

# Parish Post

The Weekly Newsletter, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016

## **Crowding at the Pedestrian Crossing**

We are concerned about parents, buggies and children using the footpath by the pedestrian crossing: it seems to be a bottleneck. Please can you make space for the people (parents, children and buggies) who are coming across the road using the pedestrian lights so that they can step onto the pavement after crossing. Thank you.

## **Homework for Years 1, 2 and 3**

### **Helping your child learn at home**

#### **Topic homework**

Your child will be coming home today with their homework book and emailed out to you today is their homework sheet that is linked to their topic and covers the homework needed to be completed each week for this half term. The homework book will need to come in every Tuesday so the teacher can have a look at the homework and the book will come back to you every Thursday.

#### **Maths homework for Year 1, 2 and 3**

We will start in the next 1-2 weeks sending out maths homework using the new online maths syllabus we have invested in called "Abacus". All maths homework for year 1, 2 and 3 will be available online every Thursday from the Abacus website. Children will come home with their logon details so you can access the online homework. One of the many features of deciding to use Abacus is that the homework games and activities are always available for children to use and the homework set for you child links in directly to the learning they are doing in class. The homework activities are differentiated and will reinforce the learning the children have done in class.

Part of the **maths homework for all year groups** is asking for parents' support in helping their child learn their times tables. Please read the homework policy for more information and help.

#### **Read Write Inc Phonic words and "Red" words for the whole school**

Today in your child's homework book you will see a list of the sounds and "red" words your child will be learning in the upcoming weeks in this half term. "Red" words are words that cannot be spelt phonetically, eg. the, go, friend and the children have memorise them by sight for reading and writing them.

#### **The "Marvellous Me" app for the whole school**

Marvellous Me was launched last year and over the next 1-2 weeks we will be inviting new parents to sign up. Marvellous Me is a simple app that engages parents by telling them wonderful news about their child's learning and positive behaviours. It's super-fast, fun to use in class and works on tablets, desktops, smart phones and interactive whiteboards.

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### **Homework Policy for the whole school**

Our updated homework policy is attached to the email with your child's homework, which has been sent out today. Reception will not be receiving homework at this stage. Teachers have worked hard to provide the level of information parents need ensure parents know the expectations and frequency about homework. The policy will go onto our school website shortly.

### **School Assessment Book for Year 1, 2, 3 and Reception.**

Again this year, school has written, updated and had published its own assessment book for every year group. This book sets out the national curriculum expectations for each year group in reading, writing and maths. Please use this to help you support your child at home. This year we are going to have printed a copy for the Reception parents and that will be coming home in the next 1-2 weeks. The assessment book for Years 1, 2, and 3 will be published on our website for parents to access and use. Again, this will be happening in the next 1-2 weeks. A note in the Parish Post will tell you when the assessment books have become available.

### **Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church, Reigate**

On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October we will be joining the congregation at St Mary's Church for their Harvest Festival service at 10.30 am. We would encourage as many school families as possible to attend this wonderful service.

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, Year 3 will be leading our whole school Harvest assembly in school. This year we are inviting children to bring in non-perishable items that will be donated, with the items from St Mary's Church, to the Women's Refuge, the Winter Night Shelter, the Easter Project, Welcare and Samara's Aid for refugees to please give generously to these very worthwhile projects. Thank you.

### **Data Sheets**

Thank you to all the parents who have returned their child's data collection sheet. **Please can you make sure that you complete the section for Nationality and Country of Birth at the bottom of the form.** Also, please ignore the section entitled 'Agreed Parental Consent'. At present we use a different system for collecting this information.

### **Colouring Club**

The Colouring Club are requesting donations of colouring books, pens, pencils etc from parents. They don't have to be new, or bought specially, but it is highly likely that many parents have half used colouring books, and boxes of mismatched pens that they may be happy to donate. If you do and are happy to donate then please hand them into the office marked for the attention of the colouring club.

### **Houses**

Look out for the names of the new houses coming soon in September.

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### **Year 3 Presentations**

Mrs Davis and Mrs Kennedy are continuing to hold Year 3 evening presentations to showcase and explain the learning and experiences our children have in Year 3. These will be for parents interested in Year 3 for September 2017. These were popular and enjoyable last year.

The dates will be:

- 7.30 pm Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016
- 7.30 pm Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016
- 7.30 pm Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017

### **Let's Pray Together**

The school's prayer group, made up from parents, governors and Mrs Davis, will meet at 9.00 am to pray about the school, families and our community. The dates, all on Tuesday at 9.00 am for this term are below - do please join us on:

- 27<sup>th</sup> September
- 18<sup>th</sup> October
- 22<sup>nd</sup> November
- 20<sup>th</sup> December

### **Spelling Day – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

You have been recently notified of a spelling day at school on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September organised for all the children.

### **The focus is our RED WORDS from READ Write Inc!**

There has been a slight **change in the times** for you to attend your child's whole year presentation. It will be extremely useful so you can pick up some handy and innovative tips and tricks which you'll be able to implement at home.

