

**CHECKENDON**  
C of E (A) Primary School  
Checkendon  
Reading, RG8 0SR  
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# News & Information

**14<sup>h</sup> November 2008**

## **Fireworks Evening**

We would like to thank everyone for supporting this event, which was a great success. A special 'thank you' goes to the School Association, for organising the event and all those who helped on the night, including the boys from the Oratory School.

Ben Harrison, School Association Chair, writes:

*"We had a great evening for firework night and were blessed with perfect firework weather – a day either way could have been disastrous! From what I could see everyone had a great evening and it was so nice to see families of both current pupils and those who have moved on to other schools. I had a number of comments from those who had attended the school in the past saying that their children loved coming back for fireworks. This year we managed to raise £1118.55 which was a fantastic effort. So many people helped out in so many different ways - thank you to everyone for making such a brilliant evening."*

## **Shoe Boxes and the Poppy Appeal**

Earlier this week, Liz Payne came to school to collect the 44 shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse, a charity which provides Christmas gifts for children less fortunate than ours. Thank you, everyone, for your generous donations. Thank you also for your donations to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

## **Delivering To, and Collecting From, School**

Checkendon Pre-school is based in the Village Hall and parents delivering to, and collecting from, Pre-school use the Village Hall car park. It is essential that parents with children under five are able to park near to the Pre-school, so if at all possible, could you avoid leaving your car in the Village Hall car park for any length of time at the beginning or end of the school day.

### **After School Football Club**

Next Thursday (20<sup>th</sup> November) is the last session of the current football course. From Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November, there will be a new course running and this time the children will be split into two groups on Thursdays and Fridays. Further details will be sent out at the beginning of next week.

### **Pottery Club**

We will be starting an after-school KS2 Pottery Club in the Spring Term on Monday evenings. We will let you have further details when we have them.

### **Computer Club**

Stella Kendall is now running adult computer classes for beginners, in the school, on Wednesdays, from 3.30pm to 5.00pm. There are still a couple of vacancies, so please contact the school office if you are interested in joining this group.

### **Dates for your Diary**

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Fire & Rescue Service talk to Yrs 5/6 and Yrs 1/2 in school
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	1.30 pm visit from John Howell, local MP
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	“Big Sing” – simultaneous sing for Guinness Book of Records
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Yrs 3 & 4 Athletics Festival at Langtree
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Yrs 5 & 6 Athletic practice at Langtree (for event in January)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30 pm KS1 Christmas Production
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30 pm KS1 Christmas Production
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30 pm Christmas Service in Church
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term – finish at 12.00 noon.
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2009	First day of school