

CHECKENDON

C of E (A) Primary School
Checkendon
Reading, RG8 0SR

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News & Information

24 March 2009

Judith Rundell, OFSTED PE Inspector, visited us on Tuesday, 17th March. OFSTED visit about 30 'good' and 'outstanding' schools each year looking for examples of good practice in PE, and we were lucky enough to be selected this year! Their findings are confidential until the report is published. However, we are extremely pleased with the outcome, and would like to say 'Well done' and 'Thank you' to Alison Leadbeater and all the staff and children who were involved on the day.

Mothers' Day Celebration

Thank you, everyone, for your support at the Mothers' Day Celebration, which was enjoyed by all. I am sure that you will join us in thanking the children and staff for their contributions and preparations. A special 'Thank you' should also go to Sue Todd and Jennifer Poska, who ran the crèche that afternoon.

History Day

The children have asked for a History Day, when they can dress up in costumes of the historical era that they are studying. This will be on **Thursday, 26th March**. Owls and Owlets may dress up as Florence Nightingale or soldiers in the Crimean War. Pandas may dress up as Romans and Rhinos may dress up as Greeks. The children may wear their costumes all day, but we suggest that they have a sensible coat and shoes for outdoor play.

Easter Service

This year's Easter Service, led by Revd Angela Butler, will take place at 2.30 pm in the church, on Wednesday, 1st April. Family and friends are invited to join us for songs, hymns and readings related to Easter. The service will last about half an hour and will be followed by a Cake and Bric-a-brac sale in the school hall.

Cake and Bric-a-brac Sale – Wednesday, 1st April, 3.20pm

We will be holding a Cake and Bric-a-brac sale in aid of the Church Roof Fund in the school hall, after the Easter Service. Checkendon China, including Easter Egg Mugs, will also be on sale. We are very grateful to the church for the support they have given the school over the years, not least for providing such a beautiful venue for our special services. If you do feel that you are able to support this worthy cause, and have been having a spring clean, we would appreciate donations for the Bric-a-brac stall. Alternatively, you may be able to donate some buns, biscuits or a cake, and do come and browse after school – you may pick up a bargain. If you are able to provide cakes or biscuits, please could you bring or send them into school on Tuesday 31st March or Wednesday, 1st April. All contributions are extremely welcome.

Annual Bluebell Walk

Our annual walk through the Bluebell Woods of Checkendon will take place on the afternoon of Friday, 24th April. Further details of this event have been sent out separately.

Parent Information Evening

We will be holding an information evening on ‘Assessment and Target Setting’ in the school, on **Wednesday, 29th April, at 7 pm**. Methods of assessing and recording progress against the National Curriculum Levels will be explained, and there will be opportunities for us to answer all your questions regarding assessment, target setting, support and challenge. Tea and coffee will be served. To help us cater for the correct number, please could you complete and return the slip below.

Checkendon Court.

When collecting or delivering children, please could you avoid using the entrance to the Checkendon Court drive to turn round.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 25th March
Thursday 26th March
Friday 27th March (*date change*)
Wednesday 1st April
Friday 3rd April
Tuesday 21st April
Friday 24th April
Wednesday 29th April

Mobile Library
History Day – Everyone Dresses Up
School Association Quiz Night
Easter Service in Church followed by Cake Sale
Last day of Term 4 (finish at 12.00 noon)
First day of Term 5
Annual Bluebell Walk
Mobile Library
Parent Information Evening (Assessment, Targets, Support and Challenge)

Tuesday 5th May
Monday 11th – Friday 15th May
Tuesday 19th May
Wednesday 20th May
Friday 22nd May
Friday 22nd May

Whole School Photograph
SATs week
Panda Class - Korky Paul Art Day at Langtree
Mobile Library
Ascension Day Service/Dancing
Last day of Term 5

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To: Checkendon School Office

Parents’ Information Evening, Wednesday 29th April at 7.00 pm

I/We* would like to attend the above meeting. No. of people: (*for catering purposes*)
(*please delete as appropriate)

Child/ren’s Name/s.....

Signature..... Date.....