



# CHECKENDON CE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

13<sup>th</sup> January 2012

## Data Collection Sheets

You will have received Data Collection sheets for your child/ren this week. In order for us to act quickly to any emergency that occurs, it is important that you check carefully the information we have for your child. Please inform us of any change of address (even if temporary), telephone number, new mobile number, emergency contacts and any new medical conditions we should be aware of. In the interests of your child, please return your signed sheets to us as soon as possible, **even if there are no changes**. Thank you.

## Arrangements for Emergency Closure of the School

On rare occasions, for example during extreme weather conditions or when the school has no heating or water, the head teacher and chair of governors may have to take the decision to close the school. It is school policy to keep the school open if at all possible, but there are occasions when it would not be possible to operate the school within the health and safety requirements.

In the very unlikely event of an emergency closure during the school day, the school will contact parents via the telephone contact details kept in school. All children will be kept safely until collected. Please ensure, therefore, that the school has your up-to-date daytime telephone contact details.

In the event of an emergency closure before the start of the school day the school will notify Oxfordshire County Council and the local radio stations and will send a group email to all parents who have sent emergency contact email details to the office. If parents need to find out whether or not the school is closed they should:

- Check their email if they have asked to be contacted by email;
- Look on the county public website: [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures);
- Listen to the announcements of the local radio stations:
  - BBC Radio Oxford – VHF/FM 95.2
  - Heart FM (Oxfordshire) – VHF/FM 102.6
  - JACK FM – VHF/FM 106.8

Parents are advised not to call the radio stations otherwise switchboards can become jammed and prevent the radio stations receiving information from schools. Parents may attempt to call the school, but the school cannot guarantee that there will be someone in the office to man the phone.

Our hot school dinners are prepared in the kitchen at Langtree School and delivered to Checkendon in time for lunch. Langtree School may be closed on days when Checkendon School is open. We ask therefore that, if there is snow on the ground but Checkendon School is open, parents assume that hot dinners will not be delivered and send their child with a packed lunch.

## School Transport in Adverse Weather

Please note following message for parents from Oxfordshire County Council:

“In preparation for future winter weather we are writing to advise parents and schools that the decision on whether operators can safely transport your children to and from school lies with the operators themselves.

We have requested that operators contact schools and Oxfordshire County Council if they are unable to run the all or part of the route or if they are going to be delayed.

If you have any queries on whether your particular route is running we suggest you speak to the operator directly. (*Checkendon School children use Destinations Luxury Travel: 01494 484040*)

Please note that if parents bring their children into school in the morning because the bus is not running, it will be the parent's responsibility to get them back after school.

If you are unable to contact the operator, please contact Integrated Transport Unit on 01865 323993, but please do bear in mind that in the event of severe weather there may be minimal staff manning the offices."

## Arrangements for Parents Evenings

	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Owlet Class</b>	Mrs McClure 3.30 pm – 6.30 pm	
<b>Owl Class</b>	Mrs McEvoy 3.30 pm – 6.50 pm	Mrs McEvoy 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm
<b>Panda Class</b>	Mrs Leadbeater and Mrs Seymour 3.30 pm – 6.50 pm	Mrs Leadbeater only 3.30 pm – 4.50 pm
<b>Rhino Class</b>	Mr Gayford 3.30 pm – 6.30 pm	Mr Gayford 3.30 pm – 4.50 pm

Appointment lists will be available in the entrance hall from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January.

## Dates for your Diary

Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Mobile Library
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics at Gillotts School (1.30-3.30 pm)
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b><u>9.00 am: Order/Payment Deadline for School Lunches for next 3 wks</u></b>
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> January	<i>School lunch special meal day – “Chinese New Year”</i>
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> January	After School Football Club starts
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> February	<i>School lunch special meal day – “Valentines”</i>
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents’ Evening
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents’ Evening
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b><u>9.00 am: Order/Payment Deadline for School Lunches for next 3 wks</u></b> <b><u>(only book for 4 days for week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> February)</u></b>
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of Term 3
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> February	First day of Term 4
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> February	<i>School lunch special meal day – “Shrove Tuesday”</i>
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Mobile Library
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> March	7.00 pm Parents’ Maths Evening Part 1 (strategies for addition and subtraction for all age groups)
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b><u>9.00 am: Order/Payment Deadline for School Lunches for next 3 wks</u></b>
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> March	7.00 pm Parents’ Maths Evening Part 2 (strategies for multiplication and division for all age groups)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	2.30 pm Mothers Day celebration
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Last Judo
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Mobile Library
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>School lunch special meal day – “Easter”</i>
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> March	2.30 pm Easter Service in the church
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5/6 Netball at Langtree hosted by Checkendon (pm)
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of Term 4 (finish at 2.00 pm)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of Term 5
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 24 <sup>h</sup> May	SATs weeks