



ALL SAINTS CARSHALTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2016

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Dear Parents,

We are well into the autumn term and the children have settled happily into their new classes. I am sure they are all looking forward to what promises to be a busy and exciting term.

### **Year 6 Parents - Transfer to Secondary School**

The closing date for your Common Application Form is Monday 31 October 2016. Parents are strongly encouraged to apply online at: [www.sutton.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.sutton.gov.uk/admissions). Last year 97% of Sutton residents applied online. If you live in Sutton and wish to complete a paper copy application, please contact Sutton Admissions Team at Civic Offices. Do not complete a paper copy if you have applied online as completing more than one form may delay your application.

### **Harvest Festival**

We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival on Tuesday 11 October at Carshalton All Saints Church. Andy Fulker from Sutton's branch of Night Watch will be joining us. Parents are very welcome to join us, although you may need to sit near the back.



### **Uniform**

Thank you for supporting us by ensuring your children wear the correct uniform. Please note that all children should be wearing the winter uniform after half term. All children should have a raincoat in school, which can be left on their coat peg or in their locker. As the weather is turning much colder, a winter coat should be brought to school for break and lunch times. All juniors should have a plain navy blue tracksuit for Games as this takes place outside. Sweatshirts should not have hoods.

We would be very grateful if all clothing, including P.E. kits could be clearly marked with the owner's name. This makes mislaid items a lot easier to find and repatriate with their owner.

### **Parent Evening**

Following feedback from parents, we have moved our Autumn Parent Evenings to later in the term. Parent Evenings will take place on Tuesday 29 November 3.40pm - 6.40pm and Thursday 1 December 4.00pm - 7.30pm. This is an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress, targets and ways you can support their learning. Once again we will be using our online booking system. Information about this will be sent out by the office later in the term.



### **PTA**

The PTA AGM will take place on Wednesday 12 October at 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start. Drinks and nibbles will be served. Do come along and find out about the PTA or put yourself forward to join the committee. There are 6 spaces on the committee this year and the PTA are always happy to welcome new members and to discuss new ideas. We are very lucky to have such an active PTA; recently, they donated £150.00 to each class and the Music, SEN, ICT and PE departments. They are also buying us a new PA system and are paying for the Christmas theatre production.

All PTA letters are now available to view on our school website under the About Us - PTA section.



## Communicating with Parents

As all correspondence will be emailed to you directly, please ensure that we have your up to date details, so that we can keep you informed. All letters sent out will also appear on the school website under the 'Letters' heading.

## Cancer Research and MS Society

I am delighted to say that the two charities last year organised a series of very successful events and we have forwarded a cheque for **£1,807.48** to Queen Mary's Hospital and **£1,304.05** to Guide Dogs for the Blind. Thank you to everyone who helped to organise events or contributed in any way.

We had some wonderful presentations made for a variety of charities for this year, both local and further afield. The children have chosen two new charities to support over the coming year; our local charity is St Helier Hospital and our international charity is Water Aid.



## Birthdays

Children often like to mark their birthday in a special way. At All Saints, all the infants share a Birthday Assembly each week, where the children with a birthday are sung to and have the opportunity to blow out the candles. As we are a healthy school and we have many children with allergies, we ask that sweets and cakes are not sent in. However, if you would like to mark the occasion, it would be lovely if you donated a book to your child's class reading area, into which we can stick a special bookplate naming your child and their birthday.

## Requests for Absence

School policy suggests that all appointments should be made outside of school hours. I understand however, that this is not always possible. In these cases, please complete a 'leave of absence' form giving the school **as much notice as possible**. This enables all relevant staff to be informed and plan for your child's intended absence.



## School Lunch changes

If there are any children who wish to change either to or from school lunches, please email the office by 21 October so that the change can be made in time for the next half term. Please note that after this no further changes can be made until the end of term.

## At the end of the day

I would be very grateful if parents did not congregate outside the classrooms in the playground as children are still learning. We have our lovely grassed area; it would be much appreciated if parents of children in Skylarks and Years 3 - 6 could wait on this area. Parents of Sparrows and Puffins should wait on the newly grassed area that runs along the edge of the playground. Please supervise your children once they have been handed to you at the end of the day as I had to speak to three children who were climbing the fence this week. I would be grateful if parents could leave the premises as promptly as possible so that it is easier for staff to identify parents who are still waiting to collect their children.

## Book Bags and Water bottles in the Early Years and Infants

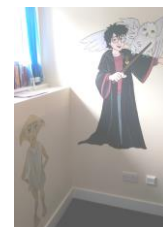
We have had some parents sharing their concerns about water bottles and book bags. I have asked staff to ensure that children come out of school wearing their jumpers and coats rather than carrying them so that they have free hands to carry their book bags and water bottles. Another suggestion is to put a carabiner on your child's book bag to hang your child's water bottle from.

## Clubs/Before/After School Activities

There are a large range of clubs that have been planned for this term. I am very grateful to all the staff who have put themselves forward to lead a club.

