



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

6th October 2016

Diary for Term 1	
Friday 7 th October	Please check your order for school lunches on Friday
Wednesday 12 th October	Individual photographs
Thursday 13 th October	2.30pm: Parents Forum, all welcome
Friday 14 th October	Pupil Snapshot reports in book bags
Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st October	Year 6 Kilvrough Residential Visit
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Wednesday 19 th October	Free Violin trials at lunchtime
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What have we been learning in school this week?

Owlet Class

Children in Owlet Class have been exploring further the theme of "Marvellous Me" and have been talking about their families. As the sounds this week have been m and d, we have been making Mum and Dad pictures which you will soon see displayed in the classroom. The children have also been exploring what harvest is and have been reading stories and singing songs to do with this festival.

Owl Class

Children in Owl class have been creating story maps to learn the story of Harry becoming a knight in Anna Milbourne's book *In the Castle*. We have also been preparing for our trip to Windsor Castle by learning how to take good digital photographs.

Panda Class

In literacy the pupils have been finishing their stories based on the book *Cliffhanger*. In maths the pupils have been working with shape and symmetry. In science the children have been working on how the brain sends signals to the muscles and in geography they have continued their research on their allocated locations from around the world.

Rhino Class

Continuing our theme of the Antarctic in literacy we have been writing diaries in role as one of Shackleton's crew, in art we have been drawing the endurance trapped in ice. In maths we have been working on our calculations and we are looking forward to using these when exploring rations that Shackleton's expedition endured.

School Council News

In School Council this week we collected the results received so far from Class Councils on the popularity of the equipment currently put out at playtime and lunchtime. Soon we will be able to collate the results, consider suggestions for alternative activities and devise a new rota. Next in Class Councils we will be asking every child in the school to complete a survey on the best and the worst thing about playtime and lunchtime. We went on to discuss the 'Meet and Greet' system introduced during the previous academic year whereby any visitors touring classes are greeted by School Council who introduce themselves and explain what they are learning about. The School Council representatives in Rhino class decided they would like to do this individually whilst those in Panda and Owl class elected to do this with a partner. With 'Children In Need' fast approaching on Friday 18th November all members of School Council have agreed to think of one fundraising idea to present at the next meeting.

Ignite Sports Clubs to be cancelled from November

You will have previously read that due to low numbers enrolled for some of our extra-curricular clubs, those run by Ignite are in danger of being cancelled. Since the numbers have not improved, it is with regret that all clubs offered by Ignite will cease after half term unless they reach their minimum numbers. As you know, judo club no longer takes place and it would be a dreadful loss to the school and more importantly for the children to miss out on the opportunities that sporting clubs offer. Music lessons are also suffering from low numbers so our violin teacher, Elestr will be giving a demonstration to the children in assembly and offering a FREE trial to all children on Wednesday 19th October at lunchtime. If your child is interested, please do encourage them to come along for the free session. Full details of the wide range of extra-curricular activities available this term are below. Do take a look!

Part Time Vacancy at Checkendon Preschool

Please see job description attached.

Please check your order for school lunches on Friday

Aspens have experienced a few problems with their ordering system today so if you would like your child to have lunch provided by Aspens tomorrow ***please check that the order is correct on the Aspens website.*** Thank you.

Free gift for children in Owlet Class!

Please look out for a gift from the BookTrust ***Time To Read*** in book bags tomorrow to encourage shared reading at home.

Checkendon Fireworks 4th November

Volunteers are needed for the Checkendon fireworks, if you can help please put your name on the form outside the office.

Cycle helmets to be worn for scooting

Following consultation with the School Council it has been agreed that ***helmets must be used when scooting on the school playground at break and lunchtimes.*** We would appreciate your co-operation in following this safety advice and would like to remind families that scooting along school paths (ie the path between the road and school) is not permitted. We do not allow skateboarding.

Thank you to Mrs McCalla

Thank you very much for recently helping us by disposing of some unwanted old school items, your help is much appreciated.

Parents Forum

Parents Forum meetings take place once a term and provide opportunities for parents to discuss topics of interest with Mrs Seymour. Last year, these included school uniform, the School Development Plan, lunchtimes, home-school communication and school choirs. These meetings are open to all parents, although last year Class Representatives on the School Association were key participants. As we are without a School Association at the moment, Mrs Seymour is especially keen to see as many parents as possible at the next meeting – please do come if you can! **Thursday 13th October at 2.30pm.**



Book People Bedtime Story Competition

As part of our work in literacy, we will be encouraging children to participate in the Book People Bedtime Story Competition....

Book People are asking children aged between 5 and 11 to write a picture book of 200-800 words featuring animals. Selected by a panel of celebrity parents and publishing experts, the winning book will be entirely original and be perfect for sharing with a child before they go to bed. One lucky winner will have the chance to work with an editor from Little Tiger Press to help their story come to life. Illustrator Ada Grey will then create stunning artwork to accompany the text, and the book will be published in 2017. The shortlisted entrants, accompanied by a parent or guardian, will get the opportunity to attend an award ceremony in London to meet the judges and the publisher of the winning book. There will also be prizes for two runners up and two highly commended. More information can be found at:

<https://www.thebookpeople.co.uk/bedtime>

School Portraits

On Wednesday 12th October Charlotte Snowden will be taking individual school portraits. If you would like an opportunity to include siblings, please come to the school hall for 8.30am on Thursday. If you could spare some time to assist, please contact Charlotte.

