



ALL SAINTS CARSHALTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Welcome to the February Newsletter.



Top of the Form

This year, 32 school teams have entered the Top of the Form competition for Year 6 children run by Carshalton Rotary club. Our team won their first round against St Mary's in January. On Thursday 8 February they faced Hackbridge Primary in the second round and again were victorious. We wait to hear who our next opponents will be in the third round. Well done!

CHECT



For our CHECT charity day, the children and staff wore eye patches so that they could experience what it felt like to use only one eye. Our CHECT organiser Ethan was interviewed by Mr Marston about his aspirations for the day.

Q: Where did you get the idea for an eye patch day?

A: Well I only have one eye and I wanted to help the rest of the school know what it is like.

Q: How has CHECT helped you and your family?

A: They helped me with medicine and supported me and my family while I had the cancer. I remember once being allowed to play football on the roof of the hospital and accidentally shot the ball off the roof!

Q: What do you hope to achieve from Eye Patch Day?

A: My goal is to raise over £400 for CHECT



Basketball



Dribbling



Tennis

Different activities were planned for the children to take part in during lunchtime, wearing their eye patches.

Snow Procedures

With cold weather forecast, I thought it would be helpful to remind parents of our procedures. If there has been snow overnight, parents can check whether the school will be open using one of the following ways. The school website and the 'Opencheck' site will be updated by 7.15am.

Parents should be advised to keep an eye on the OpenCheck page here:
<http://opencheck.atomwide.com>.

Class Assemblies

Each class leads an assembly during the year. 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.

Golden Book entries for January

Each week, children across the school are put into the Golden Book for displaying our BLP attributes or our school values. Below are our January entries:

Year 6 - Shaun, Isabella, Cameron and Malik
Ash - Sam, Felix and Josh
Beech - Jallina, Riley, Charlotte and Nathan
Willow - Sasia, Ines and Gloria
Oak - Megan, Mamadi, Nicole, Abida and Isaac
Rowan - Heidi, Andreas, Jack and Bethia
Hazel - Jessica, Aidan and Diya
Skylarks - Jamelia, Sophia, Emily and Edyn
Wrens - Charlie, Sadie, Benjamin and Henry
Woodpeckers - Shiloh, Bonnie, Arushi, Lucas and Freya
Chaffinches - Ava, Maisy, Joshua, Raina and Arijus
Puffins - Nathaniel, Amiyah and Sienna
Sparrows - Niamh, Austin and Jayden



Meet our Governors

I'm Rachel Pengelly, a foundation governor since 2014. I was appointed by the church PCC, having worshipped at All Saints since we moved to Carshalton in 2005 and Churchwarden from 2012-2016. I have three children; my youngest is currently in year 4 and my two older children are both at local high schools. So I have been connected with the school since 2006! One of my responsibilities as a Church governor is to consider the links between the church and the school and I am encouraged that the Christian ethos and the links with the church remain as strong as ever.

I am really privileged to act as a governor and was very pleased to be elected as Vice Chair this year. I also chair the Finance, Premises and Personnel committee, where our role is to ensure efficient and effective financial management of the school. We meet three times a year, in addition to full Governing Board meetings. I also serve on the Faith Group and a new Standards Committee, as well acting as Maths link governor.

I work part time as a Civil Servant so I am not often at school gate but please do feel free to come and talk to me in the playground or get in touch via the school office.

PTA

The PTA Discos were a great success. Thank you to everyone who supported these events. Thank you especially to the PTA committee members, parents and staff who helped on the night.

Future events:

- Family Bingo - Saturday 17 March
- Easter Egg Raffle - Monday 26 March
- Summer Fair - Saturday 16 June
- Shopping Night - Thursday 8 November

Thinking Day - Thursday 22 February

On 22 February each year, children belonging to Guiding or Scouting groups around the world celebrate World Thinking Day. As this is a school day, children who belong to these groups will be able to wear their guiding or scouting uniform to school.



Parking



I have continued to receive complaints about parents parking inconsiderately and illegally. All parents are in the same predicament when it comes to bringing their children to school, yet it appears that there continues to be a few parents who persistently park/pull up on the double yellow or zig-zag lines, in front of our emergency gates, across our neighbours' drives in Rotherfield and Talbot Road. What really saddens me is that when asked to move or having it pointed out that



they are parking illegally; parents have behaved in an abusive or threatening manner. If you are one of these parents, I would be grateful if could you show a little more consideration towards others. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Uniform

When I visit other schools, it always strikes me how smart our children look in their winter uniform. Thank you for supporting us by ensuring that your child has the correct uniform. Children should also be wearing dark blue hats, gloves and scarves. Please ensure that all uniform is clearly named so that it can be returned to its owner promptly.

