



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

22nd June 2017

Diary for Term 6	
Friday 23 rd June	6:30pm Festival of Voices, Dorchester Abbey
Monday 26 th June	13:30 Fun Games at Stoke Row Team from Year 1
Tuesday 27 th June	11:00 New starter visits to Owlet Class
Wednesday 28 th June	08:55 School Council visit to Stoke Row
Wednesday 28 th June	13:30 Sports Leaders Event at Whitchurch Primary Owlet Class
Thursday 29 th June	14:00 Kwik Cricket at Whitchurch Primary Team from Year 5
Thursday 6 th July	Annual Reports
Thursday 13 th July	Move up morning (children to spend the morning in their upcoming year group)
Friday 14 th July	12:00 Sports Day
Monday 17 th July	12:00 Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 18 th July	2pm: Rhino Class Performance in the school hall
Wednesday 19 th July	5:30pm: Rhino Class Performance in the school hall
Friday 21 st July	1.15pm: Leavers Service in the church
Friday 21 st July	Last day of Term 6, finish at 2pm
Tuesday 5 th September	First day of Term 1 2017-18

At Checkendon Primary School this week...

Whole School Worship

Term 6 Value: Hope

Week 3: Recognising the rainbow as a sign of hope

Music for reflection: The Lord, the Lord (Psalm 23) and Thank you for the Summer Morning

School Values Ambassadors

Rhian and Olivia led worship very effectively on Monday and Thursday. First, they read the story of Noah's Ark, giving the younger children models of the animals to help them to understand, and then they talked about the meaning of the rainbow. After this they talked about Desmond Tutu who used the rainbow as a sign of hope in his teaching in his church in South Africa.

Sports Highlights

It's been a very busy week of tennis, and not just for the players taking part in the Queen's Club Championships! Having qualified last term, two teams from Checkendon went to Peppard Tennis Club to battle it out on court at the South Oxfordshire finals.



On Tuesday our Rhino Class team went up against 4 other schools and put in some fantastic performances on what was a blisteringly hot day. They won the majority of their matches and emerged overall winners sending them automatically through to the County finals next month. Well done Joseph, Max, Audrey and Charlotte!

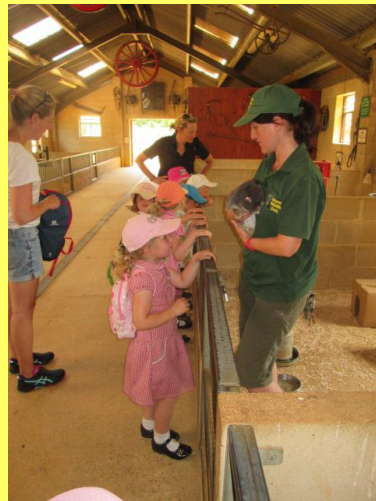
On Wednesday the weather was even hotter but that didn't hamper our team from Panda Class! A team of 8 children (with a couple of late substitutions who had never played before!) went up against

Whitchurch, Peppard and Sonning Common. Everyone played to a great standard and improved over the course of the competition. We achieved a respectable 3rd place but most importantly everyone had fun! Well done!

Class Highlights

Owlet Class

Children in Owlet Class really enjoyed the trip to the Cotswold Wildlife park with Owl Class. The workshop on how to care for our domestic animals was very informative and we loved walking around with the goats. We had a train ride and managed to see the wolves, rhinos, reptiles and giraffes. Everyone did very well in the 35 plus degree heat!



Owl Class

Owl Class pupils had a fantastic time at Cotswold Wildlife Park. Roger, our park keeper guide, answered all our questions about zebras, rhinos, giraffes and lions. We particularly loved being able to get close to the penguins and meerkats. It was rather hot so we had to dive for the shade whenever we could!



Panda Class

Children in Panda Class have started learning about music editing and production and have been editing their own sequences of music using 'Isle of Tune'. We will be continuing to learn more about music and how it can be used to add more emotion and feeling to our presentations. Thank you to those parents who responded to their child's letter about bedtime and we look forward to sharing some of those responses throughout this week and the next.

Rhino Class

Children in Rhino Class have drawn some fascinating pictures of railway tracks using perspective and the vanishing point. They have learned how to create an optical illusion, making it appear that the train lines are meeting.

Advice for hot weather

Oxfordshire County Council offers guidance on Sun Safety and Heat Exposure which incorporates the HSE The Sun Safety Code :

- Seek shade
- Cover up e.g. hats, long sleeves, trousers
- Drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration
- Apply sunscreen generously (for school children this needs to be provided from home and pre-administered and/or self-administered)
- Take care not to burn
- Protect children (children still require protection if the weather is cloudy and cooler; clouds do not block UV rays they only filter them)
- Look out for the safety and wellbeing of older people and vulnerable adults.

We aim to follow this guidance at school: fresh tap water is freely available in classrooms throughout the day and in the hall during lunchtimes; and there are several shady areas on the field and playground. If you have any suggestions or queries about our provision for children in hot weather please speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you to Joseph Bradley

A big thank you to Joseph who has raised £23 for the School Association by running a car boot sale.

Lost property

Please ensure that all your child's belongings are taken home every Friday. Last weekend, lots of sweatshirts, coats, PE kits and lunchboxes were left behind on school premises. Thank you for your support

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 to sign the cards and hand in donations. Thank you.

Annual Reports

As you know, here at Checkendon School, we are committed to developing growth mindset characteristics in pupils and staff so that children understand that their talents and abilities can be developed through effort and perseverance. We nurture children's independent learning skills and we have designed a poster for use throughout the school based on the Characteristics of Effective Learning (www.early-education.org.uk). This is displayed in classrooms and below. Our Annual Reports this year will include a copy of the poster and they will incorporate comments about children's development as independent learners. By sharing this information, we aim to foster home-school links so that we can work together to do all we can to help children have the best possible start in life. If you would like further information about how we do this, please look on our website or talk to your child's class teacher.

An independent learner shows creative and critical thinking by

- thinking of ideas
- finding ways to solve problems
- finding new ways to do things
- making predictions

An independent learner is engaged

- shows interest and curiosity
- seeks a challenge
- initiates activities
- shows a 'can do' attitude
- takes a risk, engaging in new experiences, and learning by trial and error

An independent learner enjoys achieving targets by

- showing satisfaction in meeting their own goals
- being proud of how they accomplished something – not just the end result
- enjoying meeting challenges for their own sake rather than external rewards or praise

An independent learner is motivated

- maintains focus
- shows high levels of energy, fascination
- persists with activity when challenges occur
- shows a belief that more effort or a different approach will pay off

An independent learner chooses ways to do things by

- planning, making decisions about how to approach a task, solve a problem and reach a goal
- checking how well their activities are going
- changing strategy as needed
- reviewing how well the approach worked

School Association

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

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.

**Final chance to enter the
School Values Ambassadors'
Anti – bullying Poster Competition
Now open to Key Stage 1 as well as Key
Stage 2**

The slogan is

DON'T BE A BYSTANDER

Key Stage 2 only

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STAY STRONG STAY SAFE ONLINE

New deadline 9:00 Monday 26th June

Hand your entries to a school values ambassador

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

Classics Summer School

The Iris Project and Classics Centre are offering a Classics Summer School (Greek and Latin) this August at the Iris Classics Centre at Cheney. It will take place on the mornings of 29, 30 and 31st August 2017. Details at <http://www.eoccc.org.uk/classics-summer-school-29-31-august-2017>

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