



# CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

8<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Diary for Term 2	
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Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30pm: Christmas Service in the Church All welcome
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## At Checkendon Primary School this week...

### School Values Ambassadors

Charlotte Turner has been helping with worship this week, setting up the hall, leading prayers and reading from the Bible.

### PE and School Sport

Last Thursday concluded our Langtree cluster cross country series on what was a gloriously sunny afternoon in Goring. There were some fantastic performances with several children beating their personal bests. The award for excellence went to our top finisher Alfie-well done! The enthusiasm of all our runners over the series was impressive, especially our younger athletes, some of whom have shown real improvement since joining Stoke Row running club - keep up the good work! This year we came 6th overall, hopefully we can improve on this next year.

### Worship in school this week

Term 2 theme: Friendship *Friends in Trouble*

Music: Coventry Carol

Text: Down Through the Roof

### Digital Leaders

Monty and Joseph very helpfully photographed Panda Class pupils with their wonderful papier mache containers.

## What have we been learning in school this week?

### Owlet Class

The children in Owlet class are very busy working on The Nativity with Owl class. Children are practising

songs and learning their lines. As well as working on the performance children are making Christmas crafts.

### **Owl Class**

Owl class have been writing letters to Santa and posted them on Wednesday. Apart from that, there has just been the small matter of the Nativity! Things are coming together well, and we are looking forward to performing it on Monday/Tuesday next week.

### **Panda Class**

This week in Panda Class, the children have come to the end of their exploration of Egypt and have created timelines to show their journey through the past. Science has helped the children to further investigate the properties of magnets and in literacy the children have been learning how to become even more persuasive than usual with debates over football and letting Santa know they have been good this year. In maths the children have focused on time and the many forms it has and are working on different ways to communicate the time to others.

### **Rhino Class**

In the penultimate week before the end of term Rhino class have been honing their singing voices and drawing on their acting skills whilst performing elements of Heroes of Troy. They have also been using their mathematical skills in a kinaesthetic way with admirable perseverance!

## **21<sup>st</sup> Century Children: New Ideas for New Challenges Parents Workshop**

Thank you to everyone who attended a workshop on Monday, we were delighted that more than 25 families were represented. We had lots of positive feedback and we are already planning the next one! For those of you who were unable to make one of the sessions; here are links to the clips we discussed:

Growth mindset [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TTXrV0\\_3UjY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TTXrV0_3UjY)

Austin's butterfly <https://vimeo.com/38247060>

Robert Winston <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t4np5wLAhWw>

The importance of outdoor play Part I <http://outdoormatters.co.uk/video-the-importance-of-outdoor-play/>

Risky play <https://vimeo.com/playfreemovie>

Further information about growth mindset is attached.

## **Term 3 staff update**

We are very pleased that, once again, we have been able to arrange for Panda Class to be taught in two smaller groups for their literacy and maths lessons for the first part of the Spring Term. Mrs Seymour will be joining Mr Lane on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Teachers assigned to the two groups will alternate weekly and lessons will continue to be planned by Mr Lane. In addition to this, Mrs Seymour will continue teaching R.E., art and D.T. in Panda Class; these lessons will be on Monday afternoons for the Spring Term.

As you know, we will be saying thank you and farewell to Mrs LeCorgne at the end of term as she completes her temporary contract and Katy Brereton returns to take up the reins in Rhino Class once more. As Mrs Brereton will be teaching four days a week for the remainder of this academic year, Mrs Seymour is looking forward to teaching in Rhino Class on Fridays.

We are delighted to have secured the services once again of Paul Meakin to provide specialist sports coaching on Monday and Friday afternoons and Lucille Bowes to provide specialist vocal music lessons on Friday afternoons. In addition, we are looking forward to welcoming Sophia Cleverly who will be working with class teachers in Panda Class and Owl Class on Thursday afternoons. Sophia is from Relax Kids and the sessions will incorporate movement, games, stretches, breathing exercises and visualisations. The classes are themed with age appropriate topics and next term the theme is "Explorers".

French lessons taught by Julie Lamping will re-start in January; Mrs Lamping is an experienced *Jolie Ronde* teacher and we are looking forward to offering this opportunity to the children.

We will also be welcoming Emma Duckworth, who will be joining Owl Class as a trainee teacher; Emma is studying for a P.G.C.E at Oxford Brookes University.

### Spring Term Clubs

Following your feedback on the extra-curricular clubs offered by the school, we are pleased to enclose a copy of next term's timetable, which sees the return of favourites such as drama, dodgeball, pottery, archery and football as well as some new clubs including Magical Maths, Music Club and Chill Skills. Given the size of the school it is not possible to offer all the suggested clubs at once but we have listened to what you have asked for and are lining up your requests for the future. We do hope you will give these clubs your full support in order that they will continue to run. Full details of the clubs being offered this term are below, please do sign up before Christmas.

