



ALL SAINTS CARSHALTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2017

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Dear Parents,
Welcome to the November Newsletter!

Confirmation

A number of Year 6 children are preparing for Confirmation on Sunday 19 November which will be held at St Marks, Woodcote, Purley. The service begins at 6.30pm, should you wish to join them on this very special occasion for the children and their families. Children taking part in the service should arrive at 5pm.

PTA

We are extremely fortunate to have such an active and supportive group of parents who organise a range of events across the year. The Shopping Night last Thursday and the Ball in the Fall have both just taken place and were very successful according to feedback I have already received. Here is an email we received from one happy parent:

'I just wanted to pass on the message to those who organised last night's shopping event that my friends and I really enjoyed it. It was organised brilliantly, we all found some good buys, we each won great prizes in the raffle and most importantly we had a really fun evening. Next year I will certainly be spreading the word.'

There are quite a few PTA events coming up and I hope you have the dates in your diaries. If not, here they are below;

- Christmas Fair - Saturday 25 November 12.00pm-3.00pm (There will be a Mufti day on Friday 24 November, please see details below)
- Children's Discos on Friday 26 January 2018 (details to follow)

The PTA AGM took place last month and I would like to confirm that Maxine Dagnall will continue in the post of Chair, Mrs Heather Curtis as Vice Chair and Mrs Claire Coppyn as Treasurer for the coming year. We wish all the committee well with their ventures this year (old and new) and know that you will give them your continued support during the year ahead.

Christmas Fair Mufti Day - Friday 24 November

Children will be able to wear their own clothes on this day. We ask that the juniors donate a bottle (or two!) to the bottle tombola for the Christmas Fair. Please send in bottles that are drinkable (no bubble bath). Junior children will be expected to bring their own bottle into school. If your child is in KS1, the PTA has requested that they bring sweets or boxes of chocolates for the sweet and chocolate tombola and Reception and the Nursery have been asked to bring cakes for the refreshment stall. The weather has turned cold and so sensible winter clothing should be worn, including a warm coat for break time. The PTA and the sub-committee have been working really hard to ensure that this is another wonderful community event. Please support it in any way you can. Thank you in anticipation.



Peter Pan

The PTA is again very kindly funding the pantomime for all children from Reception to Year 6. They will be treated to a performance of Peter Pan by Gary Starr Productions on the morning of Monday 18 December. The PTA is also funding the entertainer for the Nursery party on the morning of Wednesday 20 December.

Parking

Please consider the option to 'park and stride' and allow enough time before school to find a suitable parking place. Parking is available at Westcroft or in Ashcombe Road on the other side of Carshalton Park, both of which are just a short walk away.



Sadly, I have been visited by neighbours complaining about the way some of our parents have behaved towards them. Parents have parked across neighbours' drives and have also been rude towards them including using threatening language. I feel extremely saddened that a small minority of our school community believes that this is the appropriate way to behave. We continue to be determined to live in harmony with our neighbours treating them with respect, which is one of our



values but such conduct gives the rest of the school a bad name. These two cars have both been parked illegally across a dropped kerb and on a double yellow line. Please park legally and with our children's safety in mind, in future.

All Saints Day Service

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who joined us for the All Saints Day Service. Once again the children sang and read beautifully and behaved extremely well. Our next visit to church is for the Junior Carol Service.

Christmas! (Preparations are already taking place!)

The **Nursery Nativity**, for all the children, **Ducklings and Cygnets**, will be performed on the morning of Thursday 14 December. Further information will follow in the Nursery weekly newsletter.



The **Infant Nativity** (performed by Puffins, Sparrows, Chaffinches, Woodpeckers, Skylarks and Wrens) will take place on Monday 11 December at 2.00pm and at 9.15am on Wednesday 13 December. The performances usually last up to an hour, which makes them unsuitable for pre-school children who quickly tire of sitting still and become restless. This distracts the performers on the stage as well as the audience.

As with our Parent Evenings, parents will be able to book a total of two seats, one for each performance or two for one of the performances via the online booking system. There will not be any additional seats available as we now have more children and parents in the Infant department.

There will be a collection for our chosen charities at the end of each performance.