Please see the amended timetable below :

#### **Timings:**

- **9.00 - 9.15** Assembly for all
- **9.20 - 9.40** Reception in hall
- **9.45 - 10.30** Year 1 in hall
- **10.40 - 11.40** Year 2 in hall
- **1.15 - 1.40** Year 2
- **1.45 - 2.40** Year 3 in hall
- **2.40 - 3.10** Year 3
- **3.15 - 3.45** Parents presentation for those that can't make their child's workshop during the day (children of all ages are welcome)

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### **RECEPTION NEWS:**

#### **Walking to Class in the Morning**

Mrs Davis would like the reception children to try and walk down by themselves from next Monday to their classroom. Obviously if they need a parent then they can be accompanied.

#### **Photograph**

Please can the Reception children bring in a family photo next week? This is part of our topic about 'Ourselves'. Thank you.

#### **Headteacher's Holiday Challenge**

Please hand in the Headteacher's Summer Holiday Challenge work into your class teacher by 30<sup>th</sup> September for Reception children. All children who took part will receive a certificate.

### **YEAR 2 NEWS:**

#### **How to get a place in Year 3**

We should like to remind our Year 2 parents that if you want a Year 3 place and stay with us, you do not need to do anything. All our Year 2 parents automatically have a Year 3 place because we are now a primary school.

At the Year 3 presentation evenings Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Davis will explain to other interested parents how they could get a place.

### **YEAR 3 NEWS:**

#### **Harvest Assembly**

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016 at 9.00 am Year 3 parents are invited to join us for our Harvest assembly which, this year, is being led by our Year 3 children. The assembly will last for approximately 20 minutes.

### **WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS:**

#### **Curriculum Evenings**

We had a wonderful turn out of parents to the curriculum evenings last night where they found out about the learning in the year groups.

#### **Cumulative Half Marathon**

Well done to all our children who took part in Run Reigate last weekend and it was lovely to see all their medals at our Celebration Assembly today.

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## **PTA NEWS:**

### **MacMillan Coffee Event**

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September we will be holding a coffee event to support MacMillan for their 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning'. It will be held between 2.00 pm and 3.00 pm in the school hall. We are asking parents to make a cake to support us and please can you deliver these to school at drop off on Friday morning. Do please come along and support this wonderful cause before you collect your child at the end of the day.

### **PTA Committee changes**

At the next PTA AGM on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00 pm, we will be looking for a brand new committee to take over the PTA.

We are looking for:

- PTA Chair or co-chairs
- Secretary
- Treasurer

The PTA committee has the important job raising funds and helping make decisions, along with the head teacher, about how to spend these extra funds on the lovely extras that our children get to benefit from that is not normally within the school budget. If you think you might be interested in taking on one of these roles, please see me, or another committee member for more information.

Over the years we've had exceptional support from parents and raised substantial amounts of money for the PTA, and would love a new team to continue our success. Please speak to Sarah Hyde at [sjbamh@aol.com](mailto:sjbamh@aol.com)

### **Event Teams Needed for Fireworks and Christmas Fair**

We are also looking for a Fireworks Team and a Christmas Fair team to run both events this year. These both raise huge amounts of money for the school, and are fabulous and fun events for the family. Please get in touch if you, or a group of you, can help.

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**Diary Dates 2015/2016 – new information in red**

<b>AUTUMN TERM 2016</b>	
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	7.30 pm Read, Write Inc phonics event
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.00 am Prayer Group</li> <li>• 8.00 pm PTA AGM at school</li> </ul>
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Headteacher's Summer Holiday Challenge to be handed to your child's class teacher for Reception</li> <li>• 2.00 pm PTA MacMillan coffee event in school hall</li> </ul>
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	10.30 am Harvest Festival service at St Mary's Church
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.00 am Year 3 children leading Harvest assembly and Year 3 parents invited to attend</li> <li>• Parents' evening sign-up sheets available outside the school reception for parents to book slot</li> </ul>
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET day – school closed
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 1 World War 1 day</li> <li>• 7.30 pm Year 3 presentation for parents interested in Year 3 in September 2017</li> </ul>
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.00 am Prayer Group</li> <li>• 2.30 pm Parents' Forum – all parents invited to attend to talk to Mrs Davis about general school issues</li> <li>• 4.30 pm – 8.00 pm Parents' evening</li> </ul>
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	3.30 pm – 6.30 pm Parents' evening
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Half term. PLEASE NOTE THAT HALF TERM IS FOR THE WHOLE WEEK AND <b>NOT</b> , AS STATED IN THE CURRICULUM LETTERS, FROM 26 <sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Flu vaccinations by school nursing team given to Years 1, 2 and 3 – details to follow
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	7.30 pm Year 3 presentation for parents interested in Year 3 in September 2017
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	9.00 am Prayer Group
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00 am Parents' Forum – all parents invited to attend to talk to Mrs Davis about general school issues
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas production week – details to follow
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 to Sparkfish Christmas Journey at Reigate Park Church – details to follow
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	7.30 pm Year 3 Carol Concert in school – details to follow
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30 pm Parents' Forum – all parents invited to attend to talk to Mrs Davis about general school issues

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Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.00 am Prayer Group</li> <li>• 2.15 pm end-of