
October 16th 2020 Newsletter

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Thank you very much to everyone who took the time to complete the recent **Covid-19 Parent Survey**. We are delighted with the overwhelmingly positive response across all questions: 86% of parents are reassured about safety and are confident about the school's risk assessments; 95% of parents agree that communication from the school is effective; and an impressive 100% of parents feel well-informed about the school's opening at each stage and changes to school policies and procedures as children returned. The full report is now available on the website under the **Parents** tab; the results and additional comments will be discussed by governors.

As you can see from the photos here, running club has been a great success and our thanks go to Mrs Thomas for organising this. We are also very grateful to Andy Thomas and Niki Orr for volunteering their time and expertise to make it happen – thank you all!

As well as Running Club on Tuesday mornings, we have Music Club on Wednesday and Thursday. At lunchtimes on Monday, Tuesday and Friday there are piano lessons and sports clubs are available Wednesday – Friday; guitar lessons take place on Friday afternoons. After half term, our excellent KS2 Drama Club will be up and running after school on Wednesdays and younger pupils will have the opportunity to join me for Drama Fun Club on Mondays (more details about this next week).

The children continue to bring energy and enthusiasm to their learning and relish their time outdoors in our beautiful school grounds. Next week, we are looking forward to a day of art workshops led by talented local artist Susannah Lovegrove – and then it will be the end of Term 1. It's flown by!

Warm regards,
Gillian Seymour



Thought for the Day



Pictures of the Week

What better way to start a crisp autumn day....Running Club!!



#runningclub,
#TeamCheckendon,
#puttingourmentalhealthfirst

More Information



Happy Birthday to **Sammy** for Saturday ☺

Let the Music Play!

We are delighted to announce that Music Club will be continuing after half-term. Panda Class/Rhino Class on Wednesday morning (08:00 – 08:40 in school) and Owlet Class/Owl Class at the same time on Thursday. To book a place and pay online please email Emma Davies daviesepiano@gmail.com by **Friday 23rd October**. Flyer attached.



Both **Owlet Class** and **Owl Class** had a lovely Autumn walk through the woods. They saw lots of seasonal changes, heard beautiful birdsong and saw squirrels!



Shoebox Appeal We are pleased to be participating in the Samaritan's Purse shoebox appeal again this year. With a few clicks of your mouse or swipes on your touchscreen, you can build a shoebox online. Make it your own by choosing from a list of gifts, then add a personal letter and photo. Samaritan's Purse will pack your shoebox and send it for you for just £15 + £5 project donation per box. Each shoebox gift built online is a heartfelt expression of God's love to children in need. For more information, please refer to <https://shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/>

School Photographs



On 20th October Charlotte Snowdon will be on-site taking the annual school photographs. This year, because of the Covid-19 situation we are unable to accommodate siblings who do not attend our school. If a pupil has a sibling who also attends Checkendon Primary School, then they will be able to have a photo taken together. Charlotte's risk assessment is attached.

Poppy Appeal

We will be supporting The Royal British Legion poppy appeal again this year by selling traditional poppies, poppy stationery and wrist bands. These will be available after half term. All donations to this very worthwhile cause will be much appreciated.



Sunday Church Services – 18th 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 Open door service with Caroline Older A service for anyone exploring the Christian faith.
11am Family Worship with Revd Kevin. An informal service with worship songs and a talk from Revd James Leach.

Dates for your Diary

20 th October	School Photos
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
20 th November	Flu Immunisations

And Finally....

Q: What did the hat say to the scarf?
A: hang around, and I'll go on ahead.



Owl Class were lucky enough to be visited by Revd. Davies who came to talk to us about Baptism and its importance in the Christian Church. The children listened beautifully to Revd. Davies and had some challenging questions for him too.



Kitty in **Panda Class** made a chalice and paten in this



week's RE lesson, while **Thomas** was so inspired by learning about the Stone Age he made his own spear, using flint knapping to shape the head!



Rhino Class rehearsing their debate for the question: Is donating

blood and receiving a blood transfusion right or wrong?

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