

## March 26th 2021 Newsletter

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Despite the interruption of the partial closure, we are making good progress on the priorities we identified in this year's **School Development Plan**. As you can imagine, there is a big focus on **re-connecting** and **re-engaging** and fostering **resilience** and **emotional regulation**. In addition, we have used the latest research about the importance of revising and applying skills to ensure knowledge is secure to **improve teaching and learning in maths**. We're using individual writing targets to **improve children's progress in writing**. We've improved our curriculum in **history, geography** and **art** by introducing more **diversity**; and we've developed our **PE** lessons to improve **well-being**.

As part of our ongoing work towards our Silver **Rights Respecting School Award**, this week children learned about **Participation**, which is one of the four General Principles of the **UN Convention on the Rights of the Child** and a focus for two articles: Article 12 – **Respect for the views of the child** and Article 13 – **Freedom of expression**. It's important that children are able to share their views and opinions on matters that affect them so that they feel valued; they learn about different views and experiences so that they get lots of perspectives; and they are involved in decisions which affect them.

Here at school, children take part in **weekly council meetings** so that they can raise issues and make suggestions; they are also invited to make appointments to meet me if they'd like **1:1 discussions**. I am keen to provide more opportunities for parents to have their say in matters relating to the school and you will have received a link to a **short survey** to help us to do this. Please do take part!

Warm regards,  
**Gillian Seymour**



## Dates for Your Diary

Easter Egghead Competition	29 <sup>th</sup> March
Last Day of Term 4	30 <sup>th</sup> March 15:20
Checkendon Easter Trail	31 <sup>st</sup> March – 18 <sup>th</sup> April
First Day of Term 5	19 <sup>th</sup> April

## Pictures of the Week

### Outdoor Fun!



## More Information



### Unicef Rights Respecting Schools/WWF - Earth Hour

This year Earth Hour is celebrated on **Saturday 27 March**. Earth Hour engages millions of people in more than 180 countries and territories, switching off their lights for one hour at 8:30pm local time, to show support for our planet. But Earth Hour goes far beyond the symbolic action of switching off - it has become a focus for positive environmental impact. Over the years, the lights-off moment saw entire streets, buildings, landmarks, and city skylines go dark - an unmissable sight that drew public attention to nature loss and the climate crisis. This year in addition to switching off your lights, we also invite you to raise awareness and create the same unmissable sight **online**, so that the world sees our planet, the issues we face, and our place within it, in a new light. For more information please refer to <https://www.earthhour.org/take-part>.

### School Council News

This week we had a Teams meeting with Mrs Rowling, our Global Neighbours Link Parent, to feedback on Comic Relief. Rhino representatives explained what the charity does and what the money is spent on whilst Panda representatives shared the fun activities we did on Friday to support the charity. Thank you for your generous donations for this incredible cause. We raised **£141!**



**Clubs** There are still a few available spaces at the following clubs starting after Easter: Netball (yr3 and y4), Art (y3 to y6) and Music (all year groups). Please bring your completed forms to the office as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

### CH.I.P.P - Easter Egghead Competition



Use your imagination to turn your boring hardboiled egg or blown egg into your favourite character. Please bring in your entries, along with a £1 donation to school on 29<sup>th</sup> March. Winner to be announced on 30<sup>th</sup> March. **Good luck!!!!**

### CH.I.P.P Checkendon Easter Trail

Hidden around Checkendon are 20 small but brightly coloured eggs...by emailing [chippcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:chippcommittee@gmail.com) you will be given a map together with clues as to where they may be.... The trail runs from 31<sup>st</sup> March – 18<sup>th</sup> April and costs £2.50 to enter. All proceeds will go towards supporting our school. **Happy hunting!**



### Worship for Palm Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and Easter Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Palm Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	
9am	Short "live" service of Morning Prayer in Checkendon Church. Booking essential, please, with Revd Kevin.
11am	Online Palm Sunday Communion with Revd Kevin. 636 645 195 and passcode 000162. A communion remembering Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, with hymns, a sermon, and an anthem. <b>Please do not share zoom codes on social media. Thank you.</b>
Easter Sunday, 4th April	
9am	Short "live" service of Morning Prayer in Checkendon Church. Booking essential, please, with Revd Kevin.
11am	Online Easter Celebration with Revd Kevin. 636 645 195 and passcode 000162. Some great Easter hymns and a eucharist recorded in Checkendon Church. <b>Please do not share zoom codes on social media. Thank you.</b>

### And finally (courtesy of Harry D)

Why did the lady take toilet roll to the party?  
Because she was a party pooper!!

**Owlet Class** have been revisiting capacity in their maths lessons.



**Rafe** made the most of the Spring sunshine by reading outside!

### Jessie and Trey from Panda Class



enjoying planning a speech to abolish Victorian child labour.

**Harry** from **Rhino Class**, learning about capacity and volume. He drew a 3D shape to work out the volume.

