

CHECKENDON

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

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News & Information

26th September 2008

Welcome Evening

We would like to say a big 'Thank you' to all those who came to the Welcome Evening on Wednesday, and to the staff and governors for their presentations and help with the refreshments. We were pleased to have the opportunity to meet you and share our plans for the year with you.

Harvest Festival – Wednesday, 1st October

This year, our harvest festival, with the theme 'Share' will be held in the church at 2.30pm on Wednesday, 1st October. Please do come along and bring the rest of the family. Our charity this year is Christian Aid. If you would like to make a donation to the charity, please place it in a labelled envelope and send it into school before the end of Wednesday, 1st October.

Goodbye

Julie Philips, who currently works in Owlets and Owls on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, will be leaving us at the end of next week to pursue a change of career. Julie has been a great asset in Reception and Key Stage 1 and we will all miss her expertise. She wants everyone to know that she has really enjoyed her time with all the children at Checkendon School. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Julie for all she has done, and wish her the best for the future.

Mrs Dawn Bowman will be taking Julie's place for the rest of this term. Dawn has a great deal of experience with this age group, and we are sure that she will enjoy working with Owlets and Owls.

Important Dates for Next Week

Tuesday, 30th September, 8pm: School Association AGM at the Four Horseshoes.

Wednesday, 1st October: 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.

Friday, 3rd October: School closed for staff training.

Violin Lessons

Mrs Elestr Lee, who teaches violin in school on Thursdays, now has some vacancies. If your child is interested, they could have a 'trial' go on a Thursday, between 12.40 and 1.00pm. Further information is available in the office.

Gardening Club

We would like to start a lunch time gardening club, but would need some additional adult help to run it. Please contact Mrs McClure or the school office if you would be interested in helping.

Craft Club

Suzanne Craft, who runs the KS1 craft club on Tuesday afternoons, would appreciate some adult help with some of the planned activities. Please contact her on 01491 681779 if you would be willing to help.

Uniform

Thank you so much for your support on the school uniform front. The children all look very smart and are a credit to the school. Please do contact the office if you need any more information on uniform.

Second Hand Book Sale

We will be holding a second hand book sale in the hall after school on Thursday, 9th October, from 3.00pm, so please do an early 'Spring Clean' and donate your unwanted books. The sale will be in aid of Book Aid International, a charity which provides books for the Developing World.

After-School Care

Although we run a number of after-school clubs, we do not have before or after-school care on the Checkendon school site. The Woodcote partnership of schools, of which we are a member, is currently investigating the demand for such care in the area. The aim is to find out the type of care parents actually require and then provide parents with information regarding the appropriate facilities within their reach. If you are interested in before or after-school care, we would appreciate it if you could fill in the attached slip and return it to the school office.

Piano Lessons at the Rectory

There are a couple of spaces currently available. For more details please phone Emma Davies on 01491 680252.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 26th September
Wednesday 1st October
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Friday 3rd October
Thursday 9th October
Friday 10th October
Wednesday 15th October
Wednesday 15th October
Monday 27th – Friday 31st October
Monday 3rd November
Thursday 6th November
Friday 7th November
Monday 10th November
Wednesday 12th November
Monday 17th November

Thursday 27th November

Wednesday 17th December

Year 5: Tree Mask Workshop – Mel Gannon
School Photographer
2.30 pm: Harvest Festival Service in Church
INSET day
3.00 pm Second Hand Book Sale in hall
Michael Condron, Artist in school
Mobile Library
Year 6: Visit to Townlands Hospital
Autumn Holiday
Start of Term 2
Rhino Class Trip to River & Rowing Museum
School Association Fireworks Night
Panda Class Trip to Reading Museum
Mobile Library
Fire & Rescue Service talk to Yrs 5/6 and
Yrs R/!2 in school
"Big Sing" – simultaneous sing for Guinness Book
of Records
Christmas Service in Church (evening)