



# CHECKENDON CE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

23<sup>rd</sup> September 2011

## Welcome Evening

We would like to thank all parents who attended the Welcome Evening on Wednesday. We hope that you found the information useful. If you have any further questions, please contact your class teacher or phone the school office to make an appointment to discuss them. Thanks also go to the teachers and governors, who made the evening possible.

## Harvest Festival Service - Wednesday, 28th September

Please do come along to our Harvest Festival Service in Checkendon Church on Wednesday, 28th September, at 2.30pm. The service will include songs, readings and a short play and should last just over half an hour.

## Maths Evening for Parents - Tuesday, 11th October

A number of parents have asked for more information on how maths is taught in school so we have decided to hold a 'maths evening' during maths week. The session will start at 7pm and will last about an hour and a half. This evening will be designed for parents of children of all ages and will consist of a general introduction to mathematics teaching, including place value and partitioning, multiplication, division and fractions, followed by a question and answer session. If it is felt that there is a need, further follow up sessions for individual classes will be arranged after the event.

## Writing Week 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> November – 'Checkendon Museum of Curiosities'

We are planning an exciting 'Writing Week' focusing on developing writing skills in all classes in the school. We hope to create a 'Checkendon Museum of Curiosities' in the school hall to be visited by the children and used by teachers to plan a range of exciting writing activities for them. Further details will follow towards the end of this term when we will be asking for the loan of objects for the week and for volunteers to help with group work in school. Parents and carers will be encouraged to view the children's written work displayed in classrooms and in the museum from 2.45 pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

## Before and After School

Please note that children are not permitted to play on the school outdoor play equipment before and after school due to the lack of adequate supervision. We also ask that children do not ride bikes or scooters in the school grounds.

## Parking at Drop-Off and Pick-Up Times

Checkendon Pre-School have been very kind in allowing parents of children from our school to park in the Village Hall car park. If you do use this car park, please ensure that you park so that no-one is blocked in and that you **remove your car promptly** to allow Pre-School parents to use the space and for staff members to move their cars. **If you do intend to stay longer please park elsewhere.** Thank you.

## Early Morning Activity Sessions

Mrs Seymour and Mr Gayford started the early morning activity sessions this week. These sessions run daily in the hall **and are now open to all children.** Children who wish to join the session should arrive at **the main school entrance at 8.30 am promptly.** The sessions last for 10 minutes, so that children can settle into their classroom before the start of the school day at 8.50 am. We will be reviewing this provision next week – if numbers remain low we may decide that it is not worth continuing this activity.

## Year 6 Children – Moving on to Secondary School

A reminder that the deadline for applying for your child's school place is **31<sup>st</sup> October 2011.** "Moving On" booklets are available from the school office or you will also be able to find all the information you need to apply on line at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions).

Below a list of secondary school future open day dates.

## Open Day/Evening Dates for Secondary Schools

Langtree	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	6.30 pm – 8.00 pm Please book appointment Please book appointment
Chiltern Edge	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	6.45 pm – 9.00 pm 9.15 am – 10.30 am 9.15 am – 10.30 am
Gillotts	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30 am – 12.00 noon and 1.45 pm – 3.00 pm
Highdown School	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	6.30 pm 9.30 am 9.30 am
Kendrick	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	5.00 pm – 9.00 pm
Reading Boys	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	4.30 pm – 7.30 pm
The Abbey	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	5.30 pm – 8.30 pm
Abingdon School	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	9.30 am – 12.30 pm
Pangbourne College	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	9.00 am – 12.00 noon
Queen Anne's	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30 am
Leighton Park	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	10.00 am – 12.00 noon
Oratory	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30 am – 12.00 noon
Reading Blue Coat	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	9.30 am – 12.30 pm
Our Lady's Abingdon	Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	10.00 am – 1.00 pm
St Josephs Convent	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm 6.30 pm – 9.00 pm
St Helen & St Katherine	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	10.00 am – 2.30 pm

## Checkendon Village Hall Halloween Themed Quiz on 28<sup>th</sup> October

Invitation from Tim Corbishley (Checkendon Village Hall Committee):

*“The next Checkendon Quiz Evening (in aid of Village Hall Renovations) will be held in the hall on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October, meet at 7.00 p.m. in the hall for a prompt start at 7.30 p.m.*

*Bar, Raffle, and a hot supper (see below) which is included- all at the AMAZING price of £10.00 per head. Exceptional value and hospitality yet again, in true Checkendon tradition.*

*Please come singly, pairs or groups as we can arrange teams on the night. (We take a flexible view on numbers in a team.) Doug Griggs will be Questionmaster, so expect a wide range of interesting quick fire questions, pictures and other tests of your skill and memory, many with a spooky theme !*

*No previous experience, or skill at quizzes is at all necessary but brushing up on you knowledge of Halloween is recommended.*

*BIG BIG Prizes ( plus Trophy) will be awarded as usual, so do join us to meet old friends and new at this very special evening.*

### **Special Autumn Menu ( Self-service style), choices to include:**

*Oven Baked Potatoes .*

*Local Butcher's Sausages and meats*

*Cheeses*

*Selection of Fillings, hot and cold.*

*Salads.*

*Fruit Pie, Meringues, Fresh Fruit for afters.*

*Our caterers would much appreciate knowing numbers so please reply by e-mail direct to myself or contact Doug Griggs : [d.griggs@btconnect.com](mailto:d.griggs@btconnect.com) or call 01491-680536*

**Tim Corbishley 01491 681723”**

### **Dates for your Diary**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September

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Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> – Fri 14<sup>th</sup> October

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> – Fri 25<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> May

School Association calendar photographs of each class

Judo (lunchtime) starts

2.30pm Harvest Service in church all parents welcome

After School Football Club starts

Rhino Class to Oratory School pm for “Travelling by Tuba”

Charlotte Snowden School Photographs

**INSET day (children not in School)**

Maths Week

7.00 pm Maths Evening (parents and children)

**Order/Payment Deadline for School Lunches for 2 wks (October holiday w/c 24<sup>th</sup> October) – orders from wks 1 and 3 on menu**

Mobile Library

Last day of Term 1

October Holiday

First day of Term 2

**Order/Payment Deadline for School Lunches for next 3 wks**

Writing Week

Mobile Library (last before Christmas)

**Order/Payment Deadline for School Lunches for next 3 wks**

6.30 pm Christmas Service in Church

Last day of Term 2

SATs weeks