



Checkendon Church of England (A) Primary School

Respect

Courage

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Compassion

Hope

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One of the best parts of my job is showing visitors around. I get a great sense of pride in sharing our learning and environment with guests. The children are always polite and explain their learning so clearly. Our classrooms are a hub of enthusiasm and learning environments.

We have had a number of visitors recently. We enjoyed reviewing our phonics with a Literacy Specialist that initially visited at the start of the academic year. She focused on areas such as the school's phonics programme and use of decodable books, training for staff and reading for pleasure. Thanks to our PTA we were able to order a new series of phonic books from Little Wandle. We are pleased to announce that she was impressed with the progress we have made since her initial visit.

We would like to get your opinions on some subjects, so before the end of term, I will be sending out a number of short surveys, if you could spare some time, we would be very grateful.

We are so close to the end of term, I just want to reiterate a few messages:

- 1) Please provide a named **water bottle** everyday. Particularly in warm weather we encourage the children to take a lot of water breaks
- 2) A fruit or vegetable **snack** is best for breaktime
- 3) Please make sure your child wears the correct **uniform**. For most days this should consist of: navy shorts, trousers, white polo shirt, red check dress, skirt, shorts with a school cardigan or jumper. Black or navy shoes. On PE days, we continue to come to school wearing our PE kit of: navy shorts, red tshirt and school hoodie with a pair of black trainers.



Duck updates:

Goose and Maverick continue to grow and enjoy their pond area.



There have been lots of **community events** recently. It was lovely to see so many of you at the **Checkendon Run**. It was very well attended. Huge congratulations to Wills Thomas for coming second in the children's race.



We also need to thank all of our families for their generous sponsorship of the children. All children were given the opportunity to contribute to the fundraising event, even if they couldn't attend the Checkendon Run, they ran around the school field. We even had to postpone our running because weather was too warm. A huge thanks to Robin, Mrs Thomas' friend who generously offered us match funding. Watch this space to find out how much everyone's hard work earned. We even made it to the Henley Standard – fantastic news ☺



Following on from the Run was **Checkendon Boot Sale**. Our amazing PTA provided refreshments and had stalls selling books, toys and plants. It was wonderful to get out and share our school with the local community.



Please have a look at our informative **website**. For the most up to date news and best photos, keep an eye on each class blog – they are updated every week. We welcome any feedback on our website or content. Also, do you follow us on **Twitter**? Our ambition is to make a number of tweets each week. Please like and share – it really does help.