



CHECKENDON CE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 25th September 2009

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival, with the theme 'The Journey of Food' will be held in the church at 2.30pm, on Wednesday, 30th September. Please do join us in church if you can, and bring family and friends. The children have been busy preparing for this annual celebration and are looking forward to sharing their hymns, songs and thoughts with you. We are organising a collection for the charity 'Seeds for Africa'. If you would like to use the attached envelope to make a donation, please send this into school from Monday, 28th September, or bring it to church on the day.

Welcome Evening

We are holding a welcome evening for **all parents** on Wednesday, 30th September, from 6.45pm. Teachers will be talking to parents about their plans for the year and there will be a chance to meet other parents and the school governors. The programme is as follows:

6.45pm	Mrs McEvoy and Mrs Bather talk to Owl parents in Owl classroom
7.00pm	Mrs Hughes and Mrs Seymour talk to Rhino parents in Rhino classroom
7.15pm	Mrs Leadbeater talks to Panda parents in Panda classroom
7.15pm	Mrs Cawthraw and Mrs McClure talk to Owlet parents in Owlet classroom

Refreshments will be served in the hall from 7.00pm, and there will be presentations from the School Association and the school governors at 7.30pm.

School Photographs

On Wednesday 7th October 2009 **Tempest Photographers** will be in to take photos of individual children and whole classes in the morning. If you would like any younger siblings included in the photograph of your child, please bring them along at 8.40 am.

Pupil Targets

You should by now have received your child's curriculum targets for this term. If you have any questions regarding these please do make an appointment to discuss them with the class teacher.

Book Sale

A second hand book sale will be held in the school hall on Thursday, 8th October, at 3.30pm. Proceeds will be divided between Book Aid International and the school library fund. If you wish to donate books please leave them in the entrance lobby. Mrs McEvoy wishes to say 'Thank you' to all those who have donated books so far.

Holidays in Term Time

A copy of the school attendance policy is enclosed. Please note that, except under exceptional circumstances, headteachers are advised not to authorise holidays in term time.

Lollipop Person of the Year 2009

If you would like to nominate Christine as Lollipop Person of the Year, please collect a nomination form from the school entrance hall. Alternatively, you can vote online at www.bestlollipop.co.uk.

Building Update

We are pleased with progress on the building site and are assured that the builders are still on target for completion by Christmas. We have been fortunate in that we are able to continue to use the field and I know that Owlets have enjoyed watching the progress of their new classroom.

Educational Visits and Extra-Curricular Activities

Earlier this year we were lucky to receive a small grant from Goring Heath Charities and we have been able to use this, together with some income raised from hiring the school to Coerver Coaching for football courses in holiday time, to support a few children whose families would have otherwise been unable to fund educational visits this term. We hope that we will be able to top up the fund over the next few months, so that we can continue to provide this support where it is needed. In addition, as part of the Extended Services agenda, from 2010 there will be a 'Go for it!' subsidy to help fund extracurricular activities for those children whose families need support in this area. The school should have further details regarding eligibility for this subsidy later in the term. In the meantime, please do come and see Mrs Bather if you feel you would need some support for either educational visits or extracurricular activities.

Swine Flu

Current advice remains that schools will not normally close, but that all children with symptoms should be kept at home and those displaying symptoms be sent home as soon as possible. We would ask you to support us in this area. In the unlikely event of another member of your family being affected, we are sure that other parents would appreciate it if that member of the family did not come into school.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 29 th September	Judo Club starts
Wednesday 30 th September	2.30 pm Harvest Festival
	6.45 pm Parents' Welcome Evening
Friday 2 nd October	Inset day (children not in school)
Wednesday 7 th October	Tempest Photography to take school photographs
Wednesday 14 th October	Year 6 - visit to Townlands Hospital
Wednesday 14 th October	Mobile Library
Thursday 22 nd October	Last day Term 1
Monday 2 nd November	First day Term 2
Wednesday 11 th November	Mobile Library
Wednesday 2 nd December	Mobile Library
Wednesday 9 th December	2.15 pm – KS1 Christmas Play
Thursday 10 th December	6.30 pm – KS1 Christmas Play
Wednesday 16 th December	6.30 pm – Carol Service in Church
Friday 18 th December	Last day Term 2 (school day ends at 12 noon)