

CHECKENDON

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News & Information

6th March 2009

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term – or Term 4 as it is now known at Oxfordshire County Council. We were pleased to see so many of you at school for the parent teacher consultations on Wednesday evening and hope that you found this opportunity to discuss your child's progress useful. Please do not hesitate to make another appointment if you wish to discuss further any of the matters raised.

We have had a busy week. Berserk Productions have been working with Rhinos, who are studying 'Theseus and the Minotaur'. Yesterday they were filming on location and there will be a chance for parents to attend the 'premiere' on Wednesday 18th March. Science Week has started early with 'Tree Workshops' for Owls and Owlets yesterday, and a Quantum Theatre production, 'Bin Raiders', for the whole school this afternoon. The latter event has been kindly funded by the School Association. All the children will be involved in an interesting selection of science investigations next week and some of the Year 4 children will have a chance to demonstrate these to children from other local schools at Langtree next Thursday. Pandas and Rhinos have a 'Plant Design Workshop on Thursday and there will be a chance for all the children to share their experiences of Science Week at the end of the afternoon on Friday, 13th March. As this will be Red Nose Day, we are asking children to dress up as 'Mad Scientists' and make a contribution to the Comic Relief Charity.

Mothers Day Celebration

We will be holding a short Mother's Day Celebration at 2.30pm on 20th March, in the school hall. We do hope that mothers, and other members of the family, will be able to attend. We plan to provide a crèche for younger children, and hope that parents will make use of this facility. The children enjoy presenting their work and it is a shame if their mums are unable to hear due to background noise.

School Association Quiz Night – New Date 27th March

Please note that the date has **changed** for this event from the 20th March to **27th March**. This always proves to be a fun and lively evening. It starts at 7.30 pm with a bar, raffle and food - tickets are £11.00 per person and are available from Ben Harrison and Michael Ives.

'The Times' Book Vouchers

Book vouchers are still being printed in The Times newspaper but this will shortly come to an end. Please collect any you have and bring them in to school so that we can stock our library. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 9th – Friday 13th March

Thursday 12th March

Monday 16th March

Wednesday 18th March

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Friday 20th March

Monday 23rd March

Monday 23rd March

Wednesday 25th March

Thursday 26th March

Friday 27th March (date change)

Wednesday 1st April

Friday 3rd April

Tuesday 21st April

Friday 24th April

Wednesday 29th April

Tuesday 5th May

Monday 11th – Friday 15th May

Tuesday 19th May

Wednesday 20th May

Friday 22nd May

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SCIENCE WEEK

Plant Design Workshop: Panda Class am, Rhino Class pm

Chess Tournament at Caversham Primary School

Panda Class Trip to Abingdon County Hall Museum

Rhino parents: 2.45 pm film premiere of "Theseus and the Minotaur" at school

2.30 pm Mothers' Day Celebration in School Hall

Rhino Class Trip to Northmoor Trust

Panda Class rehearsing at Hexagon then evening performance

Mobile Library

History Day – Everyone Dresses Up

School Association Quiz Night

Easter Service in Church followed by Cake Sale

Last day of Term 4 (finish at 12.00 noon)

First day of Term 5

Annual Sponsored Walk

Parent Information Evening (Assessment, Targets, Support and Challenge)

Whole School Photograph

SATs week

Panda Class - Korky Paul Art Day at Langtree

Mobile Library

Ascension Day Service/Dancing

Last day of Term 5