



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

8th September 2016

Diary for Term 1	
Wednesday 14th September	5.00pm: Phonics Meeting for parents of pupils in Owlet Class
Wednesday 14th September	Welcome Meetings for parents of pupils in Y1 (5.30pm), Y3 (6.00pm) and Y5 (5.00pm)
Thursday 15th September	KS2 Swimming lessons start
Wednesday 5th October	2.45pm: Harvest Service in church: all welcome
Mon 17th – Fri 21st October	Year 6 Kilvrough Residential Visit
Thurs 20th – Fri 21st October	Year 5 Path Hill Residential Visit
Friday 21st October	Last Day of Term 1
Monday 31st October	INSET DAY: no children in school
Tuesday 1st November	First Day of Term 2

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Checkendon School, we hope you all had a very enjoyable and restful summer. Almost a week into the new term, the children have all settled in well and we have been impressed with the excellent learning that has taken place throughout the school so far. We are delighted to welcome new staff members; David Lane, Alison LeCorgne and Olivia Richardson and our new Reception pupils; Amelie, Imogen, Bella, Louis, Percie, Sam, Winter, Kitty, Trey, Aurelia, Zoe, Holly, Ben and Matteo. We hope you will be very happy at Checkendon School.

Curriculum Newsletters with details of class activities for this term and suggestions for how you can support at home went out in book bags earlier this week; do talk to your child's class teacher if you have questions about these. Copies are attached to this newsletter for reference.

We are delighted to have arranged high quality cover for the statutory weekly planning time (PPA) allocated to class teachers each week. Mr Boyer will teach Owlet Class on Tuesday afternoons and Mrs Peeling will teach Owl Class on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. In Panda Class, specialist sports coach, Paul Meakin, and specialist performing arts provider PPA Kieran Connelly will teach PE and musical theatre on Friday afternoons. In addition, Paul Meakin will team teach PE with class teachers in Owl Class and Panda Class on Monday afternoons. Mrs Seymour can't stay away from the classroom so will be teaching RE and art in Panda Class on Tuesday afternoons and RE in Rhino Class in Friday afternoons. We are very pleased to be able to offer this wider range of learning experiences for the children and welcome feedback in due course.

Welcome Meetings for parents of children in Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5

Please look out for a letter in your child's book bag inviting you to a Welcome Meeting for parents of all those children that have moved up into a new class. We look forward to seeing you on 14th September to introduce you to the new classes.

Phonics Meeting for parents of children in Owlet Class

Please look out for a letter in your child's book bag inviting you to a Phonics Information Meeting on Wednesday 14th September; we look forward to seeing you then.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We are pleased to continue offering some of your favourite activities such as archery, football, drama and horse riding as well as some exciting new clubs including tri golf, netball and musical theatre. Please note that Judo Club has been rescheduled and is now *before school*. Please see the full details of all the clubs attached at the bottom of the newsletter and club fliers in book bags and sent via email.

School Lunches

Aspens, our school lunch provider, has asked us to let you know that if your child has moved from Owl Class (KS1) into Panda Class (KS2), he/she will *no longer qualify for free school lunches*. **You will therefore need to re-register for school lunches.** In order to maintain the smooth running and efficiency of lunchtimes, it is very important that all pupil details are correct on Aspens' on-line ordering system. Please ensure that your child's dietary requirements and the class they belong to are correct.

Cool Milk

If you would like your child to be provided with milk to drink at school, please don't forget to register at www.coolmilk.com

A request for help...

We would be very grateful if someone would take a few items to the skip for us including a broken table. If you are able to help please contact the School Office.

Use of the school playground and field outside of school hours

It has come to our attention that the school premises including the field and playground are being used outside of school hours. This is prohibited; please ensure that your children do not under any circumstances enter the school grounds outside of school hours.

Scooters and footballs in the playground

Please ensure that children do not scoot or cycle in the playground before or after school as, with so many people around, this is quite hazardous. For the same reason, footballs are not used on the school playground at the beginning and end of the school day. In the interests of safety, we recommend that children *wheel* their scooters and bicycles up and down the drive. Thank you for your support.

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 (19.9.16-5.12.16)	Yrs 2-6	Berzerk 07976 652742 Josh Buckland
	TBC	Sport Activity TBC	TBC	Paul Meakin paulmeakinsports@orangehome.co.uk Tel: 07976 651635
Tuesday	8.00-8.45	Judo (20.9.16 – 29.11.16)	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
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
		Guitar TBC	All	Russ Payne Tel: 07921 087816
	3.30-4.30	French Club (20.9.16-13.12.16)	Y2-6	Tutorbox Tel: 0118 9841684
	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
	TBC	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
	3.30 – 4.30	Musical Theatre	All	Primary PPA Contact School Office

Dates for your Diary

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Mon 24 th – Fri 28 th October	Autumn Holiday
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Tuesday 1 st November	First Day of Term 2
Wednesday 14 th December	6.30pm: Christmas Service in church all welcome
Friday 16 th December	Last Day of Term 2, finish at 2pm

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