

December 11th 2020 Newsletter

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We all looked very festive in our Christmas jumpers today! Thanks to your generous donations we raised **more than £35** for **Save The Children**.

Here's some amazing examples of what Save The Children can do:

- £2 could pay for hand sanitiser to help fight coronavirus in one of Save the Children's medical clinics
- £6 could buy a face shield for a health worker in Yemen
- £10 could buy antibiotics to help five children beat malnutrition
- £20 could buy a back-to-school kit for a child in Indonesia
- £60 could buy toys and books to support children from struggling families in the UK
- £100 could buy a first aid kit for a health worker in Somalia

We're all working hard on preparations for our **Christmas Service at 10:00 on Wednesday 16th December**; this will be a mix of pre-recorded and live contributions and we are very grateful to Rev Kevin Davies for putting together and leading the service. Parents, carers, relatives, neighbours and friends are all welcome to join us on the day. However we do ask that the link is **not posted on social media**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87653661754?pwd=Z0R0RkEyT2xKbitCVIVtWkl3a0J4dz09>

At this time of the year, I have **Pupil Progress Meetings** with all teachers to discuss the attainment and progress of every pupil in the school. Thanks to the skill and dedication of our **wonderful teachers and teaching assistants**, we have seen **excellent progress**. Our **Recovery Curriculum** and **Catch-up Provision** have been very effective and children are getting back on track. This is a **tremendous achievement** given what we've all been through this year and we are very grateful for all that parents have done to support their children's learning. As we approach the end of the Autumn Term, we are starting to think about plans for the Spring; we'll have some new pupils joining us in KS2, a wider range of after-school clubs and improvements to the school grounds and the old library. There's a lot to look forward to!

Warm regards,
Gillian Seymour



Thought for the Day

when life gives you
Monday
dip it in glitter and
Sparkle
all day

Pictures of the Week

Owlet Class and Owl Class in their fabulous jumpers celebrating 'Wear your own Jumper Day'.



Please see more fantastic photos overleaf ☺

More Information

Happy Birthday to **Ted** who was 6 yesterday ☺



Congratulations to the following children who achieved fabulous results in their recent music exams: **all** those who were awarded Grade 1 or Grade 2 piano passed with either **merit** or **distinction**!

Piano Prep Test	Ellie H, Kitty
Grade 1 Piano	Jessie - passed with distinction
Grade 2 Piano	Zoe - passed with merit
Grade 2 Music Theory	Sophia - passed with distinction Zoe - passed with merit



In addition, **Deanna** successfully completed Lead Level 2 and Rhythm Level 2 on Ukele! A great display of courage, commitment and perseverance through 2 lockdowns!



Congratulations! Persie was awarded **Player of the Week for the second week in a row** at Goring Robins Football Club last Saturday. Excellent work Persie!

Sleeps 'til Santa – Jack FM (106.8 FM)

Some children from Rhino Class recorded the Sleeps 'til Santa song earlier this week which will be aired on Jack FM radio on Monday 14th December at 08:20am. Thank you to Emma Davies for her involvement with this, we really do appreciate it.



Poppy Appeal 2020



We received an email from Jane Sheppard, our local Poppy Appeal organiser thanking us for the money raised for the Poppy Appeal 2020. In fact through the school we raised half the money that was posted from Checkendon! Thank you all for your donations which will go to the Royal British Legion's work, helping veterans and their families.

Worship for Sunday 13th December 2020 and Advent

11am Holy Communion with Revd Kevin. Hymns, prayers, and an Advent eucharist filmed in Checkendon Church. For the other services this Sunday across the Team ministry, Zoom Meeting IDs and Passwords please refer to the [Team website](#)

The Advent Journey devotional ten minutes every day at 8.30pm

842 3891 2144 and 123165. **Note:** It is OK to pass on the zoom codes to family members but please do not share them on social media. Thank you.

And Finally....

What goes "oh, oh, oh"?
Santa walking backwards!



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<https://www.instagram.com/checkendonprimaryschool/>

This week in **Owlet Class** the children have been working very hard alongside Owl Class, learning songs



and their lines for the nativity play. They have looked at the picture of the Three Wise Men by Linda Benton and talked about the long journey the wise men took to see the baby Jesus, and created their own stars too.



Children in **Owl Class** used the story maps created last week to write their final story of Dogger. They also decorated their Christmas tree!

Panda Class

children have started pondering the question,



"Why did the Egyptians build pyramids?" and recorded their initial findings on model pyramids, preparing to write non chronological reports.

Rhino Class pupils thoroughly enjoyed their learning project: *What do these composers have in common?* They composed their own classical piece for Earth, the only planet not included in Gustav Holst's suite on the Planets.

