



CHECKENDON CE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

23rd April 2010

Welcome back to school for the summer terms.

We hope that you all had a good break over Easter and that the children are refreshed and ready to enjoy the activities we have planned for them. Rhino Class overall theme for Term 5 is 'Splash', Pandas are investigating 'Heroes and Heroines', Owls are studying 'Islands' and Owlets are investigating 'Food'. Further details of the Term 5 and 6 curriculum will be included in the Curriculum News which will be coming out next week. Details of individual targets will also be sent to you next week.

Child Exploitation and On-line Protection Presentation

Please do come along to this presentation at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 27th April, at Checkendon School. It is an opportunity to obtain important information for parents of children of all ages and to address any concerns regarding internet safety.

Annual Bluebell Walk

The annual walk takes place on the afternoon of Friday, 30th April. Parents are welcome to join us, so please contact your child's class teacher if you wish to accompany the class. Children should come to school in school uniform but bring with them a change of clothes, which should include a warm jumper, coat, tracksuit bottoms/ leggings and some sensible walking shoes. If you would like to find sponsors for your child, and do not have a form, additional forms are available from the office. Any money raised will be used to upgrade the outdoor play equipment.

KS2 National Curriculum Tests (SATs)

The 2010 KS2 National Curriculum Tests (SATS) will take place during the week beginning 10th May. Parents may be aware that the NUT and NAHT unions have voted to boycott the tests, however, the final decision in each school lies with the head of that school. After consultation with relevant teachers and the governors, we have decided to continue with the tests for which the Year 6 children have already been prepared.

2010 / 2011 end of term finishing time

Over the last few years school has finished at 12 noon on the last day of Terms 2, 4 and 6 (i.e. before the Christmas, Easter and Summer holidays). School will finish at 12 noon on 22nd July. From autumn 2010, school will finish at 2pm on the last day of each long term. This is to ensure that children are registered for the afternoon of the last day of term.

After School Cricket Club

A reminder that Performance Cricket hope to run (numbers permitting) an after school cricket club for years 4, 5 and 6 on Mondays from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm starting this coming Monday, 26th April. Forms are available from the School Office. The cost is £30.00 for ten sessions, however, if your child is interested and your financial circumstances make it difficult for you to pay for this club, please do come and see Mrs Bather to discuss.

Guitar and Flute Lessons

We are hoping that flute and guitar lessons will start next week. Please look out for forms that will need to be filled in and returned to school before their first lesson. Guitar will be on Wednesdays and flute on Fridays.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 26 th April	Cricket After School Club starting (numbers permitting)
Tuesday 27 th April	After School Clubs starting: Craft Club and Cycle Skills course 7.30 pm Parent Information Evening on Internet Safety
Wednesday 28 th April	Mobile Library
Friday 30 th April	Afternoon – Bluebell Walk
Wednesday 5 th May	Cycle Training starts for Group 1 (Rhinos)
Thursday 6 th May	Coerver After School Football Club starts
Mon 10 th – Fri 14 th May	SATs
Friday 14 th May	2.00 pm May Service in the church followed by country dancing
Monday 17 th May	3.30 pm Woodlands meeting for Year 6 parents
Wednesday 19 th May	Mobile Library Year 6 – Tempest Vista Photograph
Friday 28 th May	Last day of Term 5
Monday 7 th June	First day of Term 6
Friday 11 th June	am: “Grand Opening” of Reception classroom and Open Afternoon
Wednesday 16 th June	Mobile Library
Tuesday 22 nd June	7.00 pm – Partnership concert at Langtree School
Wednesday 23 rd June	Year 6 – Langtree Taster Day
Tuesday 29 th June	Festival of Voices
Friday 2 nd July	Sports Day
Wednesday 7 th July	Last Mobile Library
Friday 9 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 14 th July	2.00 pm KS2 Summer Production
Thursday 15 th July	6.30 pm KS2 Summer Production
Wednesday 21 st July	Leavers’ Service in Church (2.00 pm)
Thursday 22 nd July	Last day of Term