



# CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

20<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Diary for Term 6	
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	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET day – no children in school
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	First day back at 8:50am
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 Kilvrough Manor Residential Visit 7:15am to leave at 7:30am
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 5 at Stoke Row School 8:50am
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 5 Path Hill Outdoors Residential Visit 9:15am
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Welcome Meetings for parents and Phonics Meeting for parents of pupils in Owlet Class: 4.00pm Phonics Owlet Class 4.30pm Owl Class 5.00pm Panda Class 5.30pm Rhino Class
Every Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September – 19 <sup>th</sup> October	KS2 swimming at The Oratory School <i>Please send in your reply slips to the office</i>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of Term 1, finish at 3.20pm
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET day – no children in school
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	First day of Term 2

## In school this year

Well, term is almost over; children and staff have worked extremely hard and all deserve a relaxing summer break. We have had another busy and very successful year; we were delighted with our end of year Key Stage 2 results and our school Tennis Team reached the Oxfordshire County Tennis Finals!

- We have hosted a large number of successful events throughout the year including Harvest, Christmas, Maundy and Pentecost Services, Fireworks Night, Bluebell Walk, Maypole Dancing, Children in Need, Comic Relief, Happiness Day and Oxford Travelling Book Fair. We were treated to excellent performances of The Legend of the Golden Dragon, Nativity Play, Class Choirs, scenes from Matilda, The Six Wives of Henry VIII and Out of this World at school and Festival of Voices at Dorchester Abbey.
- Children have participated in a wide range of themed days and weeks including Ancient Greece Day, Ancient Egypt Day, Writing Week, Safer Internet Day, NSPCC *Speak out. Stay safe*, Junior Citizen Programme, French Themed Day and *Amaze* project.
- During the course of the year, pupils have taken part in a wide range of inter-school sports

competitions including cross country, swimming, athletics, Sportshall athletics, Quadkids athletics, football, Kwik cricket, netball, tag rugby, tennis and multi-skills.

- There have been many visits to support and inspire learning, including to Kilvrough Manor, Path Hill Outdoors, The Story Museum in Oxford, Adventure Dolphin in Pangbourne, Windsor Castle, Whitchurch School, Ufton Court, Reading Gurdwara, Winchester Science Museum, Oxfordshire Bus Museum, Reading Museum Victorian Schoolroom, The Oratory School, Hill End, Oxford Natural History Museum, Cotswold Wildlife Park, Reading town centre, Stoke Row School and Langtree School.
- Staff have been learning too; during the year developing their skills in food safety and hygiene, safeguarding, manual handling, mentoring, asthma treatment, health and safety, and fire safety. Teachers have improved their knowledge and understanding of effective strategies for teaching writing, mathematics, geography, science and R.E. Alison Martin and Bill Boyer have taken part in a Primary Aspiring Leadership course, and some teachers have benefitted from coaching sessions with educational coach, Tim Suiter. Gillian Seymour was awarded the National Professional Qualification in Headship.
- We have had lots of interesting visitors in our school this year. These have included speakers from different faith backgrounds, Relax Kids, Zoolab, Wild Science, family pets, Choco the dog and local author Sue Palmer. Parents, grandparents and governors have visited the school regularly to help out in all sorts of ways. Lots of parents were involved in our very successful Writing Week and pupils have benefitted from regular reading sessions with our highly skilled parent volunteers.
- Events for parents have included parents' evenings to discuss pupil progress, termly Parents' Forums, community worship and the parent workshop '21<sup>st</sup> century children – new ideas for new challenges'. Thanks to the tireless efforts of the School Association and the support of parents, we are delighted to have been able to provide Year 6 pupils with leavers' hoodies and bibles as well as fantastic fund raising for Phase 2 of the play tower.
- Many thanks to all parents and governors who have volunteered their time to help us this year. We are very grateful to all those who give up their time to support staff and children at the school.

It is time to say good bye to Joseph, Rhian, Kori, Phoebe, Olivia, Henry, Ivy, Audrey, Charlotte, Monty and Max; and to staff member Olivia Richardson. We thank them for all they have contributed to the life of the school and wish them happiness and success in the future.

### **Parent volunteers 2017-18**

Volunteering regularly at school can make a real difference! We welcome parents, grandparents and family friends, as well as neighbours and members of the local community, as adult volunteers in school (for example helping with reading, gardening, cooking or computing), as members of the School Association or as members of the Governing Board. Please do get in touch if you think you may be interested and we can have a chat about what is involved.

### **What is the right age for YouTube?**

We would like to remind parents about current guidance for access to YouTube (13+). Below is a link to a useful guide for parents. You can use it to find out what parents, children and young people say about YouTube - including signing up, reporting, privacy, safety advice and recommended ages. We hope you find it useful.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/youtube/>

## Report Replies

Thank you to those that have already sent in their report replies. If you are yet to respond, a reminder to please send in your replies to the office.

