



CHECKENDON CE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

14th December 2009

Christmas with the Aliens

Owls' performance of 'Christmas with the Aliens' last Wednesday and Thursday was excellent and enjoyed by all. Our thanks go to all the children and adults involved including Sue and Clare who kindly ran the crèche.

Churches in Reading Drop-in Centre

The collection at the end of last week's performances and this week's Carol Service will be donated to the Churches in Reading Drop-in Centre. We have already raised over £60 for this cause and would like to thank all those of you who have contributed.

Carol Service – Wednesday, 16th December, 6.30pm

Our carol service will take place in the Church on the evening of Wednesday, 16th December. We do hope that you and the rest of the family will be able to join us in this Christmas Celebration. All pupils will be singing carols and songs. Year 6 will be reading, Year 4 acting out the nativity, and Year 5 and Year 3 performing poems. **Year 6 and Year 4 pupils should be in church by 6.10pm, all other children by 6.20pm.**

Christingle Service

Checkendon Church will be holding their Christingle Service on Thursday, 24th December at 4pm. Christingle Candle Collection Boxes are available in School so if you would like to make a donation to The Children's Society please collect one from the entrance hall or ask at the office. Full boxes should be taken to the Christingle Service or handed in at school. Any empty boxes should be returned to school.

Holiday Football Course

Coerver Coaching will be running a 'Fun Football' course at Checkendon School on Monday, **4th January, from 9.30am to 3.00pm.** Details were sent out on Friday, but can be obtained from the office or by phoning Michael Butcher on 07701 050 355.

Emergency Closure of the School

Our aim at Checkendon is to keep the school open if at all possible. However, there may be circumstances when this is not practicable, for example during periods of extreme weather and road conditions when we cannot provide enough adult supervision. If the school is closed we will inform the local radio stations and Oxfordshire County Council. **In periods of cold weather, school closures will be listed on the OCC website (www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures) and reported on Fox FM (VHF/FM 102.6), Radio Oxford (VHF/FM 95.2) and 210 FM (VHF/FM 97 and 102.9).** You are advised not to ring the radio stations, but to stay tuned for information. Please could you make sure that, when we are open during snowy or wet weather, that your child has a coat and a change of shoes in school.

End of Term 2 – Beginning of Term 3

Term 2 ends on **Friday, 18th December at 12noon.** Term 3 starts on **Tuesday, 5th January.**

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 16th December
Thursday 17th December

6.30 pm – Carol Service in Church
Pendle Productions visiting to perform "A Christmouse Tale"
Pantomime to whole school

Friday 18th December
Tuesday 5th January

Last day Term 2 (school day ends at 12 noon)
First day Term 3