



# All Saints Notices

21st April 2017

Your regular notice informing you of important things coming up, reminders, polite requests to help our school run even more smoothly and opportunities to celebrate some of our children's achievements.

## Bird Cam



**Thank you to Mrs Lay** who has been busy over Easter setting up our bird box and bird cam. We are all very excited to see that Blue Tits have again nested this year and appear to be caring for a clutch of possibly ten eggs!

## Parking & Reminders

Once again, Mr Pearman has very kindly opened his field, adjacent to school, to help with the parking congestion along Hollybush Lane. Please ensure to use this facility to help ease the traffic congestion and for the safety of our children.



Please remember that the school **bell rings at 8:55am for the start of school. Children need to be in the playground when the bell rings** at this time so they can line up immediately to be collected by teaching staff. Unfortunately arriving late, often causes disruption to lessons and for the rest of the class. I ask that you leave plenty of time for your journey to school, in case of any traffic congestion and other disruptions. Your help is very much appreciated in this matter.

As part of National Curriculum requirements, all children should participate in swimming during Key Stage 2. As well as learning water safety skills, developing swimming technique this is really fun exercise that the children share with their school friends. Children in Years 4 & 5 have commenced their swimming lessons on Friday mornings and this will continue each Friday until the end of the Summer Term.

## WOW! Now That's What I Call Learning!

I am delighted to say that Sophia's (Yr 5) talent for poetry has shone through again and she has had a poem, which she wrote linked to our school topic on space, published in the Parish Magazine. Check out her wonderful poem below but please do also read it in print on page 37 of this month's issue.

### The Astronaut

I glide silently into space.  
The atmosphere hugging the Earth like a baby monkey on its mother.  
Overlooking the silent sun amazed by its burning beauty.  
Ribbons of stardust float past my reinforced window.  
Planet Earth hovers on a background of black paper.  
Dancing curtains of glowing light surround my planet.  
Hard to imagine this is where humanity was born.  
The overview of my home touches my heart as I see the country I was born in.  
I feel a profound connection with the universe.



**Well done, Sophia!** It's good to see your talents are being appreciated inside and outside of school.

## Bible Focus

This term in collective worship we will be looking at Friendship and our first bible reading was Matthew 28: 1 - 10. Next week our reading is John 20: 19 - end.

## News & Information from Datchworth School PTA

**Children's PTA Film Night.** The next PTA film night will take place on Friday 5th May after school. The film will be 'Ice Age: Collision Course' (rated U) as voted by the School Council. Please look out for order forms that will be sent home in book bags next week.

**Dan Walker's 'Tough Mudder' Challenge.** On Saturday 6th May, Dan Walker, (Dad to Rhys, Yr 4 and Erin in Reception) is taking part in a 'Tough Mudder' challenge just outside Marlow. Dan has been very generous with his time and skill and has helped All Saints on various occasions when they have been in need of a skilled plumber.

As a working parent, he is very aware and appreciates that with busy working and home lives, some parents are unable to give their time to support our PTA events so, here is where you can help! Although Dan initially wanted to challenge his own fitness levels he has decided to make the challenge more worthwhile and is determined to complete the course by asking for sponsorship - all of which will be donated to much needed funds to support our school.

No amount is too small, as every penny really does help the PTA's school fundraising efforts. You can donate via: <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/danwalker/431883> If you are a UK taxpayer Giftaid can also be claimed on your donation.

**Next PTA meeting** will take place at school on Tuesday 25th April at 7:30pm. All parents and carers are welcome and encouraged to attend. The PTA would love to see some new faces so please do come along and hear all about the exciting fundraising initiatives we are currently working on - you may have some fundraising ideas that you might like to put forward. By attending our meetings does not commit you to becoming a full-time committee member.



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