

# Parish Post

The Weekly Newsletter, Friday 15th December 2017

## Christmas Performance Donations

It was wonderful to see the children in their Christmas performances this week and it was a joy to watch them all. A huge thank you to all parents for donating to the children's chosen charities and we have now managed to count these and the incredible totals this year are:

- Reception, **Homestart:** £ 338.55
- Key Stage, **Embrace:** £ 608.67
- Key Stage 2, **George's Pledge:** £ 418.84
  
- **Grand total:** £1366.06

## Job Opportunities in School

### Midday Supervisor and/or Senior Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We have 1 - 2 vacancies to join our lunchtime team on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Please look on eteach for more details. Do contact Mrs Bowen, the school business manager at [admin@reigate-parish.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@reigate-parish.surrey.sch.uk) for more details.

### Breakfast Club Vacancy

We have a vacancy to work in our Breakfast Club on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7.30 am – 9.00 am. Please contact Mrs Bowen, the school business manager at [admin@reigate-parish.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@reigate-parish.surrey.sch.uk) for more details.

These are a really good opportunity to join the staff team at Reigate Parish and many MDS and breakfast club staff have then gone on to work as TAs in the classroom.

## Christmas Tree

You will have seen our beautifully decorated Christmas tree in the hall. As there will be no-one to enjoy it over Christmas, we are offering it to anyone who would like to take it home at the end of term. It comes as just the tree itself, without the decorations or stand, and needs to be collected from school. It is available in return for a suitable donation to school funds, to whoever emails the office first.

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### **Reception applications for September 2018**

In an effort to reduce the number of late applications received, Admissions & Transport would like to remind parents that the closing date for Reception applications for September 2018 entry is **15 January 2018**.

### **Christmas Cards**

It is our tradition at Reigate Parish for children only to make one Christmas card for their class and not to give everyone a card. This will help save the trees and so we should be grateful if you could help us with this. Thank you.

### **End-of-Term Church Service**

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December we will be holding our Christmas end-of-term service at St Mary's Church at 2.15 pm. All parents are warmly invited to celebrate Christmas with us for the service on that Wednesday afternoon. During the service the children will be singing and sharing with us parts of their nativity performances and carols. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a school family. If you are not able to attend this service, please collect your child from St Mary's Church at 2.50 pm. Any children going to Tea Club will be walked back to school. All other clubs will have finished by then. Infant children should be collected from school at 3.05 pm and Junior children at 3.20 pm.

### **Bike It: Toyota Dream Car Competition**

Would your child like to get involved in designing an amazing car? Would it recycle old newspaper as its fuel and have zero emissions? Would it do the gardening and pick up litter as it goes along? Would it fly and feed birds or submerge under the sea and pick up all the bits of plastic whilst singing to dolphins? If you are interested then please look at: <https://www.toyota.co.uk/dreamcar.json> for competition details and examples of previous winners.

### **Stamps for Leprosy Mission**

Christmas is coming - and that includes Christmas cards! Please remember to donate your used stamps for the Leprosy Mission. The collection box is in the foyer. The Leprosy Mission sell used stamps as part of their efforts to raise money for their important work. Last year we collected a huge amount of used stamps, and it was really great to be able to send them to the Leprosy Mission and know they were being used to help transform the life of people affected by leprosy. Please contact Karen Best (Emma, Caterpillars, 07817 929155) for any details.

### **Key Stage 2/Year 3 Presentation**

Please come to hear about the "Day in the Life of a Year 3 child" on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.30 – 8.30 pm in one of the Year 3 classrooms, led by the Year 3 teachers Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Saunders and Mrs Andrew. This will be the last of our Year 3/Key Stage 2 presentations.

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### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018: Maths Evening in the Junior Hall**

**Reception and Key Stage1:** 7.00 pm – 7.50 pm

**Key Stage 2:** 8.00 pm – 8.50 pm

Please come along to our Maths Evening event on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January. Each session will begin with a general introduction to how we teach maths at Reigate Parish Church Primary School and will then be followed by a more detailed explanation from each year group. The evening will have a focus on times tables, the four mathematical operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) and reasoning in maths. We have split the sessions into Reception & Key Stage1 at 7.00 pm -7.00 pm and Key Stage 2 at 8.00 pm – 8.50 pm. We hope to see you in our wonderful new junior hall for this event! Mrs Sophie Wantenaar

### **Joining Year 3 at Reigate Parish Church Primary School – September 2018**

To join Year 3 (in September 2018) at Reigate Parish Church Primary School from **another school**, you need to complete the Admissions & Transport "in-year application form for current Year 2", available online. This is the agreed mechanism between the school's Governors and Admissions & Transport for applying for a place for Year 3 in September 2018.

