

Checkendon CE Primary School



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Welcome to our new-look newsletter!

We've had an excellent start to the autumn term; new pupils have settled in brilliantly, and Mrs. Wortley and Miss Rayner already feel like they're part of the team! Thanks to all the parents who have gone out of their way to be welcoming to our new staff members.

We've already elected new school councillors and appointed digital leaders and school values ambassadors; eco-committee and sports leaders to follow! It has been wonderful to see so many of our pupils put themselves forward for leadership roles in the school.

The refurbishment of the Rhino Class toilets is well underway – it's looking really stylish and we're all looking forward to the finished project.

Our after school clubs are getting started and, of course, we have the fantastic facility of the GetActive after-school club daily this term. We've worked really hard to set this up, so do think about booking!

Thank you to parents who have volunteered to read with children this year; if you can spare the time to set aside an hour (or more!) weekly, we'd love to hear from you.

Warm regards,

Gillian Seymour

Upcoming Events

Thursday 12th September to 17th October

KS2 Swimming Lessons

Friday 20th September

Victorian Seaside Holidays,
Drama Workshop, Owl Class

Thursday 26th September

European Day of Languages

Important Announcement

To ensure we have your correct contact details important documents have been sent home in book bags today. Please return them to the school office by **Friday 20th September**. Thank you.

More Important News

School Council Elections

Rhino, Panda and Owl classes held elections to vote for the new School Council which meets every fortnight and is made up of ten children: a boy and a girl from each year group from Year 2 up to Year 6. School Council plays an important part in the life of the school. The School Council members are elected in the same way as Members of Parliament are elected in Britain. The democratic election process included: the completion of nomination forms: candidates making promises to their class; a secret ballot and finally the counting of votes and announcement of results. Look out for the names of the candidate who have been duly elected in the next newsletter!

Learning Projects for Term 1

The Autumn term newsletters detailing what each class are focusing on during terms 1 and 2 were given out during last week's Autumn Curriculum Class Meetings. Copies have been attached to the newsletter email.

Volunteers in School

We are very grateful to all our wonderful regular volunteer readers, your generosity makes a real impact to children's progress; thank you! We are also delighted to welcome another four boys from The Oratory School who will be joining us for volunteer placements this year; they will be in school every Thursday afternoon. If you would like to volunteer to help in school we'd love to hear from you – just talk to your child's class teacher.

Online Safety Newsletter

Please look out for Septembers Online Safety Newsletter which has been sent out via email today. As this is a new resource we would welcome your feedback.

In the Community

Mary's recital Russian soprano Tatiana Kochetova and Checkendon pianist Mary Daniels are giving a joint recital on Saturday 28th September at Wokingham Methodist church at 3pm. Tickets £15 from the door on the day. For more information please contact Mary Daniels at: marykatharine@live.co.uk

Whitchurch and Goring Heath History Society begins an autumn season of lectures on Thursday September 19th when Dr Edward Peveler will speak about the Beacons of the Past project, a unique mapping of all the archaeological sites in the Chilterns. Meetings take place at Goring Heath Parish Hall, in Whitchurch Hill, and start at 8pm, with coffee served from 7.30pm. Non-members are welcome to attend, £3