



ALL SAINTS CARSHALTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2017  
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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 2018! It has been a busy and exciting term, and so much has been achieved. Please read on to find out more!



### Confirmation

Thirteen of our Year 6 pupils were confirmed in November at St Andrew's Church in Purley. It was a special occasion for them and their families and one that I am sure they will remember for the rest of their lives.

### PTA

- Children's Discos on Friday 26 January 2018 (details to follow).

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

**Second-Hand uniform sale** - £86.50

**'Ball in the Fall'** - £1,194 - including £115 from the auction of a Chelsea shirt kindly donated

**Shopping Night** - A grand total of £3,043.43 was raised at this event including £1,000 which was match-funded. It was another wonderful occasion and many positive comments were received from people who attended. Many thanks to Ms Sturtevant and her team: Mrs Weiss, Mrs O'Sullivan, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Millings, Mrs Peake, Mrs Simpson and Mrs Gregory for all their hard work in making this such a wonderful event.

**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. It was very exciting to have Father Christmas arrive in a fire engine along with his elves and we thank 'White Watch' from Wallington Fire Station for their support on the day. Approximately £3,506 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 East, Mrs Palmer, Mrs O'Sullivan, Mr Vickers, Ms Galliers, Mrs Terry, Ms Semonava, Mrs Brown, Mrs Curtis 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 Rockin' Robins led by Miss Britt for their contribution of festive songs on the day, to Miss Parsk, Miss Morgan and Miss Blake for the Dance Clubs' contributions and to. Thank you also to Mrs Coppin, our treasurer for making sure the cash flow ran so smoothly and to Mr Cox and Mr Musson for their very important job on the day.

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



### Nursery and Infant Nativities

The Infants and Nursery perform their Nativities this week. They have been practising hard and I know you will be in for a treat! Can we remind you all that any photographs or videos are for your personal use only and should not be posted on social media.

### Charity Events

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

Our first event was a Crazy Hair Day which raised a total of £453.50 for CHECT.

Our second event is on Friday 15 December. The charity team for Guide Dogs for the Blind 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 or tinsel pinned or sewn on is just as effective.

### **Carol Service, Tuesday 19 December at 6.30pm**

The Juniors have been practising hard for the Carol Service at All Saints Church on Tuesday 19 December. All junior children are expected to attend and be in school uniform. We very much look forward to seeing you there and joining in with our carols at this lovely community event.

### **Message from the Office**

#### Outstanding Payments

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.

#### Absence

It is a parent's responsibility to inform the school that their child is going to be absent due to illness and this can be done by phoning and speaking to a member of the Office staff, leaving a message on the answering machine or emailing the office. Thank you to all parents who already do this.

#### Attendance

I am delighted to say that attendance at All Saints is very good and I thank parents for their support in this area. However, we do have a very few children whose attendance is of concern. Any child whose absence is less than 90% is deemed to be a persistent absentee by the government. I will be writing to the parents of the children who fall into this category in the last week of term.

### **Tom Brake MP Christmas Card Competition**



Once again, we had some success in this competition. Well done to Grace in Year 4 who was a 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 the majority of parents who do park carefully and consider the safety of our children. We will continue to remind people who park around our school boundary to do so with due care and consideration for our school community and our neighbours and to uphold our values as a Christian School.

### **Reading Books**

Teachers in KS1 would be delighted if parents had any unwanted reading scheme books at Oxford Reading Tree Level 5-7 or Phonics 4, 5 and 6. Please send them into school with your child. Many thanks in anticipation.

### **Parents' Evening**

Thank you very much to all of you who heeded my request and managed to arrange child care for your parent consultation. For those of you who informed us that it would be difficult, we were able to arrange an alternative time. Feedback has been extremely positive from parents and staff; it certainly

made for a calmer atmosphere in the hall and around the school, where parents and staff could talk without noise or disruption and the introduction of the bell enabled the evenings to run on time.

### Rockin' Robins

On Saturday 2 December, the Rockin' Robins were in demand, performing at two events. First of all they sang at the Christmas Fair at The Good Shepherd Church in Carshalton Beeches and this was followed by a walk to Carshalton High Street and a second performance on the stage at the Christmas event there before the lights were switched on. Their singing was beautiful and behaviour impeccable - well done to all who took part. A special thank you again to Miss Britt for her organisation and to Mr Smith and Mr Green for accompanying the children on their walk to the High Street.



