



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

25th May 2017

Diary for Term 6	
Friday 26 th May	Last day of Term 5
Monday 5 th June	First day of Term 6
Tuesday 6 th June	'Ticket to Ride' Rhino Class visit to Reading
Wednesday 7 th June	Mrs Belcher, Head of Year 7 and Transition, Langtree to visit Year 6
Thursday 8 th June	Cycling Safety Training Course restarts
Friday 9 th June	2pm: Pentecost Service & Country Dancing, all welcome
Monday 12 th June	3pm: Community Worship in the school hall, all welcome
Thursday 15 th June	Local author visit: Sue Palmer
Tuesday 20 th June	School Photos
Thursday 22 nd June	Local author visit: Sue Palmer
Friday 23 rd June	6:30pm Festival of Voices, Dorchester Abbey
Thursday 6 th July	Reports Issued and Parent Consultation Evenings
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
Wednesday 19 th July	5:30pm: Rhino Class Performance
Friday 21 st July	1.15pm: Leavers Service
Friday 21 st July	Last Day of Term 6, finish at 2pm

At Checkendon Primary School this week...

Whole School Worship

Term 5 Value: Forgiveness

Week 4: *Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us*

Music for reflection: *Summer* by Vivaldi

School Values Ambassadors

Joseph and Max led whole school worship on Monday; we learned about the words of The Lord's Prayer and the importance of forgiving and being forgiven.

Class Highlights

Owlet Class

Children in Owlet Class have enjoyed their outdoor learning this week. They have continued to watch the progress of the plants they have already planted out, sunflowers, courgettes and cucumbers and have been gardening in the back of the outside area. Thank you for all your donations for our gardening project.

Owl Class

Children in Owl Class have been reciting dinosaur poems and experimenting using jigsaw pieces to create dinosaur fossil art. Parents, if you are free on Friday morning, please hang around at the start of the day to see what they have been up to.

Panda Class

In their computing lessons, children in Panda Class have been learning about the designing and pitching process involved in creating toys. As part of their learning in PSHE, they have explored ideas of forgiveness and when they might find it hard to forgive.

Rhino Class

Rhino Class had a fantastic day with Mrs Lovegrove last week. They were fascinated to read her book *Baba Yaga* and to learn about the techniques she used to create her illustrations. They wrote their own dark and creepy poetry and used different techniques to design their illustrations. It was an inspirational day and the children were delighted with their art and their writing.

Staff Update

Mr Lane

We will be saying farewell and thank you to Mr Lane as he leaves us to gain experience in a different school setting. We will advertise for a full time teacher for Panda Class from September and plan to interview in the second week of June. For personal reasons, Mr Lane will be leaving Checkendon a little before the end of the summer term, 30th June. We are considering options to cover the class for the last few weeks; we'll update you about this in due course.

Mrs Richardson

We will also be saying goodbye and thank you to Mrs Richardson in Owl Class, who will be leaving at the end of the school year. If you are interested in applying for the TA role we will be advertising the vacancy on the school website and the OCC website.

Governor Update

Pete Schmidt

After serving 4 years as a governor, Pete has stepped down at the end of his term. On behalf of all the staff and governors of the school, we want to extend a massive thank you to Pete for all his support. We are very grateful for his unfailing good humour, his practical problem solving skills, his willingness to take on pretty much anything to help out (sorting out blocked drains on the last day of the Christmas term, for example!) and his hugely conscientious approach to being a critical friend as a governor of the school. **Thank you from us all!**

New Parent Governor: Katharine Wesbroom

Thank you to Katharine Wesbroom who has volunteered to be a Parent Governor from September 2017. Katharine is mum to three young children, including Aurelia in Owlet Class and Rosanna, who is starting at Checkendon Preschool. She has a background in operations management within the rail industry, particularly station management. Since starting a family she has pursued her interests in writing and exploring the links between nature and education. In her spare time she enjoys walking, travelling, classical singing and everything outdoorsy. Welcome on board, Katharine!

Thank you

A big thank you to Sara and Stuart Walker for their very generous donation of 2 brand new vacuum cleaners for the school. They will be an invaluable addition to our cleaning equipment and very much appreciated.

Morning School Drop Off

As part of our health and safety procedures, children must be supervised by parents until the doors open at 8:40, so please do not leave them unsupervised in the playground before school. Thank you for your support.

Author Visit

Following on from the success of Writing Week, children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be visited by local author Sue Palmer on 15th and 22nd June. We are very excited that Sue can come into school to talk about her new book and do a workshop with the children. Please see the letter in tomorrow's book bags inviting you to purchase a book which can be signed by Sue. Chapter one of the story is attached for you to get a taste of the novel. We look forward to hearing and reading the rest!

Summer Term Clubs

Details of all the extra-curricular clubs running in term 6 can be found below.

New Dance Club

The school heard about a new dance club in Worship today that we are proposing to run from Monday 12th June. The children will learn a routine to perform at the Dance Summer Showcase at Henley Town Hall. Please see the letter in tomorrow's book bags for more details and how to book your place.

Former Pupil: Alfie Clifton

A former pupil of our school has recently been described as a 'fantastic all-rounder' by The Oratory School. Alfie joined The Oratory in 2008 from Checkendon and gained 11 GCSEs grades A*-B and 3 A Levels grades A*-C. He is now reading Law at Sheffield University. Alfie achieved his academic potential whilst immersing himself fully in the sporting life of the school. His philosophy in life has been to do everything to the best of his ability. Congratulations, Alfie!

If you have good news about a former pupil or staff member, do let us know!

Sainsbury's Active Kids

The Sainsbury's Active Kids voucher scheme has now closed and we are counting all the vouchers ready to order some equipment for the school. If you have any vouchers at home please return them to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.

School Association

Pentecost Service & Country Dancing: 9th June

We will be selling tea, coffee and cakes after the service before the country dancing. We would love you to donate your bakes or buy cakes for the sale. Please bring your donations into the school office in the morning. Thank you.

BagstoSchool

Thank you to everyone who filled a bag! We raised a total of £67.20 and plan to do it again in the autumn.

School Association Contact Details

Please contact them at checkendonsa@gmail.com.

Term 6 - Extra-Curricular Activities

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	YEARS	ORGANISERS
Monday	08:00-08:40	Dance (12.6.17 – 10.7.17 tbc)	Yrs 1-6	Premier Performing Arts Tel:07545 125162 Stacey Gould
	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

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