



CHECKENDON CE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday, 17th July, 2009

Well, term is almost over. It has been a great year - children and staff have worked extremely hard and all deserve a relaxing summer break.

We have had another extremely successful year:

- Ofsted judged our PE curriculum and leadership to be 'outstanding';
- County found our Health and Safety to be 'excellent';
- Initial analyses of the end of year assessments show that children in all years have made great progress;
- Our wireless laptops have been well-used throughout the school;
- We obtained planning permission and funding for our new classroom, and the Governors have raised more than £19,000 towards the building;
- Our varied programme of extracurricular activities has continued, and we now have football courses on site over the holidays;
- We have hosted a large number of successful events over the year, including 'The Bossy Christmas Fairy and Scheherazade, Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Easter and Ascension Day services, Fireworks Night, Quiz and Bouncy Barbecue, Sports Day and the Open Afternoon;
- The children have performed at Dorchester Abbey, Langtree School and The Hexagon;
- There have been many outings, including to the London Eye, Northmoor Trust and of course Woodlands;
- Rhinos made a film of 'Theseus and the Minotaur' and Pendas designed an advertising campaign for 'Kungfu Panda'.

We would like to thank everyone - pupils, parents, staff, governors and the local community- for their hard work and support during the year.

Goodbye

It is time to say Goodbye to Year 6. We will miss them, but wish Dominic, Guillaume, Isabelle, Keanu, Rahul and Shane a happy and successful secondary school career.

Eilidh, Lucy, Alex and Hamish Venters are leaving Checkendon for Scotland at the end of the summer. We are sorry to see them go, but know that they have exciting times ahead of them. Penny Venters has been a great support to the school as a member of the School Association and as a Governor. We would like to thank her for all her hard work, most recently on the production of the new school prospectus.

We also say Goodbye to Ursula Lang, who returns to New Zealand, after two years supporting in Pendas, and to Jessica Stavely, who has been in Owls on work experience. Both Ursula and Jessica have made invaluable contributions to the life of the school and we will miss them. Our best wishes go with them.

Leavers' Service / Last day of term

We will say our formal 'Goodbye' to Year 6 on Monday, 20th July, at the Leavers' Service. This will start at 11.00 am in the church. We hope that you will be able to join us. School finishes at 12 noon.

Holiday Football at Checkendon School

Wednesday 5th, Thursday 6th and Friday 7th August
Wednesday 27th, Thursday 28th and Friday 29th August
Please contact school office for further details.

Holiday dates

Please find a copy of the 2009/10 holiday dates attached.

Please note the following dates for Term 1 and Term 2:-

Monday 20 th July	11.00 am Leavers' Service in church (please note change of date)
Monday 20 th July	Last day of Term 6 (school day ends at 12 noon)
Thursday 3 rd September	First day of Term 1
Monday 14 th September	Year 6 depart for Woodlands Outdoor Education Centre
	Year 5 depart for Ufton Court
Tuesday 15 th September	Year 5 return from Ufton Court
Friday 18 th September	Year 6 return from Woodlands
Friday 2 nd October	Inset day (children not in school)
Wednesday 7 th October	Tempest photography to take school photographs
Thursday 22 nd October	Last day Term 1
Monday 2 nd November	First day Term 2
Friday 18 th December	Last day Term 2 (school day ends at 12 noon)

Have a great holiday and see you all on 3rd September.