



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

13th July 2017

Diary for Term 6	
Friday 14th July	12:00 Sports Day
Monday 17th July	12:00 Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 18th July	14:00 Rhino Class Performance in the school hall
Wednesday 19th July	17:30 Rhino Class Performance in the school hall
Thursday 20 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Visit to Path Hill Outdoors
Friday 21st July	13:15 Leavers Service in the church all welcome
Friday 21st July	Last day of Term 6, finish at 2pm
Diary for Term 1 2017/18	
Tuesday 5 th September	First day back
Tuesday 5 th – 8 th September	Year 6 Kilvrough Manor Residential Visit
Thursday 7 th – 8 th September	Year 5 Path Hill Outdoors Residential Visit
Wednesday 13 th September	Welcome Meetings for parents and Phonics Meeting for parents of pupils in Owlet Class <i>The meetings will start from 5pm but final class timings to be confirmed</i>
Friday 20 th October	Last day of Term 1, finish at 3.20pm
Monday 30 th October	INSET day – no children in school
Tuesday 31 st October	First day of Term 2

At Checkendon Primary School this week...

Whole School Worship

Term 6 Value: Hope

Week 6: Bringing Hope to Others

School Values Ambassadors

Monty and Audrey led this week's Worship on Monday and Thursday. They talked about people's homes and how they are special to them and how street children in Guatemala don't have as much and need people to look after them.

Sporting Highlights

Last Thursday saw our year 5/6 tennis team go to the county finals in Abingdon having won the South Oxfordshire heats. The children were seeded and played four matches against their equivalent seeds from the other schools. The team supported each other and played some fantastic tennis against very stiff



competition. They came 3rd overall and we're awarded bronze medals. Well done Joseph, Max, Audrey and Charlotte, a great achievement!

This week was our annual year 3/4 Swimming Gala at the Oratory pool. A group of children from Panda class took part in a friendly competition on Tuesday. As well as all the usual strokes there were some fun races like the doggie paddle and crocodile, where 4 children swim in a line holding on to each other! There were some brave performances but the award for courage went to Lucy Parkins for putting herself forward for the butterfly and giving 100% effort in all of her races. Well done Lucy!

Year 5 Digital Day at Langtree

5 of our year 5 children attended a Digital Day at Langtree this week. Langtree School were very complimentary saying 'they were an absolute delight today; so enthusiastic and eager to learn'.

School Council News

At our final School Council meeting of the year we ate cake as we reflected on the highlights of the year:

- Creating a new playground rota based on class surveys into the most popular equipment and ideas for additional equipment
- Conducting a whole school pupil survey into 'The best and worst thing about playtime and lunchtime'
- Organising a 'Soak the Staff!' fundraising event for Children In Need 2016
- Organising a 'Joke Competition' fundraising event for Comic Relief 2017
- Stoke Row CE School visit June 2017

We talked about what we have enjoyed the most about being on School Council:

- Helping to sort out problems at playtime
- Organising fundraising events
- Making things happen, especially the new rota for playground equipment
- Visiting Stoke Row School Council and sharing ideas with another school
- Improving the link between Class Councils and School Council

We decided that we could further develop our School Council by:

- Improving the input from Class Councils by making sure class meetings take place on a regular basis
- Visiting another School Council in a different geographic location eg. centre of Reading
- Considering changes to helping children find friends at playtime

Mrs Peeling would like to thank all this year's School Council members for their enthusiasm, hard work and commitment!

Sports Day Friday 14th July 12.00pm

We are very much looking forward to enjoying a wonderful afternoon of sports events tomorrow and hope you are able to join us. **Please make sure you provide a packed lunch or book a packed lunch option for your child from Aspens by 9am tomorrow. Refillable, named water bottles for each child are also required. Additional food items during the afternoon are not needed; please support us by not providing these for your child during the event.** We have been asked to advise parents that the toilets will be available for use tomorrow, but there are no facilities for the disposal of nappies; please ensure you take these home with you at the end of the day. Thank you.

SATS Results

We are very pleased indeed with the excellent Key Stage 2 results this year; pupils in Year 6 really did their best and we are very proud of their achievements. Many thanks to all the members of staff who worked with these children during their time at the school and to parents for their support for the children's learning.

This year's results are summarised in the tables below:

Test results: percentage of pupils who took the tests attaining expected standard <i>Test results report whether or not pupils attained the expected level</i>		
<i>one pupil was absent for the tests</i>	National figures 2017	Checkendon 2017
English: reading	71	90
English: grammar, punctuation and spelling	77	90
Maths	75	80

Teacher assessment results: percentage of pupils attaining expected standard <i>Teacher assessment results report whether or not pupils attained the expected level and whether or not pupils are working at greater depth</i>		
	Checkendon 2017 Working at expected standard	Checkendon 2017 Working at greater depth within expected standard
English: reading	91	36
English: writing	91	18
Maths	82	64
Science	91	36

Floor targets: attainment: percentage of pupils attaining expected standard		
	National figures 2017	Checkendon 2017
Pupils attaining the expected standard in maths, reading and writing	61	80

Cycling Proficiency

Congratulations to all of our Year 6 cohort. Every one of them passed their cycling proficiency test!! Well done to them all. A BIG thank you to Mrs Hyman for running the cycling training and to Mrs Von Schmieder and Mrs West for assisting the children.

