



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

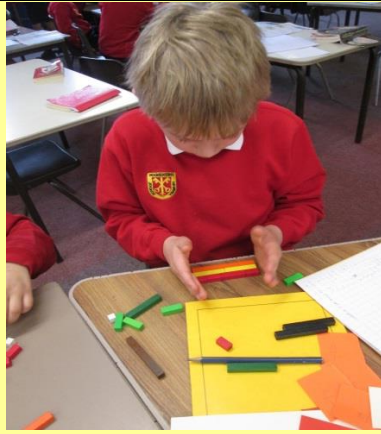
9th November 2017

Diary for Term 2

Monday 13 th November	9:30am Fire! Fire! Owl Class visit to Goring Fire Station
Monday 13 th November	2:30pm ShelterBox talk and demonstration <i>Parents are welcome</i>
Monday 13 th November to Friday 17 th November	National Anti-bullying Week
Friday 17 th November	Non-uniform Day. 'Weekend wear' for Children in Need. <i>See below for further details.</i>
Wednesday 22 nd November	<i>The Power of One</i> anti-bullying show (whole school)
Thursday 23 rd November	3.20pm: School Book Fair
Friday 24 th November	9:00am: School Book Fair
Friday 1 st December	Big Christmas Sing, Oxford Town Hall
Monday 4 th December	Flu Vaccination (Reception to Year 4) <i>Please return your consent forms by Monday 13th November</i>
Thursday 7 th December	6pm: Parent and Child Online Safety Workshop for children in Years 4, 5 and 6
Monday 11 th December	2:30pm Reception & KS1 Nativity Play: all welcome
Tuesday 12 th December	5:30pm Reception & KS1 Nativity Play: all welcome
Wednesday 13 th December	School Christmas Lunch <i>please order online with Aspens</i>
Monday 18 th December	6pm Christmas Service in the Church
Tuesday 19 th December	Last day of Term 2, <i>finish at 2pm</i>
Thursday 4 th January	First day of Term 3

Learning highlights this week...

Children in **Owlet Class** were visited by Pak the alien this week. Pak has been helping us learn our phonics and encouraging us to write. During independent learning, children have made space umbrellas and tested materials to see if they are waterproof. Children in **Owl Class** have been recovering from our visit to Tolhurst farm, where we planted garlic and broad beans. We are looking forward to going back to harvest them in the spring. We have also been out and about exploring the materials used to make the buildings in Checkendon. Children in **Panda Class** have made a great start learning how to use fractions this term. Great engagement and concentration making halves, quarters, thirds and fifths in different contexts. Can you make similar fractions at home?



Children in **Rhino Class** became archaeologists this week on their visit to the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford. They learned all about Anglo-Saxon artefacts and how they tell us about how the Anglo-Saxons lived. They were excited to see the famous Alfred jewel and the new display of the Watlington Hoard of silver items discovered in 2015. Their visit was a fantastic launch to their learning project.



Sports highlights this week...

On Thursday 2nd November we had the biggest turnout so far for cross country at Langtree School with 32 children from Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 competing! Everybody showed great determination with a special mention to Tilly Crook who was the only Checkendon girl in the Year 3 and 4 Girls' race. Harvey Herbert gave a final spurt to be the top finisher in the Year 5 and 6 Boys' race. He received the medal for determination after a fantastic sprint finish. Well done to everyone who took part.

School Value for Term 2 Peace

This term we will be focussing in school on the value Peace. Please see the separate attachment for more information on what you could do at home to support your child's learning about this value.

New Panda Class Teacher

We are delighted to have recruited Julie Carafa as full time permanent class teacher in Panda Class; she is currently working as a supply teacher but before that was a KS2 class teacher in Marlow. She will take up the post on 4th January 2018 but will come in for some school visits beforehand; her first one tomorrow, 12th November, do pop in and say hello!

Some personal words from Julie:

I have been living and teaching in England for two years now after making the decision to move abroad from Sydney, Australia.

Teaching in England has provided me with a new learning opportunity to develop my skills and experiences as an educator, which I have entered with eagerness and the desire to excel. In my spare time I enjoy travelling, cooking, reading, swimming and love a good walk in the beautiful countryside. Having met the children and staff at Checkendon Primary School, I am looking forward to being part of a great community.



School Council

At our last meeting School Council brainstormed fundraising ideas for the forthcoming 'Children In Need' event which takes place this year on Friday 17th November. After considering a number of suggestions we finally decided to combine the two most popular ideas put forward. As a result children will be invited to come to school dressed in 'weekend wear' on the day. This might include: sports kit, pyjamas, onesies, active wear ... the choice is yours! In addition, to celebrate the event, each class will present a musical performance during worship. As in previous years we ask for donations to join in the fun on Children In Need day so that we can raise as much money as possible for this very worthwhile cause. Just bring in your donation and place it in the pot in your classroom on Friday 17th November. Thank you!

National Anti-bullying Week 13th - 17th November

<http://www.bullying.co.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2017/>

At school, we will be exploring the value **peace**, School Values Ambassadors will lead an assembly using resources from Picture News and children in Year 5 and Year 6 will take part in a county wide survey. School Value Ambassadors will also be touring the classes with a play to teach them about the value of respect.

