



ALL SAINTS CARSHALTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the December Newsletter. After just over thirteen weeks of school, the end of term is nearly upon us and we will soon be welcoming in 2017! It has been a busy and exciting term, and so much has been achieved. Please read on to find out more!



Confirmation



Twenty five of our Year 6 pupils were confirmed in November. It was a special occasion for them and one that I am sure they will remember for the rest of their lives.



Operation Christmas Child

A grand total of 109 shoeboxes were lovingly put together and. Thank you very much for donating to this special cause. Thank you also to Mrs Martin and Ms Fuller for organising the collection.

Poppy Appeal

£201.48 was raised for our Poppy Appeal this year, a tremendous figure. Thank you to everyone who bought a poppy.



PTA

- Children's Discos on Friday 3 February 2017 (details to follow).

Thank you for all your support at recent events which have been very successful and raised the following:

Shopping Night - A grand total of £2,075.52 was raised at this event. It was another wonderful occasion and many positive comments were received from people who attended. Many thanks to Ms Sturtevant for all her hard work.

Christmas Fair - This is always a special community event and it was lovely to see so many families and ex-pupils on the day. Thank you for your support. Approximately £3,200 was raised! Thank you to everyone involved in helping to make this occasion such a success; the sub-committee for their wonderful enthusiasm and organisation: Mrs Dagnall, Miss Heward, Mrs East, Mrs Brown, Ms Semonava and all the other volunteers who helped the night before and on the day, setting up and clearing away. Thank you also to the Songbirds and Junior Choir led by Mrs Clancy for their contribution of festive songs on the day.

Christmas Tea Towels

Thank you to everyone who bought the children's Christmas tea towels, which looked really wonderful. I hope they will spreading joy and happiness to loved ones this Christmastime!

I am so very grateful to the PTA for all they do in supporting the school and thank them for paying for the Christmas entertainment for all the children; a Pantomime, Dick Wittington for the main school and a Dramabuds interactive show for the Nursery.

Year 1 Animal Day



Chaffinches



Woodpeckers

On Tuesday 13 December the children dressed up as an animal from around the world for Animal Day. They started the day by making delicious sea life biscuits which the children then decorated. The children thoroughly enjoyed the activity and they couldn't wait to eat their biscuits! The afternoon workshop was led by 'Animal Edutainment' where children had the opportunity to see and hold a variety of different animals including: an African bull frog, a millipede, a salamander, a tarantula, a hedgehog, a dwarf rabbit and a corn snake! Year 1 had a brilliant day!

Year 6 welcomed Evacuee's into school



Year 6 welcomed family, friends and neighbours who were evacuees during World War 2 for a tea on the 8th December. The children really enjoyed listening to the stories and family histories of our guests who were evacuated all over country. Some were in Wales; others on the north east coast and some made it even further afield. To make our guests welcome the children cooked World War 2 ration recipes. We had shortbreads, bread puddings, carrot cookies, cheese twirls and many other delights for our guests and the children to sample. We also recorded our conversations so that we now have a bank of film clips to use in the future for other classes. The children left the hall buzzing with the information they had learned and it has brought our theme learning for this term to an exciting end.

Nursery and Infant Nativities

The Infants and Nursery performed their Nativities last week. They were absolutely marvellous! Thank you for all the lovely comments we have received and for your generous donations.



Charity Events

The children have been busy organising fund raising events for their chosen charities.

Our first event was a Cake Sale for which raised a total of £347.66 for Water Aid.

Our second event is this Friday 16 December. The charity team for St Helier Hospital would like staff and children to wear their Christmas jumpers instead of their normal school jumper (all other uniform remains the same) and donate £1.00 to this charity. If you don't have a Christmas jumper, please don't rush out to buy one. A brightly coloured jumper with a bauble or two pinned or sewn on is just as effective.

Carol Service, Tuesday 20 December at 6.30pm

The children have been practising hard for the Carol Service at All Saints Church on Tuesday 20 December. All Junior children are expected to attend and be in school uniform, but please wear plenty of layers as the heating in the church is currently broken. We very much look forward to seeing you there and joining in with our carols.

Staff Requests

If any parents have any of the items listed below that they would be happy to donate to school, we would be extremely grateful.

