

February 26th 2021 Newsletter

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Following the announcement on Monday, we are very much looking forward to welcoming **all pupils back to school from 8 March**. We are currently reviewing and updating our **risk assessments and safety arrangements** and we'll update you about these early next week. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the full re-opening, please ring the school office and we'll do our best to help.

With the sun streaming in through my window and the sounds of laughter on the playground, it really does feel like **we're on the road to recovery** at last.

There are lots of **good news stories from Checkendon pupils** this week; Persie's fundraising was reported in The Henley Standard, our Round the World Challenge reached Croatia, Lucy (now Year 7 at Langtree School) was awarded a Head Teacher's Commendation for her ethics project, Zoe designed and produced two impressive magazines featuring snow leopards, Leo, Jemima and Joseph led our celebration assembly with confidence, and I posted off another five independent learner certificates. I love hearing about the achievements of current and former pupils, so do let me know if there's more good news out there!

We're all looking forward to **Writing Week** starting on Monday. During the week we will focus on seeing things from different points of view; we'll explore characters' perspectives and produce alternative versions of traditional tales. We are grateful to CHIPP for organising a **Sponsored Book Read** to run alongside this.

After long and hugely valued service on the **CHIPP Committee**, current post-holders **Kate Pullan**, **Lisa Browne** and **Caroline Herbert** are stepping down at the end of this term. We are immensely grateful for all their hard work on the committee and for their expertise in organising so many very successful fund raising events. We are delighted to confirm that **Carina Rawlings** and **Emily Nobes** have volunteered to co-chair the new committee and it's great to think that we may actually be able to hold some outdoor events in the summer term!

Warm regards,
Gillian Seymour



Thought for the Day



Pictures of the Week

Some of the key worker children renovated our Bug Hotel ready for new occupants. Here's **Harry** showing off their fantastic efforts!



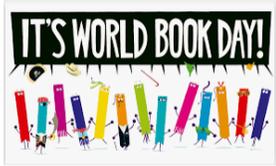
Marley made some amazing fairy doors and then placed them in the woods!

More Information

Happy Birthday to **Livi** who will be 10 on 28th February.



Whole School Writing Week – March 1st – 5th 2021



During whole school writing week, we will be focussing on characters' perspectives, participating in a daily story time, celebrating **World Book Day on Thursday 4th March** and having a virtual trip to the theatre on Friday! In addition, CH.I.P.P are holding a sponsored book read. Please refer to the email sent from the school office yesterday for more information.

This week in Owllet Class the children have been reading *The Snail and the Whale* by Julia Donaldson. They



have created beautiful spiral art inspired by snail shells and

Kay-Jay made a snail from beads.



Waste Week w/c 8th March

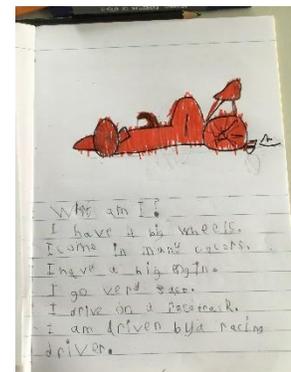
Waste Week is a part of the Eco-Schools programme and encourages schools to become more eco-friendly. We will be sending out more information to parents in due course.



Checkendon Pre-School is a small, friendly community pre-school with a fantastic team of highly qualified practitioners. As well as providing a caring, nurturing environment for children aged from 2 to 5 years, a breakfast club is available to all pre-school **and** primary aged children. Breakfast Club will resume on 8th March. There are limited spaces available up to September 2021. Please visit the website for further information at www.checkendonpreschool.co.uk.

School Lunches

Please note that hot school meals **will** be available again from 8th March. Aspens will revert back to the menu that was available pre-lockdown. Please order lunches from the Aspens website in the usual way.



Children in Owl Class began their new learning project 'The Wheels on the Bus'. The children wrote

transport riddles and the class had fun guessing these in their Teacher Time sessions. Above is **Ted's** riddle.



Online Safety

Please refer to the March edition of the Online Safety Newsletter sent from the school office yesterday which focuses on Instagram, Call of Duty and Fortnite.

Persie's Cake Sale – Sunday 28th February 2021

Persie is holding a cake sale on Sunday in an effort to raise money for Wallingford food bank after donations disappeared from Checkendon Church. Persie, along with her siblings, will be baking shortbread, cakes, muffins, flapjacks, brownies and biscuits before wrapping them individually. If you live in Checkendon, please do support this worthy cause. The sale will be held, socially distanced, at Post Office Cottage, Whitehall Lane from 11am – 2pm.



Pupils from **Panda Class** enjoyed the challenge of an orienteering scavenger hunt activity.

Worship for Sunday 28th February 2021

11am Holy Communion with Revd Kevin. 636 645 195 and passcode 000162. A communion service for Lent, with hymns, prayers and a short sermon.

Please do not share the zoom codes on social media. Thank you.

And Finally....

Q: What sound does a chicken's phone make?

A: Wing, wing!

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

Livi from Rhino class had a WOW moment when she spotted a woodpecker at the bird feeder at home!



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