## New Murals in the Library and playground

We are delighted with the new murals which have provided an attractive addition to our school.



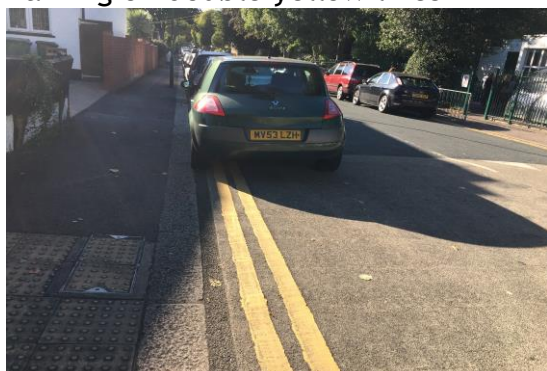
## Woodcote Green vouchers

Thank you all for collecting the Woodcote Green Vouchers, we have a fantastic £223.25 to spend. Mrs Springate is looking forward to brightening up our playgrounds through the winter months.

## Parking Issues

Thank you to all parents who take the time to park safely and show consideration towards our children and neighbours. Please see the photographs recently sent in by parents highlighting the behaviour we wish to stop.

### Parking on double yellow lines



Parking across our emergency gates

### Parking across driveways



Blocking neighbours driveways

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Emma Hart Dyke - Headteacher



**Dates for your Diary**

<b>Autumn Term 2016</b>	
Tuesday 11 October	Harvest Festival at All Saints Church – 10.45am
Tuesday 11 October	Year 3-6 School Council Members to London Youth Conference
Tuesday 11 October	Attendance Officer
Wednesday 12 October	PTA Second hand uniform sale 3.00pm Old Skylarks
Wednesday 12 October	PTA AGM – 7.30pm for 8.00pm
Monday 17 October	Last swim for Year 5/6
Tuesday 18 October	Nursery Open Afternoon 4.00pm – 6.00pm
Wednesday 19 October	Just Joshing – Anti-Bullying theatre performance for Years 2 - 6
Friday 21 October	Maths Workshop for Reception parents – 2.30pm
24 – 28 October	Half-Term
Monday 31 October	Swimming starts for Years 4 - Willow and Oak
Tuesday 1 November	All Saints Day Service – 2.00pm
Wednesday 9 November	Worship led by Pam and Sarah
Thursday 10 November	PTA Shopping Night – 7.00 – 10.00pm
Saturday 12 November	PTA Ball in the Fall – Selsdon Manor
16 – 18 November	Year 5 Residential to High Ashurst
Wednesday 16 November	Prospective Parents Meeting – 2.00pm
Thursday 17 November	Prospective Parents Meeting – 10.00am
Monday 28 November	Year 2 – Discover Christmas - pm
Tuesday 29 November	Parents' Evening – 3.40pm – 6.40pm
Thursday 1 December	Parents' Evening – 4.00pm – 7.30pm
Friday 2 December	Mufti Day – bring a bottle for the Christmas Fair
Saturday 3 December	PTA Christmas Fair – 12.00 – 3.00pm
Monday 5 December	Last swim for Year 4 – Willow and Oak
Monday 5 December	Last week for Clubs
Tuesday 6 December	Key Stage 1 Production – 2.00pm
Wednesday 7 December	Nursery
Thursday 8 December	Key Stage 1 Production – 10.00am
Tuesday 13 December	Transport for London visit for Year 6
Friday 16 December	Astrodome to Year 5
Friday 16 December	Christmas Lunch
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
<b>Spring Term 2017</b>	
Tuesday 3 January	INSET Day
Wednesday 4 January	INSET Day
Thursday 5 January	Children back to school
Monday 9 January	First swim for Years 5/6
Wednesday 11 January	Worship led by Pam and Sarah
Thursday 19 January	Junior Choir to the O2
Wednesday 25 January	Puffins Class Assembly 9.10am
Wednesday 1 February	Sparrows Class Assembly 9.10am
Thursday 2 February	Candlemas Service at All Saints at 2.00pm
Friday 3 February	PTA Discos Year 1 – 6 – details to follow at a later date
Monday 6 February	Year 4 Educational visit to The British Museum
Monday 6 February	Year 5/6 Sponsored swim (last swim)
Wednesday 8 February	Oak Class Assembly 9.10am
13 – 17 October	Half-Term
Monday 20 February	First swim for Year 3 Rowan and Hazel
Wednesday 1 March	Wrens Class Assembly
Tuesday 7 March	Year 4 Easter Experience pm
Wednesday 8 March	Hazel Class Assembly
Monday 20 March	Last swim for Year 3 Rowan and Hazel

## **Future Term Dates**

### **Autumn Term 2016**

(First day) - Wednesday 7 September - (Last Day) - Wednesday 21 December 2016

Half Term - Monday 24 - Friday 28 October 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