

CANFORD HEATH INFANT SCHOOL

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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Summer message from the Chief Executive Officer

Dear Parents/Carers,

The TEACH Trust has enjoyed another hugely successful year. I am incredibly proud of how our schools work collaboratively as a Trust to ensure all the children who attend any one of our wonderful schools on Canford Heath, receive the best possible education and care. The children have worked so hard throughout the year, and we are extremely proud of all their achievements academically, sporting, musically and in a number of other ways. They all make a huge difference. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the children, staff and parents across the Trust for their continued hard work, to ensure such great outcomes for our four schools.



The return of the TEACH summer concert after 3 years, was an amazing example of our talented children coming together to produce another breath-taking performance led by our incredible Music Director, Mrs Rebecca Turner. Once again, I was blown away by your children: their motivation, enthusiasm and dedication is second to none.

We sadly say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils who are moving on to their Secondary Schools and we wish lots of luck to all our Year 2 pupils who are moving to Junior School, in September. It is always hard to wave the children off as they have been such a large part of our Canford Heath family for such a long time. We would like to thank them for the joy they have brought to us and wish them luck and happiness always as they begin a new part of their school adventure. We also look forward to welcoming our new Early Years children to our Infant Schools.

This year, I have been especially proud that Canford Heath Infant School achieved the top Ofsted award in its inspection, especially after fifteen years of waiting. I know that our other three schools are now ready and waiting for their imminent Ofsted inspections themselves, which are now due. Whilst we are aiming for an outstanding outcome in all of our schools, the way the current Ofsted Framework works, this will not be possible for AAIS, CHJS and HJS, as their next inspection is an ungraded one due to them all being currently 'Good' schools. This is out of our control and is an Ofsted Framework policy. However, our aim is that each school will show so many aspects of outstanding practice at its next inspection, the Inspectors agree to re-visit the school within the following two years for a graded inspection, which will then allow us to go for the top grade. We will always want to achieve the best for your child - whatever school they attend.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for your commitment to your child's education.

With best wishes for an enjoyable summer holiday. I hope the sun continues to shine for you and your families.

Best wishes,

Kate Carter

Mrs Kate Carter
Chief Executive Officer





Summer message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a year it has been! I have to start by saying an enormous thank you to you, our parents and carers, for your ongoing support and cooperation this year. As usual, the children have been amazing, and I cannot begin to tell you how proud we are of each and every one of them - they really are incredible!



During the last term, the children have been working exceptionally hard and enjoying their exciting topics. I loved visiting Early Years whilst they were observing the little ducklings - they were so excited watching them grow and documenting their observations in their duck diaries. They have also been captivated by their space topic and absolutely loved visiting the space dome. Last week, they were keen to teach me all about Amelia Earheart and what she achieved as a pilot!

Year One had a blast on their Upton Country Park trip and were excited to share information they learnt about plants and habitats. They worked really hard growing their plants ready for their plant sale and were incredible artists creating drawings like Van Gough!

Year Two have been working extremely hard and smashed their Secret Agent Tasks (SATs) - nothing less than we expected! Two classes have been on their Moors Valley trip, and the children had an amazing time - I am sure that it will be a positive lasting memory for them. Leopards and Panthers will enjoy their trip this week - fingers crossed the sun shines for them! I am really looking forward to the Year Two leavers' assembly, taking place tomorrow, even though it will be an emotional one for all. We will miss our lovely Year Two children - it doesn't feel that long ago that they joined us in Reception, but we know that they will have the most fabulous time at the junior school and continue to achieve their very best.

Our fabulous PTA held the annual Summer Fair and what a success it was! They raised a massive £3,730. I would like to thank PATCH for organising and running the fair and to you, our parents and carers, for attending the fair and supporting us with fundraising. I would also like to say a massive thank you to our PTA for all of their hard work this year - they have dedicated hours of their own time supporting our schools, raising large amounts of money that have provided lots of additional opportunities for our children.

