



CHECKENDON CE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

25th November 2011

New Teaching Assistant

We would like to welcome Mrs Gillian Peeling to Checkendon School from next Monday, 28th November. She will be working in Owlets Class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Wednesday, 30th November

Parents may have heard that school staff will be on strike on Wednesday, 30th November, and that many schools will be closed, however **Checkendon School will be open!** Please note that although Langtree School will be closed, hot lunches will continue as normal.

Christmas Post Box

As usual we will have a Christmas post box which will be situated in the front entrance hall from **Thursday 1st December**. Children are encouraged to use it for the distribution of cards to each other.

Christmas Lunch - Thursday 8th December

We will be having a Christmas Lunch on 8th December and on that day the menu will change to a traditional roast Christmas dinner or a festive vegetarian option followed by individual Christmas ice cream pots (see attached menu). The cost will be the same as a normal school lunch but we do need to have numbers (and payment) by **Thursday 1st December**. Please let Jay Patel know if you need to change an order you have already made for that day or if you have not already ordered a lunch, please complete and return the slip at the bottom of the menu.

Let Us Know What You Think!

During our maths week in Term 1, we held a successful 'maths evening' led by Mary Bather and attended by 16 parents. We are considering the possibility of organising a follow up evening in Term 4. This would comprise workshops in each class focusing on calculation strategies taught at different stages. Parents would be invited to attend one or more of the workshops, each of which would last around 30 minutes each.

We would be grateful if you would complete and return the attached slip to indicate whether or not you would be interested in attending this event by Friday 2nd December.

Calculation Policy

If you would like a copy of the Calculation Policy which details the calculation strategies used in school, please contact the school office.

Packed Lunches Reminder

We would like to remind parents that, if a pupil's packed lunch is forgotten, the following procedure will be followed:

- At 12.20pm, the lunchtime server will check to see if there is sufficient food left over to provide an additional school dinner.
- If there is sufficient food, lunchtime staff will contact the parent/carer so s/he can decide if the child is to be given a school dinner or if s/he would prefer to bring in a packed lunch. If it is not possible to speak to a parent/carer, the child will be given a school dinner.
- If there is not sufficient food, lunchtime staff will contact the parent/carer to bring in a packed lunch as soon as possible, messages will be left if emergency contacts are not available.

Children In Need – Thank You

Thank you to all children who brought in coins last Friday in aid of Children in Need – we collected a total of £98.10. A special thank you goes to a group of Year 4 children who decided to organise a cake sale after school and raised an impressive £97.10! **The grand total raised was £195.20.**

'Ground Force' Day – Thank You

On Sunday 20th November on a damp foggy morning several families turned up with their rakes, brushes, forks, spades and lots of enthusiasm and tidied up the school of leaves, spread bark to the play area, dug over the raised vegetable beds, litter picked and retrieved lots of tennis balls and frisbees from the hedge and on the school roof.

I would like to thank the following families for all their hard work. The Broadbents, Gillinghams, Hayes, Harrisons, Hethertons, Kerrys, McCallas, Von Schmieders and Woodthorpe-Brownes.

Tony Kerry, School Governor

Help Required Please!

We have 5 old staffroom chairs which need to be disposed of. We would welcome an offer from a willing helper who owns a trailer to collect them from the school and take them to the dump some time before the Christmas break. Please contact the school office if you can help. Thank you.

Christmas Holiday Club at Chiltern Edge School

A message from Brenda McNulty from Chiltern Edge School:

Christmas can be a busy time at home, so why not take the opportunity to do some extra shopping or planning, safe in the knowledge that your child is enjoying some fabulous activities, and maybe even creating a little magical Christmas gift of their own to take home with them.

Holiday Club Dates 2011, Sonning Common, for your diary are: 19th – 23rd December.

There will be 5 days to choose from. The favourites, such as Film Making, Forest Fun. Arts & Crafts, Drama, Multisports, Judo and Creative Cookery, continue to feature, alongside two brand new sessions; Archery (aged 9yrs +) and Street Dance. As always, The Holiday Club offers a childcare solution for working parents, the chance to widen your child's friendship group, or simply the opportunity for your child to enjoy some new and varied activities.

The Holiday Club @ Chiltern Edge is fully inclusive, accepts childcare vouchers, and is Ofsted registered for those who wish to take advantage of Working Families Tax Credits.

Bookings will be taken from Monday 21st November on a strictly first come first served basis. To reserve your place, either use the booking form that your child brings home, or download the booking form online at www.chilternedge.oxon.sch.uk. For any queries, please contact Brenda McNulty on 01189 721500 or email bmcnulty@chilternedge.oxon.sch.uk

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 7 th December	2.15 pm KS1 Christmas Production
Thursday 8 th December	School Christmas Lunch
Thursday 8 th December	6.30 pm KS1 Christmas Production
Wednesday 14 th December	6.30 pm Christmas Service in Church
Friday 16 th December	Visiting Theatre – “Alice in Wonderland”
Friday 16 th December	Last day of Term 2 – School finishes at 2.00 pm
Mon 14 th – Thurs 24 th May	SATs weeks

To Checkendon Primary School Office

Maths Workshops for Parents

Please complete one of the following:

- I/we* would be interested in attending a Maths Workshop Evening in Term 4 focusing on calculation strategies used in:

*Owlet Class *Owl Class *Panda Class *Rhino Class

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