

## CHECKENDON

C of E (A) Primary School  
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# News & Information

**24<sup>th</sup> October 2008**

Dear parents,

We have come to the end of the first half of the autumn term and I am sure that staff and children alike are looking forward to a well-earned break. The children have settled well into their new classes and the last two months have been extremely busy. Thank you for your support during this time, particularly over uniform. The children all look extremely smart on the school photographs and are a credit to the school when I show visitors round.

This term we welcome Mrs Sharon Dombey into Panda Class. Sharon is in the third year of her teacher training course at Oxford Brookes University, and is here on an eight week teaching practice under the guidance of Mrs Leadbeater and her tutor from the university.

### **Fireworks Night**

Don't forget our Fireworks Night, with bar, barbecue and stalls, on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> November. Gates open at 6 p.m. with fireworks at approximately 7 p.m. Tickets, which can be purchased on the night, will be £5.00 for adults and £2.00 for children (under 2s free).

### **Samaritan's Purse Shoe Boxes**

By now you should have received a letter and leaflet about Samaritan's Purse, a charity which provides Christmas gifts for children less fortunate than ours. Children are invited to choose gifts for a boy or girl, and then wrap and fill a shoe box, which will be delivered to a child in need. If you would like to participate in this project please bring your filled and wrapped box into school by Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November ready for collection that week.

### **Poppy Appeal**

We will be collecting for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. The money enables the Royal British Legion to carry out welfare and benevolent work for all ex-service people and their dependants, when in need. Any child making a donation will receive a poppy or sticker.

## Photographs

We have already sent the photograph order off to Tempest Photography Any late orders will be posted off on 10<sup>th</sup> November. We will not be accepting any orders after that date.

## Drama and Singing Workshop

On 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> November there will be a two-day drama and singing workshop by Dance Connection/Berzerk Creative Partnerships, funded by Langtree School. Parents are invited to the performance which will be an excerpt from 'Joseph's Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' at 3.00 pm, followed by a tour of the 'Rhino Class Museum of Ancient Egypt'.

## KS1 and KS2 Assessment Results: Summer 2008

We were very pleased with the 2008 KS1 and KS2 results. The local and national results are now available for comparison. Our KS2 group exceeded the targets set for the cohort, and the results for both the KS1 and KS2 groups were above the local and national average. Well done to all - pupils and staff!

### KS2 Percentage Level 4+

	Checkendon Target	Checkendon Actual	Oxfordshire	National
English	75	92.3	81.3	81
Mathematics	75	100	78.4	77
Science	-	100	87.3	88

### KS2 Percentage Level 5+

	Checkendon Actual	Oxfordshire	National
English	61.5	31.3	29
Mathematics	46.2	31.9	31
Science	69.2	44.4	44

### KS1 Percentage Level 2+

	Checkendon Actual	Oxfordshire	National
Reading	100	83.7	84
Writing	100	78.4	80
Mathematics	100	90.1	90
Science	100	91.8	89

### KS1 Percentage Level 3+

	Checkendon Actual	Oxfordshire	National
Reading	30.8	28.3	25
Writing	23.1	10.4	12
Mathematics	23.1	22.9	21

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Autumn Holiday
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Start of Term 2
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Filled shoebox gifts brought into school
Thurs.6 <sup>th</sup> & Fri.7 <sup>th</sup> November	Drama and Singing Workshop
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	School Association Fireworks Night
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Panda Class Trip to Reading Museum (am)
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Rhino Class Trip to River & Rowing Museum (changed from Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November)
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Mobile Library
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Fire & Rescue Service talk to Yrs 5/6 and Yrs R/1/2 in school
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	“Big Sing” – simultaneous sing for Guinness Book of Records
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Service in Church (evening)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term – finish at 12.00 noon.
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2009	First day of school

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