

January 8th 2021 Newsletter

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Well – what a week!

After our INSET Day on Monday putting together our plans for the Spring Term came the 8:00pm announcement that changed everything! I am really indebted to the amazing Checkendon staff team for pulling victory from the jaws of defeat by overcoming numerous technical challenges, re-planning lessons to move our learning on line and making all the arrangements to supervise our safe partial opening for eligible pupils. We will continue to work on improving what we can offer so please bear with us as we make changes over the next few days and weeks.

You will have received emails from the school office about how to apply for Free School Meals Pupil Premium and Free Data for School Children. Please do get in touch if you think you may be eligible for either of these schemes.

It has been great to see so many children joining us online; we've really enjoyed their enthusiastic participation in the remote learning. We've had lots of positive feedback from parents too, which is much appreciated.

All school staff would like to join me in taking this opportunity to thank you all for your lovely Christmas cards and generous gifts; your good wishes and tokens of appreciation have never been more important to us all.

Warm regards,
Gillian Seymour

Welcome to our new pupils! We are delighted to welcome Calum, Lilly, Kitty, Coco and Marley to our school; we all hope they will be very happy here – Mrs. Mottram and Ms. Osborne have been very impressed with the way they have tackled the challenge of 'meeting' their new classmates online!

Congratulations!

Ava recently represented our school in the NSEA Show Jumping Qualifiers held on 19th December. She did outstandingly well on her pony Peanut and came 8th individually in the 50cm class, but was also awarded the Best Rider accolade. She then jumped another double clear in the 60cm class, to finish just outside the rosettes. Amazing performance Ava 😊

Worship for Sunday 10th January 2021 11am Holy Communion with Revd Kevin via Zoom (636 645 195 and passcode 000162). A eucharist for the Epiphany season, with art, music, and a communion to share at home. Please do not share the zoom codes on social media. Thank you.

And Finally Why did Darth Vader turn off one light? He prefers it on the dark side. 😊



Pictures of the Week



Ava representing Checkendon School in the NSEA Show Jumping Qualifiers.



Children in **Rhino Class** have been enjoying their music learning project. **Oscar** played his African drum, thinking about venue, location

and occasion, he says: African drums are used at births weddings and funerals and often people sing and dance to them.



Isaac said: "I think that the people who play



the drums will play them in a festival or a blessing ceremony."

Jenson used his body to make percussion sounds, but here he is using objects around him.