### Checkendon School Christmas Post Box

The post box will be available in the entrance hall from Monday to post all school Christmas cards. School Council representatives will take responsibility for delivery of the post to recipients around the school.

### The Book People

The last collection of books for this year available from The Book People is on display outside the library, perfect for last minute Christmas presents!

### Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Please don't forget to order Christmas lunch for your child for Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December, any existing orders for roast pork will need to be changed as the system does not update automatically to the new menu choice.

### Fund raising for our School Association without doing anything!

Why not collect free funds for our school whilst Christmas shopping online? Simply register at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/checkendonprimaryschoolassociation](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/checkendonprimaryschoolassociation)

Then every time you shop at some of your favourite stores like Amazon, John Lewis, Argos, M&S you will earn vital funds for the play tower and other school projects. Thank you for your support.

### School Christmas Disco

For tickets to the School Christmas Disco, please contact Louise Maze or Wendy Butler.



The poster features a central image of a glowing disco ball on the left and a colorful, abstract background on the right. The text is arranged in a clear, bold font. At the top, the words 'SCHOOL DISCO' are written in large, colorful letters. Below this, the event details are listed: 'Thursday 15th December 6-7.30pm Tickets £5.00'. At the bottom, there are additional details: 'All years welcome', 'BAR FOR ADULTS TOO!', and 'Entry includes crisps, drink and a glow item • Tattoos on sale – 50p each'. The entire poster is framed by a decorative border of small, colorful squares.

**SCHOOL DISCO**

**Thursday  
15th December  
6-7.30pm  
Tickets £5.00**

**All years welcome**      **BAR FOR ADULTS TOO!**

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## School Tea towels

Don't forget to purchase your school tea towel £4.50 from the School Office.

## 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 telephone or 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 have sent emergency contact email details to the office. If parents need to find out whether or not the school is closed they should:

- Check their email if they have asked to be contacted by email;
- 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.

### 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 (16.1.17-27.3.17)</b>	Yrs 2-6	Berzerk 07976 652742 Josh Buckland
	3.30-4.30	<b>Pottery (9.1.17-20.3.17)</b>	Yrs 2-6	Sarah Rushbrook 07771 768491
<b>Tuesday</b>	(S.R.Pavillion) 8.00-8.30	<b>Stoke Row Running Club</b>	Yrs 3-6	Stoke Row Running Club Elise Way - eliseway@hotmail.co.uk
	08.00-08.40	<b>Judo (24.1.17-</b>	Yr1-6	linkai Tel: 0118 9885822
	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-5.15	<b>Equestrian Club (10.1.17-7.2.17)</b>	All	Check. Equestrian Centre Tel: 01491 680225
	3.30-4.30	<b>French Club (10.1.17-4.4.17)</b>	Y2-6	Tutorbox Irene Casey Tel: 0118 9841684
	3.30-4.30	<b>Archery Club</b>		Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
<b>Wednesday</b>	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Lunchtime	<b>Violin (11.1.17-</b>	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685
	3.30 – 4.30	<b>Netball</b>	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
<b>Thursday</b>	08.00-08.40	<b>Music Club (5.1.17-6.4.17)</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	11.10-11.30	<b>Woodwind</b>	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service
	Lunchtime	<b>Chill Skills Club (5.1.17-9.2.17)</b>	Yr5&6	Sophia Cleverly, Relax Kids 07811268990
	3.30-4.30	<b>Magical Maths Club (12.1.17-23.2.17)</b>	All	Tom Ward 01162029944
<b>Friday</b>	08.00 – 08.40	<b>Dodgeball (13.1.17-10.2.17)</b>	All	Paul Meakin 07976 651635
	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Lunchtime	<b>Chess Club (20.1.17-31.3.17)</b>	Y3-6	Mr Boyer Owl Class
	3.30-4.30	<b>Football (20.1.17-31.3.17)</b>	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332
	3.30	<b>Guitar</b>	All	Russ Payne Tel: 07921 087816

## Dates for your Diary

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

Church Services & Community Worship		
Christmas Service	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2016	6.30pm
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Parent Consultation Evenings and Reports		
Parents' Evening	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	3:30 - 5:50
Parents' Evening	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	3:30 -5:50
Reports issued	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	

**JAZZ**

**Oxford University  
Jazz Orchestra**


**Checkendon Village Hall**

**Friday Jan 27th**

**7.30pm**

Book now on 07974 918707  
honorvs@gmail.com

Tickets £20 in aid of Checkendon Church. Includes supper.



## Dan Housego – Christmas Cricket Camp at The Oratory School

**Spaces still available!!**

To book:

1. Click on this link: <https://www.smoothbook.co/ap/index.php/smart/home/19679#/>
2. Choose Resource - Christmas Camp at The Oratory School
3. Choose Service - Either pick the Full Day, Half Day or Full Week option
4. You can pay via Paypal or bring cash/cheque on the day.

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