

CHECKENDON

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News & Information

11th December 2008

The Bossy Christmas Fairy

Owls put on a very entertaining version of 'The Bossy Christmas Fairy' on Wednesday afternoon. 'Well done' to all the children for an enjoyable afternoon and 'Thank you' to Mrs McEvoy for organising the whole event. We would also like to thank all the support staff for their help, Sam Clifton, Julie Critcher and Marilyn Maddock for help with costumes, Sandie Bartholomew for the rap and scenery, Isabelle Willis for the choreography, Dominic Allen and Rahul Patel for organising the music, Andrew Willis for his technical wizardry and Sandie Bartholomew and the Seal-Roberts family for the lighting.

If you have not yet had the chance to watch the production, do come along tonight, at 6.30pm!

Goodbye

At the end of last week we said 'Goodbye' to Sharon Dombey who had been working in Panda Class as part of her third year teacher training practice. We really appreciated Sharon's input to Panda Class and to the school as a whole, and wish her every success in her future teaching career.

Shannon Stegeman, who started working at Checkendon in Autumn 2007, will be leaving at the end of next week. Shannon has supported teaching and learning in Rhino, Panda and Owl Class during her time with us, and has been an invaluable lifeguard for our swimming lessons. We will miss her.

Rhino Class

From the beginning of next term, Mrs Sam Hughes will be teaching Rhino class all day on Mondays and Tuesdays and on Wednesday afternoons. Mrs Gillian Seymour will be teaching Rhino Class on Wednesday mornings and all day on Thursdays and Fridays.

Medication in School

We are currently reviewing our medication policy and will be sending a copy to all parents and carers once the review is complete. In the meantime, we would like to remind you that it is the school's policy to administer only prescribed medicines. The medicine should be in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist, with the prescriber's instructions for medication attached, and should be handed to the class teacher. Parents wishing school staff to administer medicines should also provide a signed letter of permission and those with pupils in Reception class should also enter details in, and sign, the class diary. The school does not administer non-prescription medicines and children should not bring non-prescription medicines into school for their own use.

Christmas Post box

The Christmas Post box is now in place in the school entrance hall. We hope that the children will use this service to send their Christmas cards to others in the school.

Christmas Service – Wednesday, 17th December, at 6.30pm in the Church

We do hope that all children and their families will be able to attend the Christmas Service. All the children will be singing Christmas songs and carols and there will be a chance for you to join in with them. Rhino class will provide the readers, Year 4 will act out the Nativity story and Year 3 have a poem to share with us. The children in Pandas who have to wear a costume should arrive in the church by 6.00 pm, the rest of the children should be in church by 6.15 pm.

Eco-Schools Global Diversity

Rhino class has set up a link with a junior secondary school in Rome (ages 11-13). The first set of emails have been exchanged.

KS2 Pottery Club

A reminder that if any children are interested in booking a place on the KS2 Pottery course, the forms need to be filled in and returned to Langtree School **as soon as possible**. The first session is on Monday, 12th January, from 3.20pm to 4.20pm and the course fee is £30.00 for 10 sessions. If you need a leaflet, please see the school office.

Dates for your Diary

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
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