Last weekend, Miss Excell celebrated her wonderful wedding and became Mrs Lee. I am sure that you will join me in congratulating the newlyweds! We have two more weddings to celebrate over the summer. Our lovely Miss Smith will be getting married and she will return to school as Mrs Gourlay. Miss Gale, our fantastic EYFS leader, will also be getting married and she will join us in September as Mrs Fleet. I am sure that you will join me in wishing them and their husbands-to-be the very best for their big day! As you already know, Mrs West and Mrs Hardwicke will be leaving to go on maternity leave later in the autumn term. Miss White, who is currently working at Ad Astra Infant School, will be taking over from them. Mrs Adams and Mrs Blake-Mckeown will be returning from their maternity leave and they will join the Year One team at Ad Astra Infant School.

Once again, we thank you for all your support and warm wishes. On behalf of all the staff at Canford Heath Infant School, I wish you and your families a safe and happy summer holiday, and I look forward to welcoming you back in the new academic year.

Best wishes,

Mrs Laurin Palmer
Headteacher





Summer message from Pastoral Care



We want to start by saying that we are both so proud to work in a school that is **OUTSTANDING**. We couldn't have done it without you and all your lovely children, and for that we thank you!



It's been a fantastic year seeing so many of you in school for shows, coffee mornings or helping our children by offering your time.

We would also like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to PATCH! They very generously gave some money to Pastoral, which enabled us to buy story books to loan to parents and other resources.

We have watched the children in Early Years grow in confidence and we wish them well as they move up to Year 1.

To the children in Year 1 moving up to Year 2, we know you will be fantastic role models, especially to our new children starting in Early Years in September.

We are sad to see our wonderful Year 2 children leave us to continue their journeys at Canford Heath Junior School or another school, but excited for them to start a new chapter in their school lives. It has truly been a pleasure to watch them grow into the lovely children that they are today. We wish them the very best of luck and we will miss them all dearly.

As a Trust, we are lucky to work with the charity MYTIME Young Carers who support us with our amazing young carers. This year, all the Pastoral Care Workers attended their summit and, as the young carer champions, we felt privileged to be asked to be part of this. If you feel your child could be a young carer, please do get in touch.

We are here to help. We can support you with parental separation, loss, behaviour and other issues that may affect your child. You can contact us by telephone on 01202 380015 option 3 or by email on pastoralcare@chis.poole.sch.uk.

We wish you and your family a wonderful, relaxing, summer holiday!

Mrs Rachael Lippitt & Mrs Paula Tout
Pastoral Care Worker & ELSA

Early Years

On return to school, after the half term, the children were greeted with the surprise of duck eggs. This kick started our 'Circle of Life' topic. The children spent time learning about the life cycle and how to care for them. They loved making observations and having visits into their classrooms.



The children loved blasting off to space during our visit to the Space Dome, as part of our Fab Finish. We got to experience a spectacular 360 degree view of space and the solar system. We looked at each planet and found out interesting facts. We even got to lie down to look at the stars!



Every week, we leave the classroom behind and head up to Forest School. We have so much fun building dens, roasting marshmallows, creating with natural resources, using tools and so much more. We have learnt lots of new skills, enjoyed nature and have developed a love for the outside.



Year 1

We loved our trip to Upton Country Park last half term.

We learnt about habitats and took part in activities such as stream walking and nature potion making.



We started this half term with a music workshop. We played instruments to tell the story of 'Mortimer'.

We loved performing for the rest of the school in a concert.



We ended our 'Roots Shoots and Muddy Boots' topic with a plant sale. We sold our sunflowers and watercress that we planted and had been looking after and our Van Gogh art.



As part of our 'Superheroes to the Rescue' topic, the children designed and made their own superhero car. At the end of the unit, we had a whole year group car race to see which car was the best...it was a very exciting way to end the term!



Over this last term, the children have lots of fun going to the junior school for transition activities. They took part in art, music, PE and some maths tasks. This was a great way for the children to meet their new teachers too.



To celebrate the end of our Secret Agent Tasks (SATs), the children had a super party involving lots of games and activities. Plus, they received some gorgeous cupcakes.



Our Wellbeing Ambassadors have had a busy year sharing their ideas of how to support the children's wellbeing.

They shared awareness of how good exercise is for our bodies and mind.



The Wellbeing Ambassadors had lots of fun completing 'Random acts of Kindness'.



They shared the importance of talk with their classes and how it can make us feel so much better when we share our worries.





