



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

27th April 2017

Diary for Term 5	
Wednesday 3 rd May	Panda Class Stone Age Experience at Hill End
Thursday 4 th May	Owl & Owlet Class visit to Oxford Natural History Museum
Monday 8 th May	KS2 SATS Reading
Monday 8 th May	3.00pm: Community Worship, All Welcome
Tuesday 9 th May	KS2 SATS Grammar, punctuation & Spelling
Wednesday 10 th May	KS2 SATS Maths
Thursday 11 th May	KS2 SATS Maths
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th May	Writing Week: please join in for a session if you can!
Thursday 18 th May	School Census: please order a school meal for your child
Friday 26 th May	Last day of Term 5

At Checkendon Primary School this week...

School Values Ambassadors

Oliva has been helping with worship this week, setting up the hall and leading prayers. From next week, two School Values Ambassadors will plan and lead whole school worship once a week; we are looking forward to Oliva and Rhian's worship on Monday!

PE and School Sport

What a great start to the term! Our year fives went to a tag rugby tournament on Wednesday, and played really well. Despite never having played as a team before, Checkendon managed to come 2nd in their group just behind Whitchurch A team. This meant we qualified for the semi-final match. Unfortunately we narrowly lost our next two matches which made us 4th overall out of 14 teams in total. Well done Checkendon!

Worship in school this week

Term 5 Value: Forgiveness (please see attachment)

Week 1: Windows on the World

Music for reflection: *Ave Maria* Katherine Jenkins

Class Highlights

Owlet Class

Owlet class children have been delighted to meet our new member Jenson and get to know him. Jenson has settled in quickly and is one of the team already. The children have shown appreciation for the beauty of the bluebells and have tried to recreate their magic with colour mixing paints and other media.

Owl Class

Owl Class children have finished their vehicles and hopefully you will find them racing around your houses. We also went outside to have a look at how spring is progressing and were amazed to see oak apples and catkins on the oak trees on the field.

Panda Class

Children in Panda Class have been exploring what it would have been like to live in the Stone Age through role play and researching Skara Brae, a Stone Age village found on the islands off the north of Scotland. The children have also been very enthusiastic in learning about democracy and why it is important to have a say in how the country is run.

Rhino Class

Rhino Class pupils had a delicious start to their geography project. They tasted 12 different cheeses from regions in France and sampled freshly baked baguettes, croissants and pastries. They were able to order their selection and describe their favourite cheeses in French. Many thanks to Mrs Lamping who bought such a wonderful range of cheese from France last week!

Annual Bluebell Walk

We all enjoyed our wonderful annual walk through the local countryside today. Many thanks to Checkendon Equestrian Centre for access to their grounds and to Mr Eliot for his help managing our crossing of the field of horses. On returning to school the children enjoyed their ice lollies kindly donated by the School Association. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

Staff News

Our new School Administrator, Karen Barker, and Maria Soriano, cover for Jackie Griffin's hours, have now both started. We wish them a warm welcome. Jackie Griffin has now had her hip operation. We wish her all the very best for a speedy recovery and look forward to welcoming her back to school towards the end of the academic year.

Please join us in school during our Writing Week 15th-19th May

We have planned an exciting whole school writing week in May and would like to invite parents, friends and relatives to come along and get involved! A letter has gone out in the book bags; please look out for this and support us if you can.

Parent Governor very urgently required!

From May 2017 there will be a Parent Governor vacancy as Pete Schmidt steps down after completing his term. Pete is on the Resources Committee, with specific responsibility for monitoring the maintenance and upkeep of the school premises. If you may be interested being a school governor please speak to Pete Schmidt.

Summer Term Clubs

The timetable for the extra-curricular clubs running in the Summer term is now finalised, for full details see the timetable below. As you will see popular favourites such as football, dodgeball and music club are continuing and we are pleased to offer some new clubs next term such as Mad Science, gymnastics and netball.

Football

The club (starting 28th April) is now taking bookings for additional football fans. If you are interested please complete the attached booking form and return it back to the office asap.

Mad Science

Our new Mad Science club is due to start on 3th May. We currently have 8 children signed up but the club

will not run with less than 15 children. If you are interested please see the attached flyer on how to register your child. Alternatively please visit www.bbo.madscience.org, click on Afterschool Programmes and then Book Online. Find our school listed and check the course description, dates and cost. Register and pay online.

Gymnastics

The club started on 25th May with 5 children but unfortunately will not continue with less than 10 children. If you are interested please book online at www.ignitesportuk.com

Netball Club

Louise Maze has very kindly offered to run a netball club for KS2 in the summer term, starting on the 4th May until 13th July. Registration details will be sent out on Friday 28th April.

Chill Skills Club

Sophia Cleverly of Relax Kids is opening up her lunchtime Chill Skills Club to all of KS2. Please do contact Sophia at relaxkidssouthoxfordshire@gmail.com if you would like to find out more or to book a place.

Here's a reminder of how to book the remaining clubs:

Judo, Drama, Music, Dodgeball and Equestrian Club: Please complete the booking form and return to the office.

Please be aware that if the clubs don't have enough children signed up, they will be cancelled, so please do give them your support.