### Wednesday 20 December

This is the last day of term. School finishes at 1.30pm. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Thursday 4 January 2018. Wednesday 3 January will be an INSET Day.

### Class Assemblies

Date	Class
Thursday 18 January 2018	Chaffinch Class
Thursday 1 February 2018	Woodpeckers Class
Thursday 8 February 2018	Skylarks Class
Tuesday 27 February 2018	Willow Class
Thursday 8 March 2018	Wrens Class
Thursday 22 March 2018	Beech Class
Thursday 3 May 2018	Rowan Class
Thursday 10 May 2018	Puffins Class
Thursday 24 May 2018	Sparrows Class
Thursday 14 June 2018	Hazel Class

Each class leads an assembly during the year. We have already been treated to Oak Class Assembly. The children always look forward to sharing their learning with their parents and grandparents, so please put your child's assembly date in your diary.

### Keeping children safe online

As online safety is a hot topic, we are holding a workshop in school on Thursday 11 January from 1.15-3.15pm. Please return the slip by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> to confirm your place.

### Staff News

As many of you will be aware, Mrs Smail will be going on Maternity leave early February. I am delighted to inform you that we have appointed Mrs Samantha Norwood an experienced Early Years practitioner. We look forward to welcoming her to All Saints.

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 2018!

Mrs Emma Hart Dyke - Headteacher

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## Dates for your Diary

<b>Autumn Term 2017</b>	
Tuesday 12 December	Evacuee Tea Party - Year 6
Wednesday 13 December	Infant Performance 9.15-10.15am
Thursday 14 December	Yr 6 Tfl Safety Talk
Thursday 14 December	Nursery Sing Along - 10.45am (Ducklings and Cygnets together)
Thursday 14 December	Reception Christmas Party 2.00pm
Friday 15 December	Charity - Xmas Jumper Day. Please bring in £1.00 for Guide Dogs
Friday 15 December	School Christmas Lunch
Monday 18 December	Peter Pan Panto 9.00am - Rec-Y6 - funded by the PTA
Monday 18 December	Yr1 & 2 Christmas Party 2.00pm
Monday 18 December	Year 1 - Parent open afternoon - 3.00pm onwards
Tuesday 19 December	Rehearsal - Junior Carol Service 11.00 -12.00
Tuesday 19 December	Junior Christmas Party 2.00pm
Tuesday 19 December	Carol Service for Juniors 6.30pm
Wednesday 20 December	Nursery Christmas Party and entertainment
Wednesday 20 December	Last day of term - break up at 1.30pm
<b>Spring Term 2018</b>	
Wednesday 3 January	INSET Day
Thursday 4 January	Children back to school
Monday 8 January	Swimming starts for Year 6 and Hazel - for 5 weeks
Thursday 11 January	Workshop - Keeping children safe online - 1.15-3.15pm
Thursday 18 January	Chaffinch Class Assembly
Friday 26 January	PTA Discos - Info to Follow
Thursday 1 February	Woodpeckers Class Assembly
Thursday 8 February	Skylarks Class Assembly
12-16 February	Half Term
Tuesday 27 February	Willow Class Assembly
Thursday 8 March	Wrens Class Assembly
Thursday 22 March	Beech Class Assembly
Thursday 3 May	Rowan Class Assembly
Thursday 10 May	Puffin Class Assembly
Thursday 24 May	Sparrow Class Assembly
Thursday 14 June	Hazel Class Assembly

### Future Term Dates

#### Autumn Term 2017

(Last Day) - Wednesday 20 December 2017

#### Spring Term 2018

Wednesday 3 January - INSET Day

(First day) - Thursday 4 January - (Last Day) - Thursday 29 March 2018

Half Term - Monday 12 - Friday 16 February 2018

#### Summer Term 2018

Monday 16 April - INSET Day

(First day) - Tuesday 17 April - (Last Day) - Friday 20 July 2018

Half Term - Monday 28 May - Friday 1 June 2018

Monday 23 July - INSET Day