



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

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Dear Parents,

We are well into the autumn term and the children have settled happily into their new classes. The term is already underway and we are busy planning many exciting learning opportunities and activities for the children.

Year 6 Parents - Transfer to Secondary School

The closing date for your Common Application Form is Tuesday 31 October 2017; however, the Admissions department would be grateful if parents could send in their child's application by Friday 20 October, which is the Friday before half-term. Parents are strongly encouraged to apply online at: www.sutton.gov.uk/admissions. Last year 96% 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.

All Saints Day

The children will be visiting the church on 1 November for All Saints Day. We welcome any parents wishing to come. The service is at 2.00pm.

Harvest Festival

We celebrated our Harvest Festival last Thursday 5 October at Carshalton All Saints Church. Gill Green from Sutton's branch of Carshalton Park Rotary Club joined us. It was so lovely to see so many parents supporting our worship on this occasion. Below are the kind comments from one of our parents:

"I just wanted to say what a wonderful service today's Harvest Festival was. The children sang beautifully and behaved incredibly well. I was fortunate to watch the service last year when my son was in reception and again this year and thoroughly enjoyed both, but today's seemed even better than last year's."



Uniform

Thank you for supporting us by ensuring your children are wearing 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.

The PTA will be selling second-hand uniform at the AGM on Thursday 19 October from 7.30pm and on Friday 20 October from 3.00pm in the outside classroom.

Parents' Evening

Following positive feedback from parents, our Autumn Parents' Evenings will be later in the autumn term. Parent Evenings will take place on Tuesday 28 November 3.40pm - 6.40pm and Thursday 30 November 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 an online booking procedure. Information about this will come out from the office later in the term.



New Staff

We welcome Miss Lucy Herriett who has joined the staff as a Teaching Assistant in Year 5 and Mrs Sara Langley who has joined our Midday Supervisory team. We hope they will both be very happy at All Saints.

PTA

The PTA AGM will take place on Thursday 19 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 spaces on the committee this year and the PTA is always happy to welcome new members and to discuss new ideas. We are very lucky to have such an active PTA; they are paying for the Christmas Pantomime for the main school and the Nursery entertainment and the children's Christmas crackers. They also paid for the Year 6 Year Books at the end of last term as well as refreshments for Sports Day. Please see further PTA information at the end of the newsletter.

Car Free Day

On Thursday 21 September we held a Car Free Day to coincide with World Wide Car Free Day which took place that week. It was a huge success in which we saw a dramatic fall in the number of children coming to school in a car on that day. There were two classes in which no children came to school in a car and one class which saw their car usage drop by sixteen compared to the week before. We organised for a team from the Met Police to carry out some Bike Security Marking. Around twenty bikes were marked and the team have said they would be happy to come and carry out some more marking in the future - so please look out for details about this. Thank you for helping to make the Car Free Day such a success. Please continue to try your best to leave your car at home and find other ways of travelling to school. Many people commented on the day about how nice it was to see the roads surrounding the school much quieter, which of course means they are also much safer for our children.

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.

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 occasionally, this is not 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 Friday 20 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 Wrens and Years 3 - 6 could wait on this area. Parents of Woodpeckers Chaffinches and Wrens should wait on the newly grassed area that runs along the edge of the playground. Parents of Sparrows, Puffins and Skylarks, please wait at the top of the steps. Please supervise your children once they have been handed to you at the end of the day. 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 and so that Mr Mendat is able to lock the gate.

Charities for 2017 - 2018

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 (Childhood Eye Cancer Trust) CHECT and our national charity is Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Dates for some exciting events have already been agreed as follows:

