



CHECKENDON C.E. SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

29th June 2017

Diary for Term 6	
Friday 30 th June	15:00 Farewell to Mr Lane in the school hall
Wednesday 5 th July	15:30 – 16:30 Football Tournaments at Streatley Primary School for Teams from Panda Class and Rhino Class
Thursday 6 th July	Annual Reports out to parents
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	14:00 Rhino Class Performance in the school hall
Wednesday 19 th July	17:30 Rhino Class Performance in the school hall
Friday 21 st July	13:15 Leavers Service in the church all welcome
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: Planting hope

School Values Ambassadors Ivy and Charlotte led whole school worship on Monday; they talked about Jesus telling the story of the tiny mustard seed growing into a large tree and about the life of George Muller. Many people think this story is about hope because something very small and insignificant grew into something wonderful. This worship really inspired Tilly, who came up with lots of ideas for ways that one invention could help lots of people in different ways! On Thursday Polly and James stood in for the School Values Ambassadors who were off-site taking part in a workshop with Peppard Primary School. They did a great job recapping the stories from Monday and leading prayers.

Sports Highlights

What a busy sporting week for our younger pupils! On Monday children in Year 1 went to Whitchurch Cricket Ground to take part in a multi-skills event run by some of Whitchurch's Year 6 sports leaders. Their teamwork skills were very impressive and we won the award for determination – well done!

On Wednesday a group of children from Owlet Class took part in a similar event at Stoke Row School which was based around the story of 'Where the Wild Things Are'. Stoke Row's Sports Leaders were very

impressed and gave Checkendon an award for perseverance.

Both awards showed a great Growth Mindset – well done everyone!

Class Highlights

Owlet Class

The gardening project is developing and we now have potatoes ready to harvest with the courgettes nearly ready. We have had lots of strawberries and our raspberries should be ready next week. The pumpkins are up and the beans are looking good. Matteo's Dad has been very kindly working with children to build an amazing bug hotel and is now working on the mud kitchen. Thanks very much again to all who have helped and donated.



Owl Class

This week, children in Owl Class have been looking at the results of their plant experiments. Children in Year 1 were surprised to find out that seeds don't need soil to germinate, and that seedlings grow taller in the dark. Children in Year 2 were amazed that plants could sense up and down and that if you put a plant on its side, it will turn its stem upwards in just one day!



Panda Class

Children in Panda Class have been writing fantasy stories and in maths, looking at time and shapes. They have also been reflecting on their progress this year. We hope that some of you can come and watch their end of year performance tomorrow at 3pm.

Rhino Class

Children in Rhino Class have had an exciting time this week designing and constructing electric circuits. They have carried out investigations to test light bulbs and buzzers as well as learning about how electricity is made.

Festival of Voices

Last Friday, the Festival of Voices choir sang beautifully in Dorchester Abbey. It was a busy afternoon, with a 2-hour rehearsal followed by tea and the concert in the evening. The children had put in a huge amount of effort to learn the tunes and the words (and some of them were very tricky!), but their dedication and perseverance paid off: it sounded amazing! We are indebted to Mr Boyer who gave up numerous lunchtimes to practise with the children and to Mrs Meakin who accompanied them to the event.



Rabbi Zvi's School Visit

We all enjoyed a fascinating visit from Rabbi Zvi Solomons last Friday. He led a workshop in Owl Class and

then answered questions in Panda Class and in Rhino Class. Children in Owl Class had a tour of a synagogue which really helped them learn about this special place for Jewish people.

School Council Visit Stoke Row School

On Wednesday this week School Council had a very exciting and informative visit to Stoke Row Primary School. The purpose of our visit was to find out how Stoke Row run their School Council, how they learn about RE and how they spend their playtimes. We met at the school at the beginning of the school day and went straight to the church for worship. Interestingly the service was all about Saint Peter and Saint Paul, the saints our church in Checkendon are named after. We were able to show the Stoke Row children our school badges which have the symbols of St Peter (overlapping keys) and Saint Paul (sword) on them. After that we met with ten of the School Council members. We split into three groups to discuss the questions we had prepared about School Council, RE and playtime. We were also able to answer Stoke Row's questions. Next we were taken on a tour around the school. We were particularly interested to visit the inside Prayer Space. By then it was time to join the rest of the school for playtime before returning to Checkendon by minibus to catch the last few minutes of our playtime. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit, the School Councillors were impeccably behaved and we have come back with lots of ideas to try out. We are hoping that Stoke Row will make a return visit in the next academic year when the new School Councils have been set up.

Panda Class Staff Update

Following interviews on Friday 23rd June, Mrs Seymour's daughter, Miss Florella Scozzafava will be joining us to provide cover in Panda Class until the end of the summer term. Miss Scozzafava has just completed her PGCE at Cambridge University and is taking up a full time teaching post in Brighton in September.

We have decided to re-advertise for the full time permanent class teacher post and we will update you about progress with this in due course.

Governor Update

Sarah Tarbox, mum of Holly and Freya, will be taking over from Jackie Griffin as staff governor from September. Thank you Jackie from all of us for your great support and contribution. Welcome on board, Sarah!

School Values Ambassadors Farewell Project



Before the current Year 6 School Values Ambassadors disperse to their new schools they would like your help for their Farewell Project! They have chosen to support Sal's Shoes, a charity that collects outgrown shoes and delivers them to children who are in need.

In its first year, Sal's Shoes collected 4,805 pairs of shoes and distributed them in 8 countries, including the UK. The charity collects outgrown children's shoes and passes them on to their new owners. Shoes are sorted by type and not size and all sorts of different shoes are collected: flip flops, sandals, school shoes, slippers, trainers, winter boots and football boots.

- There are 300 million barefoot children worldwide
- 58 million children worldwide are not in school
- 29 million of these are because they do not have the means
- In many countries you cannot go to school without a pair of shoes

What you can do if you would like to help:

- Collect shoes that can still be worn, solid soles with no holes, laces if the shoes need them

- Give your shoes a quick clean before you pass them on – no mud!
- Pair your shoes with a couple of rubber bands
- Tape a £1 onto one of the soles in each pair to help us to get your shoes to their new owner
- Put them in the collection box in the foyer (this box will also be available in school in September)

Thank you!

Work Experience Visitors

We have recently hosted some work experience visitors in the school.

Roberta Thomas, who is about to start her PGCE course in September, recently came in and worked in Rhino Class. Roberta will be coming back just before her course starts in September to gain experience of working with the younger years.

This week, Elspeth Barber, from Cranford House School has worked in Rhino and Owlet Class to help her decide on her future career path.

Closing of External Doors in the morning

As reminder the external doors are closed and locked at 08:50 every morning. If you are in school just after they are locked, please can you leave via the main reception doors. This is to ensure the doors are not left unlocked after staff have locked them. Thanks for your support.

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

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.

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

Checkendon Church's Sunday Fun

Checkendon Church's Sunday Fun on 2nd July is running at the normal time (11am) in the school hall but there will be no service in the church at 11am.

Instead, you are invited to tea and cake on the village green from 5pm which will be followed by Evensong in church at 6pm. Even if you can't stay for the service, everyone is very welcome to come for tea, please bring friends and visitors! It promises to be a lovely day all round.

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