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News & Information

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Thank you

We would like to thank the School Association for all their support. During the last few months they have helped to fund school trips (including the whole school visit to the Hexagon to see High School Musical), the Tile Workshop, the Living Willow, outdoor equipment and a play house for Reception, hymn books, computer headphones and Bibles for this summer's leavers. Everyone in the school appreciates their hard work, and we are sure that all of you will join us in saying a big 'THANK YOU'.

We would also like to thank David Horton, who is still working hard to complete our plans for the field, and has been mowing the grass for us, and Jim McLoughlin who has been helping with the grounds and gardens.

Open Afternoon

We are having an Open Afternoon on Wednesday, 9th July from 3pm to 5pm. Please do come along and look around the school and meet the staff and Governors. There will be an opportunity to see what happens in all the classes and partake of refreshments, kindly provided by the School Association. Parents, brothers and sisters, grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins and friends are all welcome.

Website

The new school website is now up and running. Please do have a look by visiting www.checkendonschool.co.uk. We hope to expand it gradually to include other aspects of school life and would also like to include some summer pictures. Thanks go to Andrew Willis for providing the photographs. If you do have any recent pictures of school events which you think would be appropriate, please let us know.

Homework

We understand that there has been some confusion regarding the maths preparation sheets. These are sent home on Fridays and should be returned to the teacher on Monday morning. The work will then be discussed in class on a Monday morning. This applies to all classes. Homework Diaries will be provided for Pandas and Rhinos in September. We are still working on other aspects of homework and will be keeping you informed.

Uniform

We are proud of our school and proud of our uniform, so ask that from September 2008, all children wear the school uniform, as outlined below. The School Association stock many of the items, and are willing to advise on stockists for the items that they do not stock. The School Association are also investigating a second hand uniform service.

Your child will need:

- Scarlet Checkendon School sweatshirt or cardigan (available from the school office);
- Navy school trousers (not cropped cargo pants or tracksuit bottoms), skirt or dress for winter;
- Navy school shorts (not beach shorts) or red and white checked or striped dress (summer alternative);
- Plain white shirt / polo shirt;
- Navy blue socks or tights, white socks as summer alternative;
- Black or navy school shoes, not trainers (if wearing wellies to school, please supply indoor shoes);
- Warm coat in winter (Checkendon School coat is available from the school office) and a waterproof coat and sturdy shoes for school trips;
- For PE:
 - Navy PE shorts (available from the school office).
 - Checkendon School T-shirt (available from the school office) or plain white T-shirt.
 - Navy tracksuit (optional).
 - Plimsolls, trainers, football boots – depending on activity.
 - Swimming costume or trunks (no beach shorts), towel and swim cap for boys and girls from Year 3.

The School Association also supply book bags and gym bags.

Summer is here!

Please can you ensure that all items are named. Children tend to take off sweatshirts and leave them in the playground or on the field when it is hot. It is easier to find the owners when the items are named. Younger children should bring a sun hat in the warm weather. You may also wish to apply some sun cream before they come to school.

Langtree Cluster Concert – The Olympics

Tuesday, 17th June, Langtree School, start time 7pm. Adults £2 on the door, Children free. Please do come along and listen to Rhinos perform.

Cycle Helmet Assembly and Clinic – 23rd June

As part of the school's Travel Plan, we have arranged for a consultant from the Travel Plan Team in Oxfordshire to come in to give advice and check the safety and fit of the children's cycle helmets. All parents are welcome to come in at 1.00 pm to be shown how to check their own and their child's helmets. Please could you ensure that all children with cycle helmets bring them in on the day so that they can be checked.

Global Citizenship Day – 27th June

Wear your own clothes. Bring a £1.00 towards China Disaster Fund and Cancer Research.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 16th June	Panda Class visit to Hampton Court
Monday 16th June	Rhino Class – Cluster Concert Rehearsal
Tuesday 17th June	7.00 pm Cluster Schools Concert at Langtree
Wednesday 18th June	am: Rhino Class – ICT suite Oxford Learning United at Kassam Stadium
Wednesday 18th June	School Quiz Semi-Final at Trinity School
Monday 23rd June	1.00 pm – Cycle Helmet Assembly and Clinic
Wednesday 25th June	Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools
Thursday 26th June	Whole School Trip to “High School Musical” at the Hexagon
Friday 27th June	Global Citizenship Day - Non-Uniform Day
Friday 27th June	Year 4 - Woodfaces Workshop at School
Thursday 3rd July	7.00 pm Choir: Festival of Voices at Dorchester Abbey
Friday 4th July	Sports Day (reserve date 11th July)
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