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Parents will have received my letter earlier this week letting you know that I will be leaving my role as headteacher at the end of the summer. As you can imagine, it was a very difficult decision; however, I believe the time is right to move on. I'm now working closely with governors to help with the recruitment of my successor and to ensure there is a smooth transition.

In the meantime, it's business as usual! We had a fantastic response to the **CHIPP sponsored read** – raising a staggering **£1000**; we're very grateful to all the children who read so much and to parents, friends and relatives who sponsored them. We'll update you soon about the books we've bought with the funds raised.

We're moving ahead with our plans to **improve the school grounds**, starting with the design and installation of a wide pathway around the field. This will provide a **daily mile track** and a link for other features and we hope to make progress with it in Term 5.

As parents of children in Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 already know, the school has chosen to take part in the **Stand Together project** which is looking at ways to promote **wellbeing** in primary schools in the UK. Half the schools participating in the research will be randomly assigned to receive the KiVa programme; we don't yet know if we are in this group.

We've had great fun today dressing up and down, taking part in sporting challenges and raising money for **Comic Relief**. The red-nose-and-spoon races were a highlight! Thank you to Mrs. Peeling and school councillors for organising the event and to everyone who supported this by donating online – as I write this, the running total stands at an impressive £121. Our school value of **compassion** is certainly very much in action in the school community today!

Warm regards,
Gillian Seymour

Dates for Your Diary

Last Day of Term 4	30 th March
First Day of Term 5	19 th April

Pictures of the Week

Congratulations Winter!

You may have seen the article in last week's Henley Standard about Winter who designed a greetings card featuring her favourite ginger cat, Jasper. Winter has further developed her artistic talent through the lockdowns and I am sure you will agree, the result seen here is fantastic! Winter's card can be purchased for £2.50 via etsy.me/3kNTHhX Brilliant work Winter, you should be incredibly proud ☺



More Information

Happy Birthday to **Wills** who was 8 on Wednesday 17th March.



Comic Relief: Red Nose Day- 19th March 2021

Thank you for your generous donations for this incredible cause. If you would still like to donate, you can do so via our fundraising page - <https://www.justgiving.com/checkendon-church-of-england-a-rednoseday21> Thank you.

Ready, Steady.....Go!

We are very excited to announce that the following clubs will re-start after Easter. Please refer to the flyers sent from the office earlier this week for more details.

Day	Activity	Class/Years	Time
Monday	Art Club	Panda Class	15:20 – 16:30
	Drama	Yrs R-2	15:35 – 16:10
Tuesday	Running Club	All	08:00 – 08:30
	Drama	Yrs 3-6	15:20 – 16:20
	LAMDA	Yr 3-6	16:25 – 17:00
Wednesday	Music Club	Panda Class, Rhino Class	08:00 – 08:40
Thursday	Music Club	Owlet Class, Owl Class	08:00 – 08:40
	Art Club	Rhino Class	15:20 – 16:30
	Netball	Panda Class	15:20 – 16:30



Owlet Class have been learning outside as much as possible. Here they creating delicacies in the mud kitchen!

Unicef Rights Respecting Schools



"Youth standing up against racism" is the 2021 theme of the **International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination** on 21st March. It engages the public through #FightRacism, which aims to foster a global culture of tolerance, equality and anti-discrimination and calls on each and every one of us to stand up against racial prejudice and intolerant attitudes.

National Day of Reflection

On 23rd March, the first anniversary of the first UK lockdown, there will be a **National Day of Reflection** to reflect on our collective loss, support those who've been bereaved, and hope for a brighter future.

Please refer to https://www.mariecurie.org.uk/get-involved/day-of-reflection?gclid=EALa1QobChMluZDG64287wVia3tCh3cfAKwEAAAYASAAEgKpQvD_BwE for ways in which you can get involved.



News from CH.I.P.P



We raised over £1000 from the sponsored book read, an amazing amount. Well done to all our fabulous readers! Next up, get your thinking caps on for CH.I.P.P's 'Egghead' competition. Turn a hard boiled or blown egg into any character you wish. Could it be Hagrid from Harry Potter, Elsa from Frozen or a glittery unicorn? Who knows where your imagination will take you! Bring in your entry with a £1 donation on the 29th March. Prize giving on the 30th. GOOD LUCK!!! Watch out for more details regarding an Easter Trail next week...

Worship for Sunday 21st March 2021

11am Family Worship with Revd Kevin. 636 645 195 and passcode 000162. An informal service with songs from the music group, and an Easter themed craft activity to try at home. Please do not share the zoom codes on social media. Thank you.

And finally (courtesy of Ava).....

Why did the cow go to the disco? To show off his groovy moooooooves!



Panda Class travelled back in time to the Victorian era this week, when they learned all about how different life was for school children in the 1900s.



Celebrating **Red Nose Day!**