

## CHECKENDON

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# News & Information

**28<sup>th</sup> April 2009**

Welcome back to Checkendon School for the new Summer Term – Terms 5 and 6 as they are now known. We have good news to share with you. Not only were we 16<sup>th</sup> out of more than 200 schools in the Oxfordshire Primary League Tables, but also our OFSTED PE Inspector, who visited us on 17<sup>th</sup> March, judged our PE curriculum and our PE leadership, under Alison Leadbeater, to be '**OUTSTANDING**'. Well done to all those involved! In addition, we were pleased to read in the Times newspaper that Tim Davies, former Checkendon pupil, has been awarded a music exhibition and a scholarship at Abingdon School.

### **Targets**

Individual pupil targets should be pasted in Panda and Rhino Homework Diaries and sent home to Owl and Owlet parents by the end of this week. Please do come in and discuss these with the class teacher if you require further information.

### **Bluebell Walk**

The whole school had an extremely enjoyable afternoon on Friday, walking through the Bluebell woods of Checkendon. The weather was perfect (and so were the iced lollipops kindly provided by the School Association - Thank you!) We must also say a big 'Thank you' to all the parents who came along on the walk – we could not have managed it without you. If you do have sponsor money from the walk, please could you hand it into the office, and please do thank all your sponsors on our behalf.

### **School Crossing Patrol**

From **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April** we will have a School Crossing Patrol Officer.

Mrs Christine New will be on hand to help us to cross the road safely from 8.15 – 9.00 am and from 3.00 – 3.45 pm.

## **Security**

When collecting pupils from after school clubs please enter and leave the building by the main entrance. For security purposes, all other external doors will be locked. Pupils should not be in the school grounds at all at weekends or during holidays, or before 8.30am or after 4.30pm on school days unless they have the permission of the head teacher. The local police patrol the site regularly and staff, governors and local residents have been asked to call the police immediately if they notice any intruders.

## **Forthcoming Events**

There are a number of events in our diary for this term, and these are listed on the front of the Curriculum Newsletter, which you should receive this week. Further details of some are given below.

### **Parent Information Evening – Assessment, Levels and Targets – Wed. 29<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm.**

Please do come along to this information evening, where you can find out all about these mysterious levels and progress measures, and ask as many questions as you like. You will find the information useful when you read your child's report at the end of June. Everyone is welcome, even if you did not fill in a reply slip.

## **Book Fair**

The Travelling Book Fair is coming to our school on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May**. This is a good fundraiser for the school so please come and browse through the wonderful selection books from **3.20 pm** in the school hall.

## **Whole school photograph**

Tempest Photography are coming to the school on the afternoon of **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May** to take a whole school photograph. As far as we are aware this will be the first of its kind at this school and it would be a great shame if any children are missing in the line-up. Please could you ensure that your child is wearing his/her school uniform and avoid making any medical/dental appointments etc for him/her on this afternoon if at all possible. Thank you.

## **Grand Gala Dinner**

This is taking place at Larchdown Farm on **Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> June**, and all monies raised will go towards the new classroom. If you would like further information or tickets, please contact either a Governor or the school office.

## **Secondary School Open Days**

There are usually a number of secondary school open days during the summer term. We will keep you informed of all those we know of and will display any posters in the entrance lobby. We also keep any school information sent to us. Please do contact the school if you require further information on any particular secondary school.

**The Oratory School Open Morning:** Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 9.30am to 12.00 noon. Further details are available in school and on line at [www.oratory.co.uk](http://www.oratory.co.uk)