

CHECKENDON

C of E (A) Primary School
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News & Information

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Thank you for your support

We have had a very successful 'Science Week', which culminated in a 'Mad Scientist' day, last Friday. We raised **£113.00** for Comic Relief, so thank you very much, everyone, for your support.

Planning Permission at last!

We are delighted that we have been granted planning permission for our proposed new Reception Classroom. This will be a purpose-built classroom, with its own toilets, shower room and staff room, located at the back of the school, on the site of the current annexe. As soon as the paper plans arrive, we will display these in the entrance hall. We are hoping that the Diocese will fund the majority of the project, but we will have to raise about £15 000 ourselves. The governors already have a number of fundraising activities planned, and will be circulating details of these shortly.

There are a number of events coming up over the next few weeks, and details of these are given below.

Rhino Film Premiere

The 'Premiere' of 'Theseus and the Minotaur' will be held in Rhino classroom on **Wednesday, 18th March at 2.45pm**. Parents of pupils in Rhino Class are invited to attend.

Mothers' Day Celebration

We will be holding an informal Mothers' Day Celebration in the school hall on **Friday, 20th March at 2.30pm**. The children are looking forward to sharing their songs, poems and thoughts with you. All mothers, and of course any other members of the family, are invited to come along. There will be a crèche for younger children in the Owlet Classroom.

History Day

The children have asked for a History Day, when they can dress up in costumes of the historical era that they are studying. This will be on **Thursday, 26th March**. Owls and Owlets may dress up as Florence Nightingale or soldiers in the Crimean War. Pandas may dress up as Romans and Rhinos may dress up as Greeks. The children may wear their costumes all day, but we suggest that they have a sensible coat and shoes for outdoor play.

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.

Easter Service

The Easter Service, led by Revd. Angela Butler, will be held in the church on Wednesday, 1st April, at 2.30 pm. We do hope that as many parents, grandparents and friends as possible will be able to attend.

Cake and Bric-a-brac Sale

We will be holding a sale in aid of the Church Roof Fund in the school hall after the Easter Service. Checkendon China products, including the new 'Easter Egg Mug', will also be on sale. We hope that you will be able to support this event by providing cakes or 'Bric-a-brac' and coming along to browse after school. We have benefited greatly from the support of the church over the years, and know that they will support us in our new building project. This is an opportunity for us to help them.

Coerver Coaching Football Course

Coerver Coaching will be holding another two day holiday football course at school on Thursday 16th and Friday 17th April. Further details will follow.

'Goodbye'

This Friday, 20th March, we say 'Goodbye' to Hayley Gadsby and Katherine Rowe, from Oxford Brookes University, who have been working in Owls as part of their PGCE teacher training. Their contribution to the work of the class and the school will be greatly missed. We wish them every success in their teaching careers.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 16 th March	Chess Tournament at Caversham Primary School
Wednesday 18 th March	Panda Class Trip to Abingdon County Hall Museum
Wednesday 18 th March	Rhino parents: 2.45 pm film premiere of "Theseus and the Minotaur" at school
Friday 20 th March	2.30 pm Mothers' Day Celebration in School Hall
Monday 23 rd March	Rhino Class Trip to Northmoor Trust
Monday 23 rd March	Panda Class rehearsing at Hexagon then evening performance
Wednesday 25 th March	Mobile Library
Thursday 26 th March	History Day – Everyone Dresses Up
Friday 27 th March (date change)	School Association Quiz Night
Wednesday 1 st April	Easter Service in Church followed by Cake Sale
Friday 3 rd April	Last day of Term 4 (finish at 12.00 noon)
Tuesday 21 st April	First day of Term 5
Friday 24 th April	Annual Sponsored Walk
Wednesday 29 th April	Parent Information Evening (Assessment, Targets, Support and Challenge)
Tuesday 5 th May	Whole School Photograph
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th May	SATs week
Tuesday 19 th May	Panda Class - Korby Paul Art Day at Langtree
Wednesday 20 th May	Mobile Library
Friday 22 nd May	Ascension Day Service/Dancing
Friday 22 nd May	Last day of Term 5