Year 5 Teaching arrangements 17th – 19th October

Prior to the Year 5 children attending their residential trip on the 20th – 21st October, please be aware that we have arranged the following teaching arrangements in Mrs LeCorgne's absence as she will be participating in the Year 6 Residential trip that week. On Monday 17th and Wednesday 19th October all Year 5 children from Checkendon and Stoke Row will be taught at Checkendon. On **Tuesday 18th October**, all Year 5 children will be taught at Stoke Row, so please would parents of these children **drop children off and collect from Stoke Row school at 8.50am and 3.20pm.**

Checkendon School Association

The school is still looking for a new chair or co-chairs for the School Association and would be very happy to hear from anyone who might be interested in either a formal role on the School Association or in organising a future fundraising event. Events like the fireworks won't be able to go ahead without parental support so please contact joannacrook@btinternet.com and/or suzanne.m.bradley@icloud.com for more information or if you can help.

Term 1 - Extra-Curricular Activities

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	YEARS	ORGANISERS
Monday	8.00-8.40	Dodgeball (12.9.16-12.12.16)	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	Drama Factory (19.9.16-28.11.16)	Yrs 2-6	Berzerk 07976 652742 Josh Buckland
Tuesday	8.00-8.45	Judo (01.11.16 – 6.12.16)	1 – 6	iinkai Tel: 0118 9885822 info@iinkai-judo.co.uk
	(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
	3.30-4.30	Tri Golf (13.9.16-13.12.16)	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
	3.30-5.15	Equestrian Club (20.9.16-18.10.16)	All	Check. Equestrian Centre Tel: 01491 680225
Wednesday		Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
		Violin Starts (14.9.16-	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685
	3.30 – 4.30	Netball (14.9.16-14.12.16)	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
Thursday	8.00-8.40	Archery (15.9.16-15.12.16)	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
	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 (22.9.16-	All	Russ Payne Tel: 07921 087816

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 12th October
 Thursday 13th October
 Friday 14th October
 Mon 17th – Fri 21st October

School Portraits
 Parents Forum, all welcome
 Snapshot Reports issued
 Year 6 Kilvrough Residential Visit

Mon 17 th & Weds 19 th October	Year 5 pupils from Stoke Row at Checkendon
Tuesday 18 th October	Year 5 pupils to Stoke Row
Thurs 20 th – Friday 21 st October	Year 5 Path Hill Residential Visit
Wednesday 19 th October	Free Violin trials at lunchtime
Thursday 20 th October	No Swimming Lessons
Friday 21 st October	Last Day of Term 1
Mon 24 th – Fri 28 th October	Autumn Holiday
Monday 31 st October	Inset Day – no children in school
Tuesday 1 st November	First Day of Term 2
Tuesday 1 st November	Christingle Choir sessions start
Friday 4 th November	School Association Fireworks
Monday 7 th November	2.30pm: Community Worship, all welcome
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need
Tuesday 22 nd November	Flu Vaccinations Year 1, 2 & 3
Monday 12 th December	2.00pm: Reception & KS1 Nativity
Tuesday 13 th December	5.30pm: Reception & KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 14 th December	6.30pm: Christmas Service in church all welcome
Thursday 15 th December	6.00 – 7.30pm Christmas Disco
Friday 16 th December	Last Day of Term 2, finish at 2pm
Tuesday 3 rd January	Inset Day – no children in school
Wednesday 4 th January 2017	First Day of Term 3
Monday 9 th January 2017	2.30pm: Community Worship, all welcome
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		
Harvest Service	Wednesday 5 th October 2016	2.45pm
Community Worship	Monday 7 th November 2016	2.30pm
Christmas Service	Wednesday 14 th December 2016	6.30pm
Community Worship	Monday 9 th January 2017	2.30pm
Community Worship	Monday 27 th February 2017	2.30pm
Ash Wednesday Service	Wednesday 1 st March 2017	2.15pm
Community Worship	Monday 8 th May 2017	2.30pm
Pentecost Service & Maypole Dancing	Friday 9 th June 2017	2.00pm

Community Worship	Monday 12 th June 2017	2.30pm
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Parents Forum	
Thursday 13 th October 2016	2.30pm
Thursday 2 nd February 2017	2.30pm
Thursday 25 th May 2017	2.30pm

Parent Consultation Evenings and Reports		
Snapshot reports issued	Friday 14 th October 2016	
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	

INSET Day
Monday 31 st October 2016
Tuesday 3 rd January 2017
Friday 7 th April 2017

Plums Bakery

Half Term Baking Fun!

Held locally at my home in Nettlebed

Age 8 and up

Maximum of 8 children per class

You'll take home everything you make

(Wednesday 26th 1-3.30pm

Thursday 27th and Friday 28th 9.30-12pm

£25 per child

Fully insured, 5 hygiene rating, DBS checked*

Please contact Vicki (Livi's mummy in Owls)

07841 574442 vlrthomasuk@gmail.com

Checkendon Church warmly invites you to



An illustrated talk

The Savile Row Cutter - the first 150 years of Dege & Skinner

given by

Michael Skinner, Chairman of Dege & Skinner

Michael first joined Dege & Skinner, the family firm, in 1953, before his National Service. The firm is one of only two remaining Savile Row family owned businesses, still in the same ownership of the original families.

The photograph is of Michael with his son celebrating Dege & Skinner's 150th anniversary.

in **Checkendon Village Hall,**

8.00pm Friday 11th November

Doors open at 7.45pm. Talk starts at 8.30pm

Ticket £8.00 - to include canapés

Tickets from: liz@lowth.com

tel 0118 9843858

Ticket proceeds in aid of the upkeep of Checkendon Church and graveyard.

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