You complete the form, send it to Admissions and Transport who then notify the school that you are on our waiting list. You can inform school letting us know that you are going through this process if you wish. Then after the January 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 deadline, when Admissions and Transport are in the process of allocating the Year 3 places, they will know which families (from different schools) would like a Year 3 place at Reigate Parish.

### **Year 3, September 2018, Reigate Parish Church Primary School**

Because we are a primary school **every year 2 child automatically** has a place in Year 3 at Reigate Parish. You do not need to apply because you already have a place.

### **The Holly Run- Sunday 17th December 2017**

Everyone welcome...come along to cheer on the Reigate Parish Runners as they compete in The Holly Run (for the first time) [on Sunday 17th December](#). The girl's race starts promptly at 10.30am followed soon after with the boy's race at 10.50am. A fast, exciting race, fabulous atmosphere and inspiring event for 8 year olds +. The children have already applied to take part and our places are now allocated. Please gather at the starting line behind the skate park in Priory Park.

### **Planning a party? Wanting a bigger space for that special event?**

You can hire the school's junior or infant hall and outdoor space. Very good competitive rates. Please contact the school business manager, Mrs Lis Bowen, on [admin@reigate-parish.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@reigate-parish.surrey.sch.uk) for more details.

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### Wet play games for Years 3 & 4

As the weather has turned inclement the children are spending bad weather lunchtimes in their classrooms. It would be wonderful if we could have a greater selection of games for the children to play and therefore ask if people would mind donating any games that they no longer need. The children would particularly like chess, draughts, top trumps, Lego, snakes and ladders, Knex, Bingo & Battleships. Thank you in advance.

### YEAR 4 NEWS:

#### "Iron Age": Year 4 Spring 1 topic

Year 4 will be starting a new topic in January - "Sticks, Stones and Iron" which will cover the bronze, stone and iron age. . Over the holiday, please can you have a look around your house or ask any neighbours for any images or information books on this topic? We would also be grateful if you could find any of the following which will help in our role play corner: sticks, feathers, stones (small or medium sized) and string. Thank you in advance, Year 4 team.

### PTA NEWS:

**CHRISTMAS PTA PARTY – TONIGHT 8 pm-12 midnight.** We are looking forward to seeing lots of you tonight! Please note that there is a CASH ONLY bar, and that Christmas jumpers are encouraged!

**CHRISTMAS DVDS –** order forms for this year's Christmas performances must be in by **pick up today**. We cannot extend this deadline if we are to get DVDs back in book bags before the end of term.

### Diary Dates 2017/2018 – new information in red

AUTUMN TERM 2017	
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Holly Run in Priory Park – Years 3 and 4
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30 pm Year 2 walk to St Mary's Church for Christmas service practice
18 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> December	'Cycle to Santa' December Challenge!
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Children's Christmas lunch
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	2.15 pm – 2.50 pm Christmas church service at St Mary's Church. All parents invited to attend. Children not collected from St Mary's will be walked back to school and parents should collect infant children at 3.05 pm and junior children at 3.20 pm.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Muffin day for Christmas parties and activities. Children to wear party clothes. Term ends: 1.15 pm for Key Stage 1 (infants) and 1.30 pm for Key Stage 2 (juniors)

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<b>SPRING TERM 2018</b>	
Wednesday 3rd January	Term starts at 8.55 am
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	7.30 pm Key Stage 2 presentation to Year 2 parents
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Deadline for applications to Reception for 2018 entry
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	PTA meeting
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7.00 pm Reception and Key Stage 1 Maths evening in junior hall</li> <li>• 8.00 pm Key Stage 2 Maths evening in junior hall</li> </ul>
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Years 3 and 4 Gymnastic competition at Donyngs – selected pupils and details to follow
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.00 am Parents' Forum in staffroom</li> <li>• 3.00 pm Cake Sale – Reception</li> <li>• PTA Quiz Night for parents in junior hall – details to follow</li> </ul>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	3.30 pm Years 3 and 4 Cross country practice race in Reigate Priory
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA Valentine Discos – details to follow
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	3.30 Years 3 and 4 Cross country race in Reigate Priory
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Year 2 Multi Skills at St Bede's School for selected children
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	3.00 pm Cake Sale – Year 1
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	INSET day – school closed
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Starsteppers Dance Festival – details to follow
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	3.00 pm Cake Sale – Year 2
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Years 3 and 4 boys' football tournament, Earlswood School
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	3.20 pm Cake Sale – Year 3
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Years 3 and 4 girls' football tournament, Furzefield School
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Term ends: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key Stage 1 at 1.15 pm</li> <li>• Key Stage 2 at 1.30 pm</li> </ul>

### INSET Days 2017/2018:

- **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018**
- **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018**
- **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

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