



# CHECKENDON CE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

28<sup>th</sup> May 2010

## Well Done, Everyone!

We are really impressed by how hard all the children have worked over the last few weeks and pleased with the results of this term's assessments. We will be sharing these with you in the annual reports, which will be coming out on 5<sup>th</sup> July.

Year 6 secondary schools are now all finalised, as follows:

Christ's Hospital	1
Cranford House	1
The Oratory	1
Hemdean House	1
Langtree School	10
Reading School	1
Shiplake College	1

We are pleased that all those seeking places at independent schools gained entry to the school of their choice and are proud that Upper Key Stage 2 at Checkendon School is well able to prepare pupils for a wide range of secondary schools.

Term 6 has been carefully planned to provide an exciting end to the year, and the themes for each class are:  
Owlets: The Sea  
Owls: Pirates  
Pandas and Rhinos: Give us a Clue

The children are looking forward to a science week during the first week of Term 6. For Pandas and Rhinos this will involve some role play and forensic science activities as part of their 'Give us a Clue' topic.

We continue to work hard to provide an interesting curriculum, which more than covers the requirements of the National Curriculum while ensuring that all pupils make maximum progress. At the same time we try to organise a range of extra-curricular activities and are able to offer help with funding of these to those who need it. Please do contact us if you would like help with funding.

We do welcome your comments and suggestions regarding all aspects of school life. The governors will be circulating their annual parent questionnaire soon, but in the meantime, please do contact us, either in person or via email or letter, if there are any issues you wish to discuss.

## Grand Opening of New Classroom: Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 10.45am

All parents are invited to the official opening of the new classroom by the Bishop of Oxford. The schedule for the morning is:

- 10.45am: Reception in School
- 11.30am: Short Service in the church
- 11.50am: Opening Ceremony

If you are able to attend, please let us know so that we can ensure that we have provided enough seating in church.

## School Open Afternoon: Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 3.00pm to 5.00pm

The school will be open to current and prospective parents on the afternoon of Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> June. There will be a chance to tour the classrooms, view the artwork and speak to members of staff. The choir will perform in the hall at about 3.45pm and the School Association have kindly agreed to provide refreshments. Once again, all parents are invited and please do bring other members of the family and friends along too.

## **Checkendon Art Exhibition: Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> June**

We hope that all children will have the opportunity to exhibit their art work, together with that of the Preschool children, at the village art exhibition. The children's work will be exhibited in the school hall over the weekend of 11/12/13<sup>th</sup> June.

The aim of this joint venture with the Village Hall committee is to provide the children with the opportunity to show their work to a wider audience (we understand that more than 400 invitations to the Friday evening viewing have been issued) and to work together with those in the local community who have supported the school so well over the last few years. If you would like to purchase a framed version of your child's picture, then this option is available, as explained in the original letter. However, purchase is purely optional and information regarding which pictures have been purchased will not be displayed. The frames have been funded by the Village Hall Committee and the committee do not expect sales to cover more than the start-up cost. However, if there were to be any profit, this would be divided between the school and the Village Hall fund, as explained previously.

The exhibition times are as follows:

Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> June: 10.45am – 12.00 noon, 3.00pm – 5.00pm, 8.00pm – 9.30pm for those attending the Exhibition Opening Reception.

Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> June: 10am – 5pm

Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> June: 10am – 5pm

## **Circus**

*THE CIRCUS COMING TO TOWN. Please keep the afternoon and evening of Thursday 24 June for the big tent circus coming to school - all profits will go towards YOUR SCHOOL. Make sure you get your tickets, available at Checkendon Post Office, Stoke Row shop, Woodcote Londis, Peppard Store or Londis. You can also buy tickets from PTA members at the school gate. The last time the circus came to the Village we sold out so get in early!! We will have stalls, BBQ and Bar in addition to the Big Top.*

*To make it a success we need 20 VOLUNTEERS for such jobs as manning stalls, marshalling and helping on the BBQ, Bar and setup and cleanup. If you can help please leave your name & contact details at the office or email [michael.j.ives@gmail.com](mailto:michael.j.ives@gmail.com). See you there!*

*Michael Ives, Checkendon School Association Chair*

Have a relaxing late May holiday. See you all on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> June, for an exciting final term.

## **Dates for your Diary**

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	First day of Term 6
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	am: "Grand Opening" of Reception classroom and Open Afternoon
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Mobile Library
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 6 – Langtree Taster Day
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	6.00 pm onwards Circus
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Festival of Voices
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Sports Day
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Mobile Library
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	2.00 pm "The Tempest" KS2 Summer Production
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	6.30 pm "The Tempest" KS2 Summer Production
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Leavers' Service in Church (2.00 pm)
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last day of Term