



CHECKENDON CE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

5th March 2010

Can We Help You?

From April 2010, children eligible for free school meals, and those whose parents are on benefits, along with looked after children, will be entitled to some funding towards the cost of extracurricular activities. The money – from the **Go4it!** fund - could be used to help pay for an after school club at school or for clubs or sports lessons outside of school. It can also be used to help to pay for transport to such activities. We have already approached a number of families who we feel may be interested in this opportunity, and over the next few weeks we will be getting back to them to organise their activities.

However, if you think that you may be eligible for this funding, and have not yet been approached, please do contact Mrs Bather or Dawn Bowman (in Owlet class). We do not want to miss anyone out!

Parental Access to Pupil Absence Data

Many secondary schools in Oxfordshire will soon be providing parents with live access to pupil data via the SIMS Learning Gateway (SLG). If you have children in both the primary and secondary sector in Oxfordshire, you will be able to access your primary child's absence data through your log-in to the secondary school SLG. Many secondary schools register pupils electronically for each lesson, and so the absence data is updated on SIMS immediately. Here at Checkendon School, as in most primary schools, we register pupils twice a day, on paper, and the data is entered into the electronic database (SIMS) each Monday. If you do access your child's primary school absence data via your secondary school's SLG towards the end of the week, therefore, it will not include the last few days' attendance details.

“Music for Mums” – 12th March

You are invited to a short musical entertainment by the children to celebrate Mothers Day. It will be in the school hall at 2.30 pm on Friday 12th March.

School Disco – 12th March

The school disco is rapidly approaching and we are looking forward to seeing as many of the school children as possible for a couple of hours of fun and dancing. Please do keep sending us your slips so we can keep an eye on numbers. You won't need to send your children in with any more than £5 for the disco and meal as any extras, such as glo-sticks, will be free of charge.

Please do remember that the disco is only for children from the school so, on this occasion, no out of school siblings or friends can join us, this also means that no children below the age of 4 or above the age of 11 should come either.

Have Your Say – Wednesday, 24th March

Come and meet your neighbourhood policing team and tell them about the issues that matter most to you between 8.30am and 9.30am at Checkendon Primary School. Our PCSO, Janice Smith, or one of her team, will be visiting the school at the same time each month and hopes that you will share any of your concerns with her.

Dates for your Diary

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| Friday 12 th March | 2.30 pm “Music for Mums” in school hall 5.30 pm – 7.00 pm School Association Children’s Disco in Checkendon Village Hall |
| Monday 15 th March | Choir – performing “Jewel of the River” at Hexagon |
| Wednesday 24 th March | Mobile Library Year 6 – Junior Citizen at Fire Station, Oxford |
| Monday 29 th March | Owl Class trip to Oxford Natural History Museum |
| Wednesday 31 st March | Easter Service – Holy Communion in Church (2.00 pm) |
| Thursday 1 April | Last day of Term 4 |
| Tuesday 20 th April | First day of Term 5 |
| Wednesday 28 th April | Mobile Library |
| Monday 10 th – Friday 14 th May | SATs |
| Friday 14 th May | 2.00 pm May Service in the church followed by country dancing |
| Wednesday 19 th May | Year 6 – Tempest Vista Photograph |
| Friday 28 th May | Last day of Term 5 |
| Monday 7 th June | First day of Term 6 |
| Friday 11 th June | am: “Grand Opening” of Reception classroom |
| Tuesday 15 th June | Evening - Partnership concert at Langtree School |
| Wednesday 16 th June | Mobile Library |
| Wednesday 23 rd June | Year 6 – Langtree Taster Day |
| Wednesday 7 th July | Last Mobile Library |
| Thursday 22 nd July | Last day of Term |