Friday 3 November - Crazy Hair Day - CHECT

Friday 15 December - Christmas Jumper Day - Guide Dogs for the Blind

Friday 9 February - Eye Patch Day - CHECT

Friday 23 March - Historical Character Day - Guide Dogs for the Blind

Friday 25 May - Master Chef, Cake Competition Day - CHECT

Friday 29 June - Shades Day - Guide Dogs for the Blind

Meet our Governors

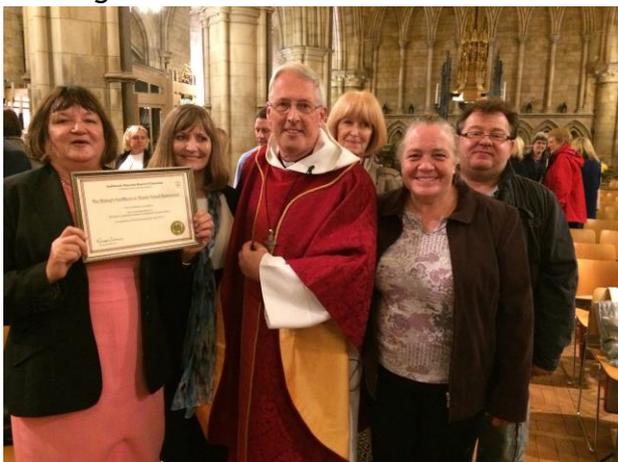


Hello, I am Helen Smith, the new Chair of Governors. I was elected by the governing body at our meeting in May. A Chair of Governors does not have the right to make any decisions without the consent of the governing body. I am very pleased to work with such a conscientious and talented team of governors. The role involves more the support and development of the team, setting of agendas and keeping us on track with regard to our core functions of creating vision and ethos, challenging standards and overseeing finances. Although I had served on governing bodies for fourteen years I have been preparing myself for the particular role of Chair by following a certificate course designed for Chairs of Governing bodies and run by the National College for School Leadership. It has been very interesting and much food for thought.

I led the governor working party which investigated All Saints becoming an academy. I currently lead a group looking at best practice for our governing board. I serve on the School Community and Communications Committee, having previously been a member of the Finance, Personnel and Premises Committee. I am the lead governor for safeguarding in which role I meet termly with the Headteacher. Along with the Vice Chair, I am responsible for Headteacher appraisal each year.

I retired in 2014 from a long career in education, firstly teaching History which I studied at Durham University, moving eventually to become a member of the Senior leadership team of an 11-18 Church of England school in South London. In between I also trained teachers at London University Institute of Education and for the Open University. Discipline, behaviour management, pastoral care in its many forms, primary to secondary transfer, GCSE choices and working with parents were among the many roles I held over the years. Parents and their views are important to me. I have two grown up children.

Originally from Cumbria, I have lived in the area since 1987. To relax, I enjoy singing with both Sutton Chorale and Carshalton Choral Society. Like all retired people I enjoy travelling and spending time with friends and family. I also like discovering hidden London through a series of guided walks. I have reached the stage where I wonder how I had time to work. I worship regularly at All Saints church.



I am pleased to report that on September 21st at Southwark Cathedral, the governors were awarded the Bishop's Certificate in School Governance. We had to attend training sessions monthly for a year to qualify.

The photograph includes: The Rt Revd Christopher Chessun, Bishop of Southwark, four governors, Dr Penny Meakin, Mr Andre Costello, Mrs Marion Williams and me and Mrs Hart Dyke.

Bikes and Scooters

It is lovely to see so many children cycling and scootering to and from school. Please note that all bikes and scooters left overnight are done so at the owner's risk.

Dogs

Please note, no dogs are allowed on any part of the school premises at any time. If you are tying your dog to the school railings when picking up your child, please ensure that your dog is friendly and will not scare children or parents walking past them. Thank you for your anticipated co-operation with this.

Gold School Games Award

I am delighted to inform you that we have been awarded the Gold School Games Award. This is as a result of much hard work by the staff to ensure that a wide variety of sporting events and activities both competitive and non-competitive, are provided for our children to take part in. Please read the press release below.

We have gone for Gold and got it!



SCHOOL GAMES

We are delighted to announce that we, All Saints Carshalton, C of E Primary School have achieved the **Gold** School Games Mark Award for the 2016/17 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our sporting achievements this year include:

a huge number of children taking part so enthusiastically and achieving well in a large variety sporting activities before school, during school and after school

With a total of approx. 80 young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

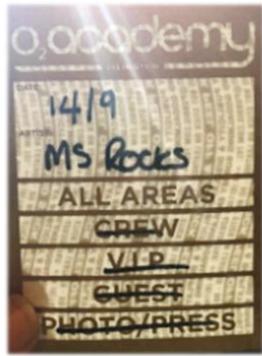
As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to:

All the children who have taken part in a vast variety of sports, Mrs Ewing and Miss Tweedy for all their hard work in organising and entering the events, all the staff who have given up their time and parents for their support.

We look forward to applying once again in 2018!