On Wednesday 22nd November the whole school will get to see The Power of One anti-bullying show. It will show different bullying scenarios, bystander behaviours, and solutions to bullying. The message of the performance is that every child has the Power of One, the power to report and deal with bullying when they see it. There will be 2 performances, one for Reception to Year 3 and another for Year 4 to 6. The show is changed based on the age of the children in the audience.

Volunteer Readers

Thank you to all our parent/grandparent volunteers who come in regularly to hear our readers. Your time is invaluable. If you have previously volunteered but are now unable to help please do let us know and if any parents would now like to volunteer please speak to your class teacher.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Wow! So far we have 24 Christmas boxes. Thank you for your kind donations. Monday 13th November is the last day to return your filled shoeboxes to the School Office. Please remember to cover the lid separately from the box as all boxes have to be checked before being sent on. Thank you in advance for supporting this campaign and sending some Christmas joy to children who are less fortunate.

Harvest Donations to the Food Bank

We received a lovely letter from Wallingford Emergency Food Bank thanking us for the donation of food from our harvest festival. "Your donations have helped to again fill our cupboards ready to give food to those that need it." Thank you.

School Association Book Fair

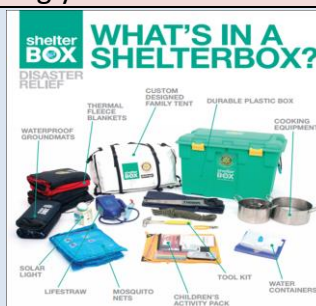
We are pleased to announce that we will be holding a Book Fair in school on Thursday 23rd November at 3.20pm and Friday 24th November at 9.00am. This fun event not only raises money for the school but gives you an opportunity to purchase some Christmas presents. We look forward to seeing you there.

Fundraising

ShelterBox

We have arranged for a ShelterBox volunteer to come to school on Monday 13th November to talk about the charity and show the children what is in a ShelterBox. It starts at 2:30pm and parents are welcome.

Our totaliser: £299 (Target: £590)



School Association

Thank you to everyone who supported the fireworks event last Friday by organising the event, donating your time, helping on the stalls, setting off fireworks, selling tickets, helping on the bar and BBQ, providing first aid or by simply attending. The event was a big success and raised over £1,800 for the school. Without all of your help, such a fantastic event would never have happened so thank you. A BIG thank you to Kate Pullan and her amazing team for organising such a wonderful event. Harriet Waggett, Suzanne Bradley and Emma Darke for the hospitality side; Pete Schmidt for the lighting; Michael Pullan, Jon Hayes, Will Nicholl for the fireworks display itself; Caroline Herbert and Kate Ashley for the hall and stalls; Tracey Beard as treasurer; Mrs Seymour as steward; Butler and Proctor for the trailer of sand; Paul Burrow for the BBQ; Charlie von Schmieder for locking up in the evening and of course everyone who helped on the night.

A special thank you to Mr Boyer for being piefaced!!



Term 2 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 (31/10/17 – 28/11/17)	All	Checkendon Equestrian Centre Tel: 01491 680225
	3.30-4.30	Dodgeball (14/11/17 to 12/12/17)		Paul Meakin Details to be sent out shortly
Wednesday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Lunchtime	Violin (restarting on 20/9/17)	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685 elestr.lee@btopenworld.com
	3.30-4.30	Gymnastics (8/11/17 to 5/12/17)		Paul Meakin Details to be sent out shortly
Thursday	08.00-08.40	Music Club (7/9/17 to 14/12/17)	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	10:05	Woodwind	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service
Friday	08.00-08.45 (Panda Classroom)	Relax Kids (3/11/17 to 15/12/17) excluding 1/12/17	Yrs 1-6	Sophia Cleverly Tel: 07811 268990 relaxkidssouthoxfordshire@gmail.com
	08.00-08.45 (School Hall)	'Big Christmas Sing' Choir	Yrs 3-6	Bill Boyer 01491 680693
	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	Football (15/9/17 to 8/12/17) excluding 3/11/17	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332
	3.30	Guitar (restarting on 22/9/17)	All	Russ Payne Tel: 07921 087816

Dates for your Diary

Monday 8 th January	3pm Community Worship
Wednesday 8 th February 2017	from 3:30pm: Parents' Evening
Thursday 9 th February 2017	from 3:30pm: Parents' Evening
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
Thursday 5 th July	Annual Reports issued
Wednesday 25 th July	Last day of term 6, finish at 2pm

Checkendon Church warmly invites you to:

An illustrated talk

Out of the Wood: Ideas in the Making

given by

Philip Koomen, Furniture designer-maker,
one of the finest craftsmen in wood today.

Philip has had a workshop in Checkendon since 1984.

in **Checkendon Village Hall,**

8.00pm Friday 17th November

Doors open at 7.45pm. Talk starts at 8.30pm

Ticket £8.00 - to include canapés

Tickets from: sj.endacott@googlemail.com tel: 0118 9843858

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

Thames Muddy Run

Goring and Streatley primary schools would like to invite local children who attend other schools to take part in a 1.7mile run on Saturday 25th November 2.30pm (2.15pm briefing). It costs £5 per child. Please see the information attached and email Jules (juliet_white@hotmail.com) with your entry form if your child is keen to take part. For those who are younger or less confident, a parent is welcome to run alongside and encourage their child.

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