



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

15th June 2017

Diary for Term 6	
Tuesday 20th June	School Photos (each class, year 6 and whole school)
Tuesday 20th June	Year 5/6 Tennis Tournament
Wednesday 21 st June	Owlet and Owl class visit to Cotswold Wildlife Park (Reminder: packed lunch and water bottle in a rucksack)
Wednesday 21 st June	Year 3/4 Tennis Tournament
Thursday 22 nd June	**No Netball Club**
Friday 23rd June	6:30pm Festival of Voices, Dorchester Abbey
Thursday 6th July	Reports Issued and Parent Consultation Evenings
Thursday 13th July	Move up morning (children to spend the morning in their upcoming year group)
Friday 14th July	12:00 Sports Day
Monday 17th July	12:00 Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 18th July	2pm: Rhino Class Performance
Wednesday 19th July	5:30pm: Rhino Class Performance
Friday 21st July	1.15pm: Leavers Service
Friday 21st July	Last Day of Term 6, finish at 2pm

At Checkendon Primary School this week...

Whole School Worship

Term 6 Value: Hope

Week 2: Jesus the Hope of the World

Music for reflection: *Flickering candles in the night* by Geoffrey Gardner

School Values Ambassadors

Henry and Phoebe led whole school worship on Monday and Thursday. On Monday, they told the story of Simeon, and how he waited all his life for the Messiah, the one who would rescue his people. They asked pupils to think about times they had been in the dark. On the worship table, they had a collection of different sorts of candles. On Thursday, they read *The Owl who was afraid of the Dark* and children chose their favourite candle from the collection; thinking about how it suited their personalities.

Class Highlights

Owlet Class

The Treasure Island theme is well underway in Owlet classroom with a production line of pirate treasure maps, wanted posters and messages in bottles. Children have learned some sea shanties and made up their own verses with actions, all about the grumpy pirate, the sad pirate, the happy pirate etc. They have

enjoyed putting the shanties to music using the instruments in the outside area.

A big THANK YOU to all the parents who gave up their time and energy to help us with our gardening. We are planting more things this week and aiming to get in lots of vegetables that we can harvest in autumn with Mr Boyer when the children are in Year 1.

Owl Class

Children in Owl class have picked the first strawberries from their vegetable beds. They were delicious! We have also started finding out about meerkats by reading meerkat mail. Who knew that there were so many different types of mongooses?

Panda Class

Children in Panda class have been investigating sound and how it reaches our ears. We explored sound by taking our string telephones outside and testing out different ideas. We discovered that sound moves in vibrations, which we noticed along the string. The children have also been writing persuasive letters to their parents on the issue of bedtime.

Rhino Class

Children in Rhino Class have been writing fabulous poetry this week. They were inspired by the poetry that they wrote with Mrs Lovegrove and have written their own poems about steam trains.

Author Visit

Following on from the success of Writing Week, children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 were visited by local author Sue Palmer on Thursday. Sue talked about her new book 'May's Moon' and ran fantastic 'space' workshops with the children. One pupil said 'It was amazing. All the information just flew into my mind.'

Lost property

Please can you ensure everything is taken home every Friday so that the cleaners can do their job more easily. Remember to look in the lost property box for any missing items.

Pentecost Service and dancing

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Pentecost Service and enjoyed the maypole dancing. Thank you to members of staff who taught the dances so expertly (some of whom took part as well!). It was a lovely afternoon as you can see in the photos below.



Community Worship

Thank you also to everyone who attended our Community Worship this week. Our next one will be in the Autumn.

Let's get reading!

Jill and Choco, a chocolate labrador, come in every week to listen to the children read in Owl and Owlet classes. Jill is from the Pets as Therapy charity and the children really enjoy and develop their reading with Choco.

Thank you to all the parents and volunteers who donate their time every week to support the children's developing reading skills.

Staff Leaving Collections

We have a card and collection each to say our fond farewells to Mr Lane and Mrs Richardson from parents, staff and governors. If you would like to contribute to any of these leaving gifts please pop into the school office **from Monday 19th June** to sign the cards and hand in donations. Thank you.

Netball Club

Please note that there will be no netball club on Thursday 22nd June due to a prior arrangement. It will restart the following week. Thank you to Louise Maze for volunteering and running the successful club so far.

School Association

Pentecost Service Tea and Cakes

Thank you to everyone who supported the tea and cake sale and all the volunteers who ran it on the day. You all helped to raise £116. Thank you.

School Association Contact Details

Please contact them at checkendonsa@gmail.com.

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 (25.4.17-23.5.17)	All	Check. 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