

CHECKENDON
C of E (A) Primary School
Checkendon
Reading, RG8 0SR
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News & Information

4th December 2008

Outstanding Achievement

All Oxfordshire schools have a School Improvement Partner (SIP), appointed by Oxfordshire County Council. Our SIP, Brenda Brown, visited on Friday 28th November to discuss the school's performance over the 2007/8 academic year. She was impressed by our Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 (Year 2) and Key Stage 2 (Year 6) results in July 2008, and by the progress made by children in years 1, 3, 4 and 5 and, as a result, judged the school's overall achievement for 2007/8 to be '**outstanding**'. We are all delighted with this judgement, and are glad that the children's hard work and progress has been recognised. The year would not have been so successful if it had not been for all our dedicated, experienced staff, who tracked each child's performance carefully throughout the year, to ensure that they received the right amount of support and challenge.

After School Football Club – Thursdays and Fridays

Please note that the Coerver After School Football Club will **NOT** be running on the last week of the term – the last sessions will be next week (Thursday 11th and Friday 12th December). An extra session will be added on to the end of the course in February.

Football Day – Monday 5th January 2009

We will be sending out letters with more detail soon to parents who expressed interest in the Football Day on Monday 5th January. If your child is interested, but you have not yet returned the 'expression of interest' slip, please could you let the office know.

Parking

Please, when parking to deliver or collect children, could you avoid parking on the yellow lines or opposite the yellow lines on the road outside the school. Parked cars obscure the vision of the children and their parents who have to cross the road at each end of the day.

Imagineering Club

Mrs Hughes will be running an Imagineering Club on Tuesday evenings, after Christmas. She would appreciate some adult help with the practical activities, so if you feel you could offer some time on a Tuesday evening, please contact the school office.

Christmas Events

Please do come along to the following:

Wednesday, 10th December: The Bossy Christmas Fairy – Owls production, in the school hall, at 2.30 pm, followed by refreshments.

Thursday, 11th December: The Bossy Christmas Fairy – Owls production, in the school hall, at 6.30 pm.

Wednesday, 17th December: Christmas Service in church with carols, readings and a nativity tableau, at 6.30 pm. It is hoped that all children will be able to attend this service, in which they will be singing, reading and acting for you.

And for the children...

Christmas Party: Thursday 18th December from 1.30 – 3.20pm.

The School Association are kindly organising a traditional Christmas Party for all the children. There will be games in the classroom followed by a party tea in the hall and, who knows, we may even have a surprise visitor! If children would like to wear party clothes for the event, they should bring them to school in a named plastic bag on the Thursday morning and they will be able to change after lunch.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 5 th December	Yrs 5 & 6 Athletic practice at Langtree (for event in January)
Monday 8 th December	Yrs 5/6 boys six-a-side football tournament
Wednesday 10 th December	2.30 pm KS1 Christmas Production
Thursday 11 th December	6.30 pm KS1 Christmas Production
Wednesday 17 th December	6.30 pm Christmas Service in Church
Thursday 18 th December	Children's Christmas Party
Friday 19 th December	Last day of term – finish at 12.00 noon
Monday 5 th January 2009	Football Day at school (to be confirmed)
Tuesday 6 th January	First day of school
Thursday 22 nd January	School Association Night Out at the Four Horseshoes, Checkendon
Friday 20 th March	School Association Quiz Night