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It's been another busy week at school – eggs incubating in Owllet Class, dinosaur fossils in Owl Class, country dancing in Panda Class and first aid training in Rhino Class – not to mention headship interviews!

You will have seen my letter yesterday asking for volunteers to help with our **PATHWAY PROJECT** on **15th May**. We are delighted to have the expert guidance of Guy Redmond who has experience of leading these projects in other schools. Please do join us on the day if you possibly can – even if it's just for a 2-hour session and drop a line to the school office to let us know so that we can manage the event safely. **Your support is really vital** – and it should be **fun!**☺

Please support us to promote healthy lifestyles for children in the school by

- providing **water only** in water bottles (flavoured drinks are not permitted)
- **not** sending in sweets to celebrate birthdays (we allow children to wear their own clothes to school instead)
- providing **fruit** for breaktime snacks (non-recyclable wrappers are not permitted)
- packing **healthy lunchboxes** for packed lunches

Thank you for your help with this.

As you know, we are saying thank you and farewell to Karen Parkins today. She has been a huge asset to the school and we'll miss her; we wish her all the very best in her new job.

Let's hope for some sunshine over this upcoming bank holiday weekend!

Warm regards,
Gillian Seymour



Dates for Your Diary

Bank Holiday	3 rd May
Rhino Class IMPS First Aid - Day 2	4 th May
Pathway Project Volunteer Day	15 th May
Last Day of Term 5	28 th May
First Day of Term 6	8 th June
Last Day of Term 6	22 nd July
First Day of Term 1	2 nd September

Pictures of the Week

Owlet Class Art Gallery



Caterpillars

More Information

Happy Birthday to Louie who was 11 on Tuesday!



School Council Update

This week Mrs Waggett joined our School Council meeting to discuss her role on the Checkendon Parish Council as part of our learning about citizenship and democracy.



Heroes Stamp Design Competition

We are delighted to be taking part in Royal Mail's Heroes Stamp Competition, honouring the heroes of the coronavirus pandemic. Eight pupils from primary and secondary schools across the UK will become the designers of this stamp set, and one could be your child! Further details and an official entry form were sent home with the children yesterday. Here is **Deanna** with her excellent stamp design especially for her hero, her Grandma, who has been administering the covid-19 vaccination in her role as a head nurse in Bedford.



Libraries Re-Open ☺

There's so much children can discover in libraries, such as a wide range of books to read for pleasure and information, online resources and free computer access. Most of our local libraries have now re-opened. They have full COVID safe precautions – find out more at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries

Worship for Palm Sunday 2nd May 2021

11am	Morning Prayer with Revd Kevin. 636 645 195 and passcode 000162. A simple service of prayers, readings, and a sermon, with hymns and a chance to chat. Please do not share these codes on social media, thank you.
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And it's Goodbye from Me!

Today is my last day at Checkendon Primary School and therefore my final newsletter. This delightful school has been a significant part of my life for the past 8 years and will always have a special place in my heart. I have relished working here alongside amazing teaching staff and incredible children. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support, patience, smiles and kindness. I will miss you! Karen x



And finally

Why do bees have sticky hair?
Because they use honey combs!



Owlet Class

have been learning about the lifecycle of caterpillars. They have read the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar in English and German and created their own caterpillars using paint.



Owl Class

have enjoyed being paleontologists this week. They looked at a range of fossils, finding clues as to what they came from or



were made by. There were dinosaur footprints, dinosaur claws, a fossilised turtle skull and a shark's tooth to name a few!

Panda Class have been learning about the 8 points of a compass, and looked at map symbols in Geography, discovering that there are many different symbols to represent churches and roads.

Rhino Class completed their learning project: Newspapers go viral, using their knowledge about the Ancient Greek Battle of Marathon to write a newspaper with dramatic headlines.



Greeks vs Persians in the Battle of Marathon!