- smooth plywood boards approximately 20cm x 80 cm - these will be covered with different surfaces such as carpets, varnish, bubble wrap etc. - to test forces e.g. friction
- long sections of carpet approximately 80cm x 20cm, to fit on the boards
- small toy cars
- non-fragranced tea lights
- guttering - approximately 60 -80cm long, to test viscosity of liquids
- marbles
- metal foil trays - take-away type (lids not needed)
- old lego

Chess Club

We would like to start a Chess Club either at lunchtime or after school and wondered if there were a parent or grandparent willing to help with this.

Sports News

The Netball teams played their last matches of the year last Thursday against Hackbridge Primary School. Our A team remain undefeated so far this season, winning 11-3 and B team also won their match with a score of 1-0. Well done girls, a fantastic result!



Football Y6 boys AFC Tournament: The boys took part in The FA Kids Cup organised by AFC Wimbledon at Tooting & Mitcham FC. 20 schools took part and we finished 3rd in our group.

Tag Rugby: We took part in our first ever rugby match with a friendly against St Elphege's. Thanks to St. Elphege's for helping us to learn all the rules and have the chance to play in a proper match situation. Everyone learnt a lot and had a great time.

This term, some of our gymnasts from the Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 have taken part in their first competition. It was held at Cheam Park Farm Juniors and there was some tough competition, with all schools really improving from last year. In the Year 3 and 4 competitions one of our teams were placed 2nd which was a great achievement. A special mention to both Leo Ruiz and Zephan Wilson-Jones who were placed 3rd out of all boys there and Gaby Terry who was placed 1st out of all girls there. The following week, our Year 5 and 6 teams came 3rd, only beaten by Cheam Park Farm. Well done everyone, but especially to Madeleine Rowbotham who was placed 3rd out of all girls at the competition. We are proud of all of our gymnasts... lots of them learnt new skills just in time for the day! Thank you to the PTA for our new leotards... we love them!

Sutton Sam



The 'Team Up' Campaign would like to promote Women's Sport and the three home world cup events taking place in 2017. They have given every borough a Teddy and we have been chosen as the first school. They would like us to take Teddy 'on tour' every time they play a fixture which involves girls, in either netball, hockey or cricket.

Gamelan Workshop - Caleb Yr 6

'Today, to everyone's surprise, Mrs Clancy organised a Gamelan Workshop. It was a musical extravaganza. Everyone had a go at playing two different instruments. I have learnt that Gamelan instruments come from an island called Java, in Indonesia, which is South-East Asia. We all really enjoyed it, even though we had to take our shoes off. We had to take our shoes off as a sign of respect. There were a variety of instruments. For example the gong and saron. There are five notes: 1,2,3,5 and 6. There was a look of excitement on everyone's faces. The biggest gongs made a rumbling noise. Everyone had fun.'

Message from the Office

Many thanks to parents for supporting the events we put in place to compliment children's learning. It really helps us make the curriculum as creative and interesting as possible. These events are often only possible with your monetary support and we thank you for paying for them promptly. Unfortunately there are still some outstanding balances and we would be very grateful if these could be paid by the end of term. The same applies to dinner money balances. If you do still have an outstanding balance Mrs Bartley will be contacting you individually over the next few days.

Tom Brake MP Christmas Card Competition

Once again, we had some success in this competition. Well done to Eva Hankin, who was the Senior overall runner-up and Lark Kellas, who was the school runner-up.

Parking

Although there have been some improvements in parking around the school, we still appear to have some repeat offenders, not all connected with the school. Thank you to majority of parents who do park carefully and consider the safety of our children. We will continue to strive to remind people who park around our school boundary to do so with due care and consideration for our school community and our neighbours.

Wednesday 21 December

This is the last day of term. School finishes at 1.30pm. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Thursday 5 January 2017. Tuesday 3 and Wednesday 4 January will be INSET Days.

Morning arrangements

We feel these are going very well and hope you agree. Our Reception children have been in for a term now and I am sure you will agree their confidence is growing. To allow them develop their confidence even more, we would ask for your help by saying goodbye to them at the main gate and letting them walk down to the reception on their own from the start of the Spring Term, Thursday 5 January.

If any parents have a message for staff in the morning, please pass this to the teacher on the gate or use your school diary. We would ask that you do not walk to the classes as the teachers are busy supervising the children and are not able to speak to parents at this time. Thank you for your cooperation.

Thank you very much for your support the positive comments about the school. I wish you all a very Happy, Healthy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year and look forward to welcoming you back in January 2017!



