



Checkendon Church of England (A) Primary School

Respect

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Hope

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Headteacher message

A very warm welcome back to everyone. It has been lovely to see so many smiling children. It's refreshing to begin to get back to something like normal, which involves having Collective Worship and shared lunchtimes with no year group bubbles.

On a personal note, thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome. Over the next term we will be gathering your views and opinions on many subjects that affect you and your child.

I hope you enjoy reading the rest of this newsletter – please let us know your thoughts.

Stay safe, *Sarah Hillier*



Back to school with everyone contributing to artwork inspired by the book "Who you were meant to be" by Joanna Gaines. We came together to demonstrate our commitment to each other and our individuality. It is proudly displayed in our reception area.

Rhino Class news

Rhino Class learning about Co2 emissions.



Diana and Patrick came and spoke to Rhino Class about the life in an Oak tree.

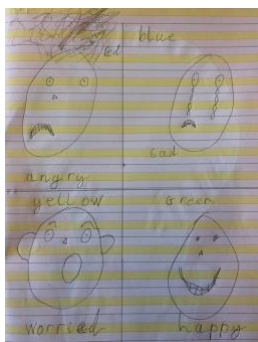


Owlet Class news

This term we have been learning about how amazing we all are and how we can look after ourselves by eating healthily.



We've created our own Owlets, drew self-portraits and had lots of fun!

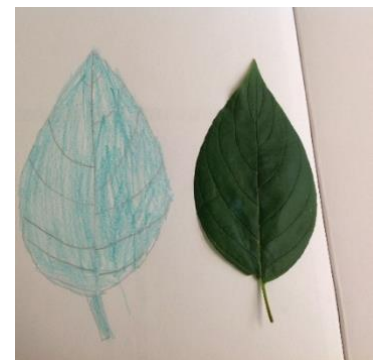


Owl Class news

In Owl Class, we have been learning about our emotions and how to express them appropriately. This included making lots of funny faces!

Panda Class news

Panda class discovered the wide variety of trees around our school field and did some lovely pastel, charcoal and chalk drawings of them.



We are lucky to be able to resume visiting the church for our weekly Collective Worship. Thank you to Rev Davies and for making us feel so welcome.



By teaching the children to use the **Zones of Regulation** we are equipping them to recognise their feelings; this is followed by teaching our children to manage their feelings appropriately.

Blue	Green	Yellow	Red
			
Low	Happy	Wobbly	Angry
Running Slow	Good to Go	Caution	STOP
unhappy tired withdrawn tearful	positive proud calm focused	excited nervous frustrated annoyed	mad furious yelling aggressive

COVID-19 regulations – update

We felt it would be helpful to set out the COVID-19 guidelines that currently apply to school life as many parents are still unsure. If your child shows any COVID symptoms whilst in school, we are still required to contact parents immediately and ask them to take their child for a PCR test (not a lateral flow test). If your child's result is positive, then they will have to isolate for 10 days and can return to school on the 11th day. If their result is negative, then they can come back – having provided a copy of the negative test result to school. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

We are reviewing the way we communicate with you and would appreciate your feedback. Please answer the following questions, which should take approximately 3 minutes, by 27th September. If you would rather a paper copy, please ask the school office. It is only with your feedback that we will be able to make necessary changes so that our communication with you can be improved.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SBL8WTP>

Byways dental practice are holding a Macmillan coffee day 10am – 3pm.

Open Mornings

We are in the process of organising some open mornings to show new and prospective parents all the wonderful things that are on offer at Checkendon School. If you know someone with young children – please let us know.



Plea for guttering, drain pipes and connectors – if you have any spare – please can we have them for our Owlets and to make a crazy golf course!

A few quick reminders:

- 1) Please don't allow your children to play on the equipment after school
- 2) Please park safely when dropping off or collecting your children, avoiding the school crossing point
- 3) We have been asked to remind parents NOT to park in the Village Hall car park when dropping off or collecting your children.
- 4) Please make sure your child has a water bottle filled with water to ensure they are hydrated throughout the day