



## CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

11<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Diary for Term 5	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Writing Week: thank you to everyone who has offered to join us. If you volunteered, there will be a letter in your child's book bag today confirming arrangements.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	School Census: please order a school meal for your child
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	2:30pm Parents Forum
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### At Checkendon Primary School this week...

#### Community Worship

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our community worship on Monday. We talked about the story of Zacchaeus, learnt about the phrase *turning over a new leaf* and had a fascinating discussion about forgiveness!

#### PE and School Sport

Last Thursday a team of four children from Rhino Class took part in a tennis tournament. They were seeded 1-4 and each played five matches against their equivalent seeds from other schools. The children were also responsible for umpiring and recording scores when they weren't playing. The children won 16 out of 20 matches making us the overall winners!! The team now go through to the South Oxfordshire finals for the second year in a row. Charlotte won the award for courage. Well done to the whole team!!



#### Worship in school this week

Term 5 Value: Forgiveness

Week 2: Being Forgiven and Starting Again

Music for reflection: *Spring* from *The Four Seasons* by Vivaldi

### Class Highlights

#### Owlet Class

Children in Owlet Class enjoyed their trip to Oxford University Museum of Natural History last week. They took part in a very informative workshop which answered lots of the questions they had been wondering about. Children were amazed they could hold leg bones from dinosaurs that were 130 million years old. The class also found out how fossils were made and how palaeontologists use hammers to find bones in rock. It was really exciting to go into Oxford on the bus and have lunch at



the museum. See more photographs on the school website.

### **Owl Class**

Pupils in Owl Class had a fantastic trip last week discovering dinosaurs at the Oxford University Museum of Natural History. They found out about how dinosaurs were different from other prehistoric reptiles, and how scientists can tell what a dinosaur ate from their teeth and their poo! Please have a look at the photos the children took on our class page of the website.

### **Panda Class**

Last week, Panda Class visited Hill End for a day of time travel back to the Stone Age. We made spears, cooked bread, collected water and built our own shelters to experience the wonders of the past. As you can see, the children enjoyed the visit...



### **Rhino Class**

We would like to say a huge well done to our Year 6 pupils who have been hard at work all week taking SATs in reading; spelling, punctuation and grammar; arithmetic and mathematical reasoning. Thanks to both children and parents for all their efforts in preparation for the tests and well done to all the pupils for approaching it all with determination and a positive attitude to do their best.

## **The Way Through The Woods: Writing Week 15th-19th May**

Writing week is next week! We are looking forward to an exciting week based in the woods with lots of inspirational writing planned. A big thank you to Susannah Lovegrove who is coming into school to share the beautiful books she has written and illustrated. Susannah is running workshops for all classes based on story writing, illustrating and poetry. Another big thank you to all the parents who have agreed to give up their time to share the reasons they write with children and to spend time in classes working with groups.

We would like to invite you to come in and view the writing the children have produced, which will be displayed in the hall. There will be the opportunity for you to do this on Friday 19th May after school from 3.20pm, from 8:30 – 8:50am on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> or after school from 3:20pm on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> the following week. We look forward to seeing you there!

### **Story Museum**

Why don't you start writing week with a visit to the Story Museum this weekend where they have an exciting weekend of poetry planned? The Story Museum is preparing for a weekend of poetry with exciting events and the chance to take home your very own poem chosen specially for you. The weekend begins on Saturday 13th May with award winning performance poet Joseph Coelho, who will be sharing the mysterious rules of the Werewolf Club, how to look like a rainbow, and how to fold up your gran! Then on Sunday 14th May, Korky Paul, illustrator of Winnie the Witch, has teamed up with Oxford poet John Foster to blast off with a Rocketful of Space Poems. <http://www.storymuseum.org.uk/whats-on/>

## **New Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Education Policy**

We would like to consult with parents on our new Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Education Policy (attached) and would really appreciate your feedback; all comments and suggestions welcome *by Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May*. Please email the office with any feedback.

## School Lunches

Due to allergens and food intolerances we are no longer able to provide a lunch for your child if a school dinner is not ordered by 9am each day. If you have forgotten to place the order in time, a lunchtime supervisor will call you to arrange for a packed lunch to be brought in for your child.

## Safeguarding

### Morning drop off

In line with our safeguarding policy and procedures, if your child is late for school (after 08:50) Mrs Barker in the office will take your child to class. This is to ensure that after all the external doors are locked at 08:50 there are no unescorted parents left in the school.

### Staying Safe Online

If your children have access to the internet, please remind them about how to stay safe online.

Childline offers these *Top 3 tips for keeping safe online*:

1. **Be careful what you share.** If you wouldn't want your teachers or parents to see it, it's probably best not to post it. Because once it's online, it's out of your control
2. **Don't meet people you don't know.** Even if you get on with them online, you never know who they really are
3. **Use a complex password.** It should be hard for other people to guess your password and it's a good idea to change it regularly.

*In particular, please talk to children about the dangers of uploading videos and photos*

### Think before you post

Don't upload or share anything you wouldn't want your parents, teachers or friends seeing. Once you press send, it is no longer private. You can't be sure who will end up seeing it.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/staying-safe-online/>

Please refer to the 2 leaflets attached that provide more information and guidance to parents.

## Rhino Class Performance

Yr 5/6 parents please save the date for the end of year performance. Tuesday 18th July at 2pm and Wednesday 19th July at 5.30pm.

## School Cups

Reminder to return the class cups for Owlet Class and Owl Class to Mrs Barker in the school office. Thank you

## Drugs and Alcohol Awareness

Langtree School is running a Drugs and Alcohol Awareness event on Thursday 18th May at 6.30pm (flyer attached). Parents of pupils in all year groups are welcome to attend. If you have any queries please contact Bev Belcher, Head of Year 7 and Transition on 01491 683373.

## Your school needs you: Parent Governor very urgently required!

We have a Parent Governor **vacancy** as Pete Schmidt steps down after completing his term. If there is any chance at all that you may be interested being a school governor please pop in and have an informal chat with Mrs Seymour.

## Summer Term Clubs

The timetable for the extra-curricular clubs running in the Summer term is now finalised, for full details see below.

### Football

The club is still taking bookings for additional football fans. If you need a form please contact the office.

### **Gymnastics**

The club is now confirmed and will continue this term; thank you to everyone who signed up. If anyone else is interested please book online at [www.ignitesportuk.com](http://www.ignitesportuk.com)

### **Checkendon Pre-school Run**

The annual Checkendon Pre-school run is being held on 11<sup>th</sup> June. Please see the flyer below for details of how to sign up.

### **School Association Clothing Collection**

Thank you to everyone who has filled a bag already. If you would like another bag then please collect from the office. Please return your filled bags to the school office by tomorrow. Many thanks for your support.

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

Why not collect free funds for our school whilst 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 Association Contact Details**

Please contact them at [checkendonsa@gmail.com](mailto:checkendonsa@gmail.com).

### **The Book People**

There is a new range of lovely books just outside the library so please do take a look.

### **Sainsbury's Active Kids**

The Sainsbury's Active Kids voucher scheme has returned and Checkendon School are taking part to earn new cooking and sports equipment. We would like to ask parents to collect the vouchers and post them in the collection box outside the School Office.

## Term 5 - 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 tbc (8.5.17-10.7.17)</b>	Yrs 2-6	Berzerk 07976 652742 Josh Buckland
<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
	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-5.15	<b>Equestrian Club (25.4.17-23.5.17)</b>	All	Check. Equestrian Centre Tel: 01491 680225
	3.30-4.30	<b>Gymnastics Club (25.4.17-18.7.17)</b>	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
<b>Wednesday</b>	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Lunchtime	<b>Violin</b>	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685
<b>Thursday</b>	08.00-08.40	<b>Music Club (27.4.17-20.7.17)</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	11.20-11.40	<b>Woodwind</b>	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service
	Lunchtime	<b>Chill Skills Club TBC</b>	KS2	Sophia Cleverly, Relax Kids 07811268990
	3.30 – 4.30	<b>Netball Club (4.5.17-13.7.17)</b>	KS2	Please sign up at the School Office
<b>Friday</b>	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Lunchtime	<b>Festival of Voices</b>		Mr Boyer Owl Class
	3.30-4.30	<b>Football (28.4.17-14.7.17)</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 25 <sup>th</sup> May	2.30pm: Parents Forum, all welcome
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Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	First Day of Term 6
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Rhino class trip to Reading
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Cycling Safety Training Course starts
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	2.00pm: Pentecost Service & May Pole Dancing, all welcome
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Assessments
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	3.00pm: Community Worship, all welcome
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Local author visit: Sue Palmer
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Local author visit: Sue Palmer
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports Issued
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	2pm Rhino Class Performance
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	5.30pm Rhino Class Performance
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	1.15pm: Leavers Service
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last Day of Term 6, finish at 2pm

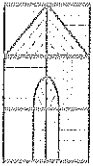
Church Services & Community Worship		
Pentecost Service & Maypole Dancing	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	2.00pm
Community Worship	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	3.00pm

Parents Forum	
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	2.30pm

Parent Consultation Evenings and Reports	
Reports issued	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2017



# CHECKENDON RUN



Matthew T. Young  
Chartered Architects  
[www.mtyarchitects.co.uk](http://www.mtyarchitects.co.uk)



Neil Aldridge  
Landscapes

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