'Back in July at the school Summer Fair you may recall six pupils playing a few numbers, as part of the day's entertainment. All Saints Rock School (ASRS) is a group of Year 3 to Year 6 musicians learning to play and perform rock music complete with distortion and attitude, a 'real life' school of rock. An opportunity to support a London based Charity event called Mallowstreet Rocks came up which meant playing on a big stage at the O2 Academy in front of a big audience at the battle of the bands fund raiser. Arriving together at Islington station we walked to the O2 for sound check; once onsite there was the excitement of back stage passes, our own dressing room and of course the stage. Following a very quick sound check we waited nervously in the dressing room as the crowd arrived; then it was time to run up three flights of stairs to the back of the stage and emerge through a black curtain.

Ed the Beat (Edward Vickers) clicked his sticks and Zak the Axe (Isaac Belsham) fired up the guitar, Rainbow Bass, (Sophia Anne) joined with the thick bass line before our three singers Ells Bells (Eleanor Barnes), Bad boy Bill (William Vickers) and Dylan Rock Vox (Dylan Hunt, now a year 7 high school pupil) chimed into life. Shortly after the band started the audience began to clap and sing along; Dylan played with the crowd during "We Will Rock You". "Let's hear you!" he shouted and the crowd chanted back. Finishing the set with a song from the school of rock musical, all too quickly, their time was up. Mallowstreet organisers were overwhelmed, and have invited ASRS to join them next year, "the real winners in my view" Stuart Breyer organiser of Mallowstreet said. The event raised £10,000 for a variety of charities for which the school may see a small donation to the PTA.'

Report by Mr Vickers.



All Saints is very proud of their little rockers!

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Emma Hart Dyke - Headteacher

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Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2017	
Wednesday 18 October	Nursery Open Afternoon - Prospective parents 4.00-6.00pm
Thursday 19 October	Oak Class Assembly
Thursday 19 October	Roman Dress up day for Yr 4 - Parents invited into school from 3.25pm
Thursday 19 October	Yr 2 Pirate Day - parents invited into school from 3.00-3.30pm
Thursday 19 October	Reception - Maths and Tapestry Information Session - 2.30pm
Thursday 19 October	Cross Country Yr 4-6 - Northey Avenue
Thursday 19 October	PTA - AGM 7.30pm
Friday 20 October	PTA Second-hand uniform sale
23-27 October	Half Term
Monday 30 October	Yr 4 Swimming continues
Wednesday 1 November	All Saints Day Service 2.00pm
Thursday 2 November	Pam and Sarah Assembly
Thursday 2 November	Tag Rugby - John Fisher
Friday 3 November	Charity - Crazy Hair Day. Please bring in £1.00 for CHECT
Monday 6 November	Nasal Flu Programme Rec - Yr 4
Wednesday 8 November	Yr 1 Animal Day
Thursday 9 November	Yr 6 Educational visit to Chartwell
Thursday 9 November	PTA - Shopping Night 7.00-10.00pm (badminton club cancelled)
Saturday 11 November	PTA - Ball in the Fall 7.00pm
Monday 13 November	Yr 5 Astrodome visiting school
Wednesday 15 November	Reception Open Morning - Prospective parents 9.15-10.15am
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 - Bring a bottle for the Fair - 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
Thursday 30 November	Parents' Evening 4.00-7.30pm
Monday 4 December	Sponsored swim for Year 4
Friday 8 December	Sleep Workshop run by school nursing 2.30pm-3.15pm - open to all parents
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
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	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

Future Term Dates

Autumn Term 2017

(Last Day) - Wednesday 20 December 2017

Half Term - Monday 23 - Friday 27 October 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

Message from the PTA

Christmas Cards

Due to last year's feedback, we have taken part in the 'Christmas Card Design Project for Schools' run by Caterpillar Cards. Your child will shortly be bringing home a sample Christmas card which he/she has designed where you can order packs of 12 cards.

Orders must be returned with payment by **Wednesday 8 November**.

Shopping Night - Thursday 9 November 7pm - 10pm

Come and join us for an evening of festive fun with mulled wine & mince pies whilst shopping and treating yourself to a beauty treatment.

SOLD OUT! Ball in the Fall SOLD OUT! - Saturday 11 November

Just a reminder that the evening will begin at 7pm, for a 7.30pm sit down, please pre-arrange carriages for midnight.

Christmas Fair - Saturday 25 November 12-3pm

🎄 Lucky Dip Prizes 🎄

We are looking for donations for the lucky dip stall at the Christmas fair. Any unopened, new small children's toys would be ideal, please put them in the wicker baskets in the school entrance.