Charity News

A couple of Fridays ago the CHECT Charity team organised a Crazy Hair Day, raising a fantastic £453.50. Thank you for your support with this event. The next event is Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 15 December for Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Roman Day - Year 4



Year 4 had a fantastic time on their Roman Day, which included a Boot Camp where they learnt to march and create battle formations including the Testudo (Tortoise) and the Wedge. They practised throwing javelins (spears) and carried out physical training. They then put these skills into action outside!

The rest of the day was spent making trebuchets out of lollysticks and testing them. A great day was had by all!



Stone Age to Iron - Year 3

Year 3 had the Museum of London come in to talk about the changes from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. Attached are some pictures from Hazel class.



Animal Workshop - Year 1

Year 1 had a visit from the Animal Aid charity. The children learnt about the importance of looking after all the animals in the world. They were able to meet 'George' the chimpanzee who told them about his habitat being destroyed and that he wanted them to help him think of ways to look after him.

School Website

This has lots of useful information about the school contained within it. Have a look at the Safeguarding page for online age limits and other useful information and resources. On 11 January, the school is hosting 'Keeping children safe online' training for parents from 1.15pm - 3.15pm. Look out for the letter inviting you to attend.

Leadership Opportunities



Our Prayer Buddies have been leading Worship with the children in Reception and Key Stage 1 and Circle time with Year 1 on the value of friendship. They have been demonstrating fantastic leadership skills and are working well towards their Diplomas which are presented at the end of the year.



Sports News

I hope you saw the October Sports News sent out just after half-term.

A Few Reminders

Requests for absence

All routine dental appointments should be made outside of school hours as I am not able to authorise these. This does **not** include routine orthodontist appointments.

Medication in school

Please make sure that any medication brought into school is handed in to the office and not sent in with your child.

Morning Clubs

Children attending a club in the morning should be brought to the school door by an adult and not left at the school gate prior to the door opening for a club.

Class Assemblies

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.

Date	Class
Thursday 23 November 2017	Ash 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

Christmas Lunch

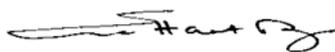
We are organising the Christmas lunch which will be on Friday 15 December.



The Christmas Menu is: Roast turkey, sausages, roast potatoes, Brussel sprouts, peas, carrots and gravy followed by a Christmas ice cream tub. There will be a vegetarian option available to those children registered as such.

If your child usually has a cooked lunch, he or she will automatically receive a Christmas lunch. If your child normally has a packed lunch and you wish to order the Christmas menu, you can do this via ParentPay at a cost of £2.20. The closing date for orders is Friday 1 December and no late requests will be accepted.

Thank you for reading the Newsletter, I hope you find it informative and of interest.



Mrs Emma Hart Dyke
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Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2017	
Thursday 16 November	Reception Open Afternoon - Prospective parents 2.00-3.00pm
15-17 November	Yr 5 - High Ashurst Residential
Sunday 19 November	Yr 6 Confirmation - St Marks, Woodcote, Purley
Tuesday 21 November	Yr 6 Height and Weight
Thursday 23 November	Ash Class Assembly
Friday 24 November	Mufti Day - KS2 to bring a bottle, KS1 sweets or chocolates and the Reception and Nursery to bring cakes
Saturday 25 November	PTA - Christmas Fair 12.00-3.00pm
Monday 27 November	Yr 2 Discover Christmas
Tuesday 28 November	Parents' Evening 3.40-6.40pm
Wednesday 29 November	Indoor Athletics
Thursday 30 November	Parents' Evening 4.00-7.30pm
Monday 4 December	Sponsored swim for Year 4
Friday 8 December	Parent Workshop - Sleep - Reception to Year 6
Friday 8 December	End of clubs until the Spring Term
Monday 11 December	Infant Dress Rehearsal 9.15am
Monday 11 December	Infant Performance 2.00-3.00pm
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 - Nativity details to follow
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 - details to follow
Monday 18 December	Peter Pan Panto 9.00am - Rec-Y6 - funded by the PTA
Monday 18 December	Yr 1 & 2 Christmas Party 2.00pm
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
Spring Term 2018	
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
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