We have been ‘Celebrating’ this term.

**Celebrations** enable the children to have a good time and demonstrate what is important to them and their culture. Celebrating help children to have a good understanding of the meaning, characteristics and purpose of **celebration**. Celebrations are a great way to help children build friendships, encouraging the children to work together and enjoy playing together, working together as a team and learn about what similarities we share and what makes us unique.

Bonfire night is a perfect opportunity for the children to create exciting pictures, expressing themselves through bright colours and fun activities. The children have been using tissue paper and paint pens to create their very own firework pictures, using their imagination to make their own shapes and swirls with the paint pens. We also talked about all the different words we could use to describe firework sounds such as fizz, crackle pop and bang, encouraging vocabulary. It is also a great time to teach the children about how to keep themselves safe around fireworks.

We have been celebrating birthdays a plenty this month, with lots of party games, birthday work out Wednesday and lots of stories and cake!

We are all looking forward to celebrating Christmas this year, it will different from previous years due to current circumstances. Never the less we will be celebrating and enjoying many fun activities such as Christmas jumper days, our Christmas party and our wonderful nativity, which the children look forward to every year.

We would like to thanks the Cherry tree in at Stoke Row for kindly donating the children Christmas dinner for this years Christmas party.

We are planning a few fundraising events including our Christmas hamper raffle, tickets will be on sale from Monday 23rd November at £5.00 a strip. Tickets can be purchased for the lovely ladies at Checkendon Pre-School, situated at the Village hall. The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 8th December 2020.

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 there will be no Checkendon Run this year, but will be back next year bigger and better. Please keep checking our website or the Checkendon run site for new dates for this event.

Kelly’s Kandles are on sale now. These are homemade candles with a variety of different scents, which you can purchase at preschool. All proceeds go to Checkendon Pre-school CIO. Candles are £3.00 each or 2 for £5.00. Thank you very much for your continued support. We do appreciate all of your continued support during this difficult time.

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