School: Open mornings on Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th October

The Oratory: Taster Day for Year 5 & 6 Wednesday 11th October

Pangbourne College: Year 7-8 Saturday 14th October 09:00 – 12:00



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