## Staffing Arrangements 2017/18

Following interviews over the course of the last few weeks, we are pleased to have secured Mrs Emma Secker as part time temporary teacher in Panda Class until the end of the Autumn Term. Mrs Secker is an ex-deputy headteacher with nearly thirty years' experience teaching children aged 4 – 14 across three counties, having graduated from Westminster College, Oxford with a B.Ed (Hons) in 1989. Mrs Secker already knows the school well having been teaching in Panda Class and Rhino Class on Fridays this term and she has quickly become part of the Checkendon Team! Mrs Secker and Mrs Seymour will job share the class until Christmas: Mrs Seymour will teach on Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs Secker will teach on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. We have decided to re-advertise for the full time permanent class teacher for Year 3 and 4 with a start date of January 2018.

Please see below for an outline of staffing arrangements for 2017-18:

Owlet Class	<b>Class Teacher: Mrs Martin</b>	Mornings Ms Fisher/ Mrs Todd	Additional specialist teachers Mr Meakin Mr Clothier
		Afternoons Ms Fisher/ Mrs Todd	
Owl Class	<b>Class Teacher: Mr Boyer</b> Tuesday afternoon and Friday afternoon Mrs Peeling	Mornings Mrs Griffin Mrs Tarbox	Additional specialist teachers Mr Meakin
		Afternoons Mrs Peeling	
Panda Class	Monday and Tuesday <b>Class Teacher: Mrs Seymour</b> Wednesday, Thursday, Friday <b>Class Teacher: Mrs Secker</b>	Mornings Mrs Peeling Mrs Hyman/ Mrs Walker	Additional specialist teachers Mrs Lamping Mr Meakin Mr Clothier Mrs Lovegrove
		Afternoons Mrs Piggott	
Rhino Class	<b>Class Teacher: Mrs Brereton</b> Friday Mrs Seymour	Mornings Mrs Lamping	Additional specialist teachers Mr Meakin Mr Clothier

## 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](http://www.ordermyphotos.co.uk) Password: 1232 9710 3533 A

## After School Clubs

See below for all the clubs that are on offer in Term 1. Attached to the newsletter email are flyers for the Music and Relax Kids clubs.

### Netball Club

It will be back later in 2017/18 but in the meantime we would like to say a big thank you to Louise Maze for running the very successful netball club as a volunteer. All the children really enjoyed it and we are delighted to be able to order much needed PE equipment with the funds raised.

### **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](mailto:daviesems-piano@mybtinternet.com)

### **School Association**

#### **Sports Day Refreshments & Cake Sale: Friday 14th July**

Thank you to all of you donated cakes for the stall. You helped us raise over £250. Thank you to everyone who purchased a cake or a hot drink. Big thanks to Bea Butler and Zoe Stott and also Suzanne Hood-Cree and her mum Jackie, Kate Ashley, Jacqui Wallace, Harriet Waggett, Nicki West and Honor Von Schmieder for all your help on the day.

### Term 1 - 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 (11/9/17 –27/11/17) No club on 30<sup>th</sup> October due to inset day</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 (12/9/17 – 17/10/17)</b>	All	Checkendon Equestrian Centre Tel: 01491 680225
	3.30-4.30	<b>Gymnastics Club (19/9/17 – 17/10/17)</b>	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
<b>Wednesday</b>	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	Lunchtime	<b>Violin (restarting on 20/9/17)</b>	All	Elestr Lee Tel: 0118 9478685
	3.30-4.30	<b>Dodgeball tbc</b>	All	Paul Meakin
<b>Thursday</b>	08.00-08.40	<b>Music Club (7/9/17 to 14/12/17)</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	11.20-11.40	<b>Woodwind</b>	All	Lucy Robertson County Music Service
	3.30-4.30	<b>Archery Club (21/9/17 – 19/10/17)</b>	All	Ignite Tel: 01869 220890
<b>Friday</b>	08.00-08.40	<b>Relax Kids (8/9/17 – 13/10/17)</b>	Yrs 1-6	Sophia Cleverly Tel: 07811 268990 relaxkidssouthoxfordshire@gmail.com
	Lunchtime	<b>Piano</b>	All	Emma Davies Tel: 01491 680252
	3.30-4.30	<b>Football (15/9/17 to 8/12/17)</b>	All	Pro-Direct Tel: 07921 726332
	3.30	<b>Guitar (restarting on 15/9/17)</b>	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

Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of term 1, finish at 3.20pm
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Autumn Holiday
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Inset day – no children in school
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	First day of term 2
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term 2, finish at 2pm
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	First date of term 3
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term 3, finish at 3.20pm
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Spring Holiday
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Inset day – no children in school
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	First day of term 4
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of term 4, finish at 3.20pm
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holiday
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Inset day – no children in school
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of term 5
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of term 5, finish at 3.20pm
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> May – Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Jun	Summer Holiday
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset day – no children in school
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	First day of term 6
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term 6, finish at 2pm