



CHECKENDON CE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

11th January 2010

Snow

We would like to thank everyone for their support during the snow last week. We were sorry that we had to close on the Wednesday and Thursday, but thanks to Mr Wilcox, Mr Kerry and Mr Butler, the car park and paths were cleared for Friday. Thank you to all the parents who brought their children in that day – we had 45 children altogether. Thanks must also go to the teachers and support staff who travelled in that day, and to Fiona Broadbent who manned the office for us. Many of the staff live some distance from the school on side streets or lanes that had not been cleared of snow.

We hope that we will not have so much snow again for some time, but in case we do, we have learned a few lessons for next time:

- OCC and the radio stations were incredibly helpful, but they do not get it right all of the time and the majority of the radio stations only want to know if schools are closed – they advise schools not to ring them if they are open as normal! Therefore, if parents are in any doubt as to whether the school is open or not it is advisable to phone the school before setting off – there should be someone there soon after 8am if the school is open.
- If you are willing to let the school have your email address, we would be happy to email details regarding closing and opening in bad weather. Please complete and return the slip below.
- If the school were to be closed for longer periods work would be set for the children. This could be posted, however, an email address would help with distribution.
- We do aim to take the children outside when it has snowed. **It is important, therefore, that they have suitable footwear for snow, a change of shoes and socks/tights for inside and a coat. An additional pair of old trousers for outside is also useful.**

Extra-curricular Activities

Judo (Tuesday lunchtimes) starts **tomorrow (Tuesday, 12th January)**

Craft Club (Tuesday, after school) **starts next week (Tuesday, 19th January)**

Football (Thursday, after school) starts on **Thursday, 21st January**

We aim to provide a range of extra-curricular activities, but last term we did not have enough pupils to run Spanish, multi-sports or tag rugby clubs. We would be interested to know whether the lack of interest was due to the nature of the club, the choice of day or the price. We will be contacting you soon to find out which other clubs would be popular so that we can organise alternatives for 2010.

Curriculum News and Pupil Targets

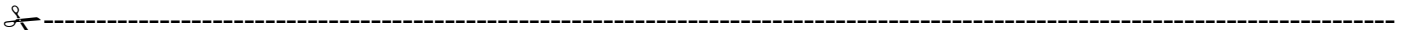
The Curriculum News for Terms 3 and 4 will be sent out at the end of this week. Pupil curricular targets will be sent home in the next two weeks. Please do contact your child's teacher if you wish to discuss the curricular targets or require further information regarding this term's curriculum.

Parents' Evening

Parents' evening will be held on Wednesday, 10th February, from 3.30pm. Further details will be sent out nearer the time. However, please do not wait until then if you have any urgent matters you wish to discuss. The class teacher is always your first point of contact for issues relating to pupil progress and incidents in class. However, if you wish to discuss choice of secondary school, please do make an appointment to see Mrs Bather.

Dates for your Diary

Tues. 12 th January	Lunchtime Judo starts
Wed. 13 th January	Mobile Library
Tues. 19 th January	After school Craft Club starts
Thurs. 21 st January	After School Football Club starts
Tues. 26 th January	Panda Class trip to The Steam Museum at Swindon
Wed. 3 rd January	Mobile Library
Wed. 10 th February	Parents' Evening (3.30 onwards)
Fri. 13 th February	Last day of Term 3
Mon. 22 nd February	First day of Term 4



To: School Office, Checkendon Primary School

Contacting Parents Via Email

I wish to be contacted via email about school closures etc and agree to the information below being added to the school's database.

Pupil's Name

Name.....

Email
address.....

Name.....

Email
address.....

Signed..... Date.....