Mrs Emma Hart Dyke - Headteacher



Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2016	
Thursday 15 December	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Party
Friday 16 December	Astrodome to Year 5
Friday 16 December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 16 December	Christmas Jumper Day - St Helier Hospital
Monday 19 December	KS2 Christmas Party
Tuesday 20 December	Junior Carol Service - 6.30pm
Wednesday 21 December	Nursery Party for all children - am
Wednesday 21 December	Last day of term - children break up 1.30pm
Spring Term 2017	
Tuesday 3 January	INSET Day
Wednesday 4 January	INSET Day
Thursday 5 January	Children back to school
Monday 9 January	First swim - Rowan and Hazel
Monday 9 January	Clubs start
Mon 9 - Fri 13 January	Year 6 Cycle Training
Wednesday 11 January	Pam and Sarah Assembly
Wednesday 11 January	Curriculum Evening on Reading - 7.00pm - 8.00pm
Thursday 12 January	Reception/Year 1 Dental Survey
Thursday 19 January	Junior Choir to the O2 (those who have signed up)
Wednesday 1 February	Sparrows Class Assembly - 9.10am
Thursday 2 February	Candlemas Service (Years 1 - 6) - 2.00pm at All Saints Church
Friday 3 February	PTA Discos - (details to follow)
Monday 6 February	Year 4 Educational visit to the British Museum
Monday 6 February	Last swim - Rowan and Hazel
Wednesday 8 February	Oak Class Assembly - 9.10am
Friday 10 February	Onesie Day - Water Aid
Mon 13 - Fri 17 February	Half - Term
Monday 20 February	First Swim - Years 5 and 6
Wednesday 1 March	Wrens Class Assembly - 9.10am
Tuesday 7 March	Year 4 visit to the Easter Experience
Wednesday 8 March	Hazel Class Assembly - 9.10am
Monday 20 March	Last Swim - Years 5 and 6 (sponsored swim day)
Monday 20 March	Last week for Clubs
Tuesday 21 March	Parents Evening (times TBC)
Thursday 23 March	Parents Evening (times TBC)
Friday 24 March	Mothering Sunday Gift Event - St Helier Hospital
Wednesday 29 March	Skylarks Class Assembly - 9.10am
Friday 31 March	Last day of term - children break up at 1.30pm
Summer Term 2017	
Tuesday 18 April	INSET DAY
Wednesday 19 April	Children back to school
Monday 24 April	First swim for Oak and Willow (Year 4)
Wednesday 26 April	Woodpeckers Class Assembly - 9.10am
Wednesday 3 May	Pam and Sarah Assembly - 9.10am
Mon 8 - Fri 12 May	KS2 SATS Week
Wednesday 17 May	Chaffinches Class Assembly - 9.10am
Wednesday 17 May	Year 6 to Lion King PM
Monday 22 May	Year 4 Sponsored Swim
Tuesday 23 May	Year 6 Isle of Wight Parents Meeting - 7-8pm
Wednesday 24 May	Rowan Class Assembly - 9.10am
Friday 26 May	Doctors and Nurses Day - St Helier Hospital
29 May - 2 June	Half-Term
Monday 5 June	Year 3 Sponsored Swim
Tuesday 6 June	Year 5 (Current Year 4) High Ashurst Parent Meeting - 7-8pm
Wednesday 7 June	Willow Class Assembly - 9.10am
Mon 12 - Fri 16 June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Wednesday 14 June	Pam and Sarah Assembly - 9.10am
Friday 16 June	Fathers' Day Gift Event - Water Aid
Mon 19 - Fri 23 June	Year 6 Isle of Wight Residential
Wednesday 21 June	Year 5 Class Assembly - 9.10am
Saturday 1 July	PTA Summer Fair
Thursday 6 July	Reception Education Visit to the Science Museum
Monday 10 July	Last Swim for Year 3
Friday 21 July	Last day of term - children break up at 1.30pm

Autumn Term 2016

(Last Day) - Wednesday 21 December 2016

Spring Term 2017

Tuesday 3 and Wednesday 4 January - INSET Days

(First day) - Thursday 5 January - (Last Day) - Friday 31 March 2017

Half Term - Monday 13 - Friday 17 February 2017

Summer Term 2017

Tuesday 18 April - INSET Day

(First day) - Wednesday 19 April - (Last Day) - Friday 21 July 2017

Half Term - Monday 29 May - Friday 2 June 2017