Autumn/Winter School Uniform Reminder



	CHIS	Not Acceptable
Trousers	Grey, black or charcoal tailored school trousers School conventional material full length	No jeans, corduroy, leggings, tight fitting, Lycra or skinny fashion trousers (Please note: some shops do sell 'skinny' trousers as part of their school uniform range, but they are <u>not acceptable</u> for these schools.)
Jumper or school sweatshirt or school cardigan	Purple with school logo	Other sweatshirts Hooded top Fleece Non regulation jumper/cardigan
Skirts	Grey, black or charcoal knee length skirts	Fashion skirts, i.e. pencil or mini skirts Stretchy or mini-skirts Skirts shorter than the knee
Pinafore	Grey, black or charcoal knee length dress	Dress shorter than the knee
Shorts	Black, grey or charcoal tailored shorts or culottes	Fashion shorts / lycra Football shorts
Socks and tights	Plain grey, black or white socks Plain grey, black or white opaque or knitted tights	Fashion tights Coloured or patterned socks or tights Bare feet Tights of less than 50 denier
Shoes	Traditional black and low heeled <u>school</u> shoes Velcro, laces, buckle or slip on only	Trainers (even if black) Hi tops High heels, sling backs or open toed sandals Wedges Boots Logos
Polo shirt	Plain white – no motif	Shirt Coloured polo shirt



Whole School Diary Dates

Autumn Term 2023 1 st September – 20 th October 2023	
Friday 1 st September	INSET Day
Tuesday 5 th September	EYFS small group from each class 8.45 -11.45am
Wednesday 6 th September	EYFS small group from each class 8.45 -11.45am
Thursday 7 th September	EYFS small group from each class 8.45 -11.45am Year 1 Parent/ Carer Information Evening 5:00pm Year 2 Parent/ Carer Information Evening 6:00pm
Friday 8 th September	EYFS in school –small group from each class 8.45 -11.45am Y2 Big Art
Monday 11 th September	EYFS - all children in school 8:30 - 1:15pm
Tuesday 12 th September	EYFS - all children in school 8:30 - 1:15pm EYFS parent/carer information evening 6pm
Wednesday 13 th September	EYFS - all children in school 8:30 - 1:15pm
Thursday 14 th September	EYFS - all children in school 8:30 - 1:15pm Y2 Art Attack Exhibition
Friday 15 th September	EYFS - all children in school 8:35 - 1:15pm
Monday 18 th September	EYFS in full time
Wednesday 20 th September	Parent Volunteer Workshop 2:15pm
Thursday 21 st September	EYFS Phonics Information workshop 6:00pm
Tuesday 26 th September	Y2 local walk
Wednesday 27 th September	Y2 local walk
Tuesday 3 rd October	Fraser Photography individual and in school sibling
Wednesday 4 th October	PATCH AGM at CHJS
Thursday 5 th October	Y1 and 2 Soundstorm music event
Monday 9 th October	Y2 Cockle Trail trip – LP PATCH Discos: EYFS & Y2
Tuesday 10 th	Y2 Cockle Trail trip – LN
Wednesday 11 th October	Y2 Cockle Trail trip – PN PATCH Disco: Y1
Thursday 12 th October	Y2 Cockle Trail trip – TG
Monday 16 th October	EYFS – People who help us visitors in all week
Tuesday 17 th October	Parents evening 3.30 – 6pm
Wednesday 18 th October	Flu immunisations Parents evening 4:30 – 7:30pm
Friday 20 th October	Sponsored Read – Launch Day – Julia Donaldson
Half Term (Monday 24 th October -Friday 28 th October)	



2023-2024 Term Dates



Autumn Term: Friday 1st September 2023 to Friday 15th December 2023

Half Term: Monday 23rd October 2023 - Friday 27th October 2023

Christmas Holiday: Monday 18th December 2023 – Monday 1st January 2024

Spring Term: Tuesday 2nd January 2024 to Thursday 28th March 2024

Half Term: Monday 12th February 2024 – Friday 16th February 2024

Easter Holiday: Friday 29th March 2024 – Friday 12th April 2024

Summer Term: Monday 15th April 2024 to Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Half Term: Monday 27th May 2024 – Friday 31st May 2024

Summer Holiday: Wednesday 24th July 2024

Staff Inset Days:

Friday 1st September 2023

Friday 24th November 2023

Monday 27th November 2023

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Monday 24th June 2024

