
October 2nd 2020 Newsletter

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We have been blessed with more sunny days to round off September and playtimes have been a whirl of den building, tree climbing and football playing. It has been a real pleasure to spend time outdoors with the children every day; surrounded by their smiling faces it is easier to believe that better times lie ahead!

Now that all the back-to-school assessments are complete, teachers are planning catch-up lessons and extra 1:1 and small group interventions for those who need it. I have had meetings with each teacher to discuss the progress of pupils in the class and to devise programmes to address gaps in learning. We are very fortunate indeed to have such a highly skilled staff team to support children's learning at this critical time.

We are very pleased with the excellent behaviour of pupils in the school and their energetic enthusiasm for learning. We are grateful to parents who worked so hard to support children's home learning during the school closures; in particular, those who kept up the regular 1:1 reading – it has made a real difference!

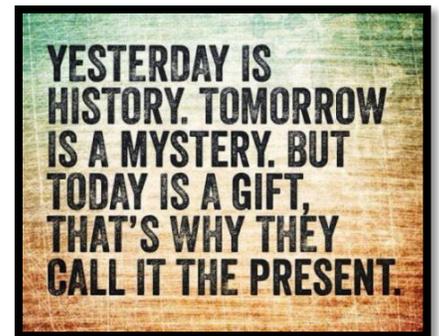
Individual Autumn Snapshots are out this week and all parents should have received invitations to Teams Meetings to talk to class teachers about children's progress. Do let us know if you haven't received yours. In the meantime, if you would like to talk to your child's class teacher to discuss any aspect of school life, please do email or phone the office and we'll arrange a call back.

As home-school communication continues to be limited during this period, we are encouraging parents to keep updated by following us on Twitter and Instagram <https://twitter.com/CheckendonSch>
<https://www.instagram.com/checkendonprimaryschool/>
Do share the links with family and friends; it's a great way to stay in touch!

Warm regards,
Gillian Seymour



Thought for the Day



Pictures of the Week

Rhino Class made cards for local residents in a care home, based on their weekly PSHE lesson where they considered the impact of visiting relatives who lived in care homes during Covid 19.





More Information

On your marks, get set...

Further to the email sent earlier this week, we are starting **running club** on Checkendon village green on Tuesday 6th October at 8am. If you are interested in your child joining please email running@checkendon.oxon.sch.uk.

Drama Club and LAMDA

Berzerk Productions will be providing a Drama Factory Club on **Wednesday's** after school from 3:20 – 4:20 for years 3 and above as well as LAMDA 4.25pm – 5.00pm. Classes start back Wednesday 4th November to Wednesday 9th December 2020. For more information, please see attached. Berzerk Productions, are proud to announce that the LAMDA students from the Spring term both passed with flying colours.

Sam – Solo Introductory stage 2 - passing with merit

Leo – Acting Entry Level - passing with merit



The PTA needs you!



The PTA (C.H.I.P.P) brings together parents and teachers to benefit all of the children and further enrich their school experience. With 4 years under their belts, the current team are looking for more volunteers, specifically to replace the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. All roles can be shared or solo and will be shadowed so, please get in contact. Remember, the PTA exists solely to get the best for your children and can only exist with parent involvement. More details attached.

Happy Birthday to (drum roll.....) **Wilf** who is 6 today 😊



Sunday Church Services – 4th October 2020

Please see this coming Sunday service choices below. For Zoom Meeting IDs and Passwords please refer to <http://langtreechurches.org/sunday-services/>

10am A Service of the Word with Revd John. Readings and prayers to start the day with God.
10am Morning Praise with Brian Turner. A service with hymns and a short talk.
11am Harvest Thanksgiving with Revd Kevin. A celebration of field and garden in prayer and praise.

Dates for your Diary

w/c 5 th October	Autumn Parents' Evenings via Teams
7 th October	Rhino Parents – Langtree virtual open day (register via website)
10 th October	Rhino Parents – The Oratory virtual open day (register via website)
23 rd October	End of Term (school ends at 3:20pm)
31 st October	Closing date for on-line secondary school applications
2 nd November	Inset Day
3 rd November	Day 1 of Term 2
15 th November	Deadline for returning flu consent forms

And Finally....

Q Why did the scarecrow win the Nobel Prize?
A Because he was out-standing in his field!



This week in **Owllet Class** we have been thinking about how things grow. We have read the story of Titch, planted seeds and looked at the vegetables growing in the raised bed.



Owl Class have been using spaghetti and marshmallows to explore what makes a strong structure.

Reverend Davies attended the RE lesson in **Panda Class** this week to talk about Communion.



The children were fascinated by the mini chalice and paten in his Communion travel set!

Rhino Class sorting out a timeline of key significant medical events in our history 1540 – 2010, as part of



their learning about the history of medicine



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