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News & Information

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Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools

Our SIAS inspection took place on Wednesday 25th June, and we were delighted to receive the official report this week which stated that 'the distinctiveness and effectiveness of Checkendon as a Church of England school are good.' Some areas were described as 'outstanding' including a Circle Time session, worship in the church and our understanding of church school distinctiveness and how to develop this further in the school. Our thanks go to all those who participated on the day, including the children, who were wonderful!

Open Afternoon

Please do come along to our Open Afternoon next Wednesday. Parents are invited into school from 3.00 pm and the choir will perform in the hall at 3.40 pm. There will be a chance to look round the classrooms and chat to the teachers, see the new Foundation Stage play area and the Living Willow Structure on the field and partake of refreshments kindly supplied by the School Association. The church will also be open and Revd Angela Linton should be there to give a guided tour.

Leavers' Celebration

The afternoon of Tuesday, 22nd July is a time of celebration for the Year 6 leavers. They will share their memories and songs with their parents in the school hall at 2.30pm. This will be followed by refreshments in Rhino Classroom for the children and their families. Year 6 parents will be receiving formal invitations to this event.

End of Term and Leavers' Service

This will take place in the church at 11.00am on Wednesday, 23rd July. **All parents are invited to this service** at which we will give thanks for a good year and Year 6 leavers will be presented with their Bibles.

Houses

For Sports Day, all children belong to one of four houses: Blue, Green, Yellow and Red. We have decided that we would like to rename the houses, and after much discussion amongst staff and pupils, it has been agreed that the houses will be named after famous local people. We already have a few suggestions, but if you would like to have your suggestions added to the list please hand them into the office.

Traffic Outside School

We were sorry to hear that two of our families were nearly hit by a car when crossing the road at the end of the school day last Friday. The school governors are currently investigating ways of preventing this from happening again and a group of parents from the village have organised a petition in favour of a pedestrian crossing. If you would like to sign the petition, please contact the office. In the meantime, we would appreciate it if you could avoid parking opposite the zig-zag lines. Cars parked immediately opposite the lines reduce visibility for those who are trying to cross the road.

School Shoes

As you know, we are asking that all children wear school uniform from the beginning of September 2008. A number of parents have been asking whether children could wear open sandals in the summer. School shoes are much more suitable for outdoor wear, especially when on the field or play equipment. However, if children have open sandals as their school shoes this term, and they are suitable for outdoor wear, they may wear them for the rest of this term. Open sandals and 'cros' are not safe on the climbing frame and children who come to school in these must change into their school trainers at break if they want to use the climbing equipment. From September 2008 we ask that all children come to school in black or navy school shoes (not open sandals, trainers or 'cros').

Secondary Schools

We are collecting information from a number of secondary schools regarding open days, including:

Reading School – 24th and 25th September (evenings)
St Helen and St Katharine's (Abingdon) - Saturday, 4th October
Our Lady's (Abingdon) – Saturday 18th October (morning)

We have been in touch with most of the local schools (maintained and independent) and plan to have some prospectuses available for you to look at in school on the Open Afternoon. If you require further information about a particular secondary school, or would like to talk through the options, please do contact us.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 4th July

**12.00 pm Sports Day
(reserve date 11th July)
3.00 pm – 6.00 pm Bouncy BBQ in school
field**

Wednesday 9th July

3.00 pm - 5.00 pm Open Afternoon

Wednesday 16th July

**KS2 Performance of “Treasure Island”
(afternoon)**

Thursday 17th July

**KS2 Performance of “Treasure Island”
(evening)**

Monday 21st July

Year 6 Trip

Monday 21st July

Moving Up Morning

Tuesday 22nd July

2.30 pm Leavers’ Celebration (in school)

Wednesday 23rd July

**11.00 am : Leavers’ Service in Church
12.00 pm : End of Term**