All long hair (girls and boys) that is long enough to be tied back should be each day for school for health and safety reasons. This applies throughout the school from Nursery to Year 6. It ensures it does not fall across your child's face, get caught up in anything and also helps to keep unwelcome visitors at bay. In a few classes these unwelcome visitors are rather persistent!

We also try to encourage the children to take responsibility for looking after their uniform which includes remembering to take it inside from the playground or to take it home after an after-school activity. Please support us in reminding your children to be responsible, we know that many items of uniform are not cheap, yet we seem to have quite a collection in Lost Property!



Parents Evening - Tuesday 20 and Thursday 22 March

Information regarding our parents evening will come out after half-term. All appointments will be booked online again this year as in the autumn term. Following positive feedback, we will also be asking that parents attend their appointment without their children. In addition a bell will be rung every ten minutes to ensure that parents do not have to wait around and meetings do not overrun.

Contact details

There are a few families for whom we only have a maximum of two contact numbers. We will be asking parents for whom this is the case to provide four contact numbers with preferably at least one where the contact is local.

Pupil Absences

I am concerned at the number of families who have taken holidays in term-time, some every year for the past few years. This has meant that children have missed significant events in their learning eg assemblies and end of theme celebrations. This time can never be made up and it is such a shame that the children miss out on these events.

Your children attend school for 190 days out of 365, leaving 175 days for holidays.

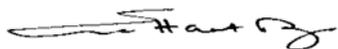
Days Absent By End of Year	Equal to Absence Percentage	Overall Attendance Percentage by the End of Year
1	0.5%	99.50%
5	2.5%	97.50%
10	5%	95%
20	10%	90%
30	15%	85%

Parent Workshops

Over the past two terms we have held several workshops for parents; two run by the school nursing service on sleep and healthy lifestyles, one by Sutton College on online safety and one by the Breck Foundation again on online safety and one by the Sutton Uplift Service on emotional health and wellbeing. Some were held in the evening and others in the afternoon before pick-up time. Sadly none of them have been very well attended and I would welcome your feedback. Please email the office with your thoughts.

Thank you for taking time to read our newsletter. We endeavour to keep you well informed. Do come in to discuss any matter that concerns you or your child and we will do our very best to help. I wish you all a very happy and restful half-term.

With best wishes to you all,



Mrs Emma Hart Dyke - Headteacher



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Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2018	
12-16 February	Half Term
Monday 19 February	Y5 Swimming - Ash and Beech
Tuesday 20 February	Year 4 Educational Visit to Butser Ancient Farm
Thursday 22 February	Thinking Day
Monday 26 February	Year 2 Educational Visit to St Paul's Cathedral and The Monument
Tuesday 27 February	Willow Class Assembly
Thursday 1 March	Year 3 Educational Visit to London Zoo
Thursday 8 March	Wrens Class Assembly
Monday 12 March	Easter Experience
Wednesday 14 March	Thank you Tea - Details to follow
Monday 19 March	Last week for clubs
Tuesday 20 March	Parents Evening - Details to follow
Thursday 22 March	Beech Class Assembly
Thursday 22 March	Parents Evening - Details to follow
Friday 23 March	Year 5 Educational Visit to Chessington World of Adventures
Friday 23 March	Historical Character Day - Guide Dogs for the Blind
Wednesday 28 March	Year 1 Educational Visit to Leeds Castle
Thursday 29 March	School finishes at 1.30pm
Monday 16 April	INSET DAY
Tuesday 17 April	Children return to school
Thursday 19 April	Reception Educational Visit to Horniman Museum
Monday 23 April	Clubs start
Thursday 3 May	Rowan Class Assembly
Thursday 10 May	Puffin Class Assembly
Wednesday 23 May	Year 6 visit to Lion King - Details to follow
Thursday 24 May	Sparrow Class Assembly
Friday 25 May	Master Chef, Cake Competition Day - CHECT
Wednesday 6 June	Reception Educational Visit to the River Wandle - Class 1
Wednesday 6 June	Reception Educational Visit to the River Wandle - Class 2
11-15 June	Year 6 Residential visit to Isle of Wight
Thursday 14 June	Hazel Class Assembly
Friday 29 June	Shades Day - Guide Dogs for the Blind

Spring Term 2018

(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