Parking

If using the church car park for school drop-offs, please can you avoid using the 'hatched' space to park. We now have a mini-bus dropping of children and the space is needed for the bus to turn around.

2017 National Curriculum Tests for Key Stages 1 and 2: information for parents

Please see the following link on information regarding the forthcoming statutory tests taking place in primary Schools. We would like to remind parents that any holidays taken in school time is unauthorised, but we especially urge parents to avoid taking holidays during testing periods as it has a detrimental effect both on pupils and the school. Thank you for your support.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2017-national-curriculum-tests-for-key-stages-1-and-2-information-for-parents>

School Association Clothing Collection

We have arranged a clothing collection in May to raise money for school funds and would be grateful for any donated items of clean clothing. Please look out for collecting bags in book bags next week, please return these to the school office by Friday 12th May. Many thanks for your support.

School Association Contact Details

The School Association Chairs, Wendy and Pete have set up an email address, please contact them at the following address for anything related to the School Association checkendonsa@gmail.com.

Chiltern Edge School

Please find attached a consultation leaflet on the future of Chiltern Edge School. The consultation is live, and runs until 16th June 2017. The leaflet gives information on the current situation, and signposts to the consultation webpage at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/chilternedge

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.

Checkendon Village Playground

Please can you spare 2 minutes of your time to fill in a survey? Parents, Alexandra West and Charlotte Nicholl, are leading a bid to South Oxfordshire District Council to secure funding to develop the Checkendon village playground. They want to put in more varied equipment for school age children, provide a dedicated toddler area and make the playground accessible to disabled users. The Parish Council is supportive of the project and they have agreement that the footprint of the playground could be extended out towards the pavement, thus almost doubling the useable space. All the new equipment would be wooden, in keeping with the look of the current facility and they want to create a new picnic area nearer the main playing field.

“We think this is a really exciting opportunity to provide a first class facility in the village. We have spoken to a number of local people and everyone has been supportive of our ideas. However, as part of the grant application we have to show that we have done a formal consultation process with the local community. So we have put together this 10 question survey. Please can you fill it in? It should only take 2 minutes of your time. Thank you in advance for your help, and please let me know if you have any questions. We welcome input from anyone that has opinions on this as it will be a community facility so we want everyone to be pleased with it.”

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GVJ3S23>

The survey closes midday on Saturday 29th April so a speedy response is welcomed.

Woodcote Primary School Half Term Camp

If interested, please pick up a leaflet from reception.

Sainsbury's Active Kids

The Sainsbury's Active Kids voucher scheme has returned and Checkendon School are taking part to earn new cooking and sports equipment. We would like to ask parents to collect the vouchers and post them in the collection box outside the School Office.

Term 5 - Extra-Curricular Activities

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	YEARS	ORGANISERS
Monday	08.00-08.40	Judo (8.5.17-19.6.17)	Yr1-6	linkai Tel: 0118 9885822
	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
	3.30 – 4.30	Mad Science (3.5.17-18.6.17)	Yr1-6	Mad Science 01753 424240
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
	Lunchtime	Chill Skills Club TBC	KS2	Sophia Cleverly, Relax Kids 07811268990
	3.30 – 4.30	Netball Club (4.5.17-13.7.17)	KS2	Please sign up at the School Office
Friday	08.00 – 08.40	Dodgeball (28.4.17-26.5.17)	All	Paul Meakin 07976 651635
	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

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 3 rd May	Panda Class Visit to Hill End
Thursday 4 th May	Owl & Owlet Class Visit to Oxford Natural History Museum
Mon 8 th – Thurs 11 th May	KS2 SATS
Monday 8 th May	3.00pm: Community Worship, all welcome
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th May	Writing Week
Thursday 18 th May	School Census – Please order a school meal
Thursday 25 th May	2.30pm: Parents Forum, all welcome
Friday 26 th May	Last Day of Term 5
Monday 5 th June	First Day of Term 6
Friday 9 th June	2.00pm: Pentecost Service & May Pole Dancing, all welcome
Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th June	Phonics Assessments
Monday 12 th June	3.00pm: Community Worship, all welcome
Thursday 6 th July	Reports Issued
Friday 14 th July	Sports Day
Monday 17 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 21 st July	1.15pm: Leavers Service
Friday 21 st July	Last Day of Term 6, finish at 2pm

Church Services & Community Worship		
Community Worship	Monday 8 th May 2017	3.00pm
Pentecost Service & Maypole Dancing	Friday 9 th June 2017	2.00pm
Community Worship	Monday 12 th June 2017	3.00pm

Parents Forum	
Thursday 25 th May 2017	2.30pm

Parent Consultation Evenings and Reports	
Reports issued	Thursday 6 th July 2017

May Fayre

1st May

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The predominantly off-road, undulating course takes in a short section of the **Oxford Greenbelt Way**, a footway that circumnavigates historic Oxford. From high points on the route, you will gaze down over open countryside to Oxford's world-famous dreaming spires!

Saturday 20 May 2017, 11am
Louie Memorial Fields, Botley OX2 9JD

More info and entry forms:
<https://runandfunday.com/>

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