Year 6 Lunches

A big thank you to the pupils in Year 6 who very kindly cooked delicious lunches for the staff last week. On Tuesday Joseph, Olivia and Rhian prepared tapas to start followed by a salmon and creamy leek parcel with new potatoes and green beans followed by a summer cake for Mrs Martin, Mrs Richardson, Mrs Todd and Mrs Walker. On Wednesday Charlotte, Ivy, Kori and Max prepared crispy bacon salad, chicken and bacon pasta bake, chocolate fudge cake and ice cream with a fruit smoothie for Mrs Barker, Mrs Brereton, Mrs Lamping and Mrs Griffin. On Thursday Audrey, Henry, Monty and Phoebe cooked 'clever' calamari, pick n mix burger with salad followed by chocolate fudge cake with chocolate sauce and vanilla ice cream for Mr Boyer, Miss Fisher, Mrs Hyman and Mrs Tarbox. Thank you for such delicious meals!

Read Oxford Research

Some pupils in years 4, 5 and 6 have recently taken part in some research with Oxford University around how children learn to read. Read Oxford have invited our pupils to take part in a new nationwide 'citizen science' study, the 'Word Detective' quiz. This takes a few minutes to complete on line, and is something children can do over the summer <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/welcome-back/for-home/summer/word-detective>

School Photos

The class and whole school photos are now available to view and purchase. To view the images please go to: www.ordermyphotos.co.uk Password: 1232 9710 3533 A

School Values Ambassadors Farewell Project



Before the current Year 6 School Values Ambassadors disperse to their new schools they would like your help for their Farewell Project! They have chosen to support Sal's Shoes, a charity that collects outgrown shoes and delivers them to children who are in need.

In its first year, Sal's Shoes collected 4,805 pairs of shoes and distributed them in 8 countries, including the UK. The charity collects outgrown children's shoes and passes them

on to their new owners. Shoes are sorted by type and not size and all sorts of different shoes are collected: flip flops, sandals, school shoes, slippers, trainers, winter boots and football boots.

- There are 300 million barefoot children worldwide
- 58 million children worldwide are not in school
- 29 million of these are because they do not have the means
- In many countries you cannot go to school without a pair of shoes

What you can do if you would like to help:

- Collect shoes that can still be worn, solid soles with no holes, laces if the shoes need them
- Give your shoes a quick clean before you pass them on – no mud!
- Pair your shoes with a couple of rubber bands
- Tape a £1 onto one of the soles in each pair to help us to get your shoes to their new owner
- Put them in the collection box in the foyer (this box will also be available in school in September)

Thank you!

After School Clubs

Most clubs finished this week. See below for those clubs that are continuing next week.

We are finalising the clubs for September onwards and will include these in next week's newsletter.

Piano Lessons

Emma Davies has a few vacant slots before school, lunch time and after school/evening from September. If your child is interested in learning how to play the piano please contact Emma on 01491 680252 or email daviesems-piano@mybtinternet.com

School Association

Sports Day Refreshments & Cake Sale: Friday 14th June

We will be selling tea, cold drinks, Innocent smoothies, fruit and cakes before and during Sports Day. Please help us build on our school playground fund by donating a cake or two and buying a slice on the day. It's for a great cause! Please bring donations into the school office

in the morning.

If possible, please remember to bring small change for your purchases. Thank you.

Term 6 - Extra-Curricular Activities

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	YEARS	ORGANISERS
Monday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	Drama Factory (8.5.17-10.7.17)	Yrs 2-6	Berzerk 07976 652742 Josh Buckland
Tuesday	(S.R.Pavillion) 8.00-8.30	Stoke Row Running Club	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 (25.4.17-11.7.17)	All	Checkendon Equestrian Centre Tel: 01491 680225
	3.30-4.30	Gymnastics Club (25.4.17-18.7.17)	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
Wednesday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Lunchtime	Violin	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685
Thursday	08.00-08.40	Music Club (27.4.17-20.7.17)	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	11.20-11.40	Woodwind	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service
	3.30 – 4.30	Netball Club (4.5.17-13.7.17)	KS2	Please sign up at the School Office
Friday	Lunchtime	Piano	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Lunchtime	Festival of Voices		Mr Boyer Owl Class
	3.30-4.30	Football (28.4.17-14.7.17)	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332
	3.30	Guitar	All	Russ Payne Tel: 07921 087816

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

Dates for your Diary

Tues 5th – 8th September

Tues 7th – 8th September

Mon 17th – Fri 21st October

Friday 20th October

Mon 23rd – Fri 27th October

Monday 30th October

Tuesday 31st October

Tuesday 19th December

Year 6 Kilvrough Residential Visit

Year 5 Path Hill Residential Visit

Thurs 20th – Friday 21st October

Last Day of Term 1

Autumn Holiday

Inset Day – no children in school

First Day of Term 2

Last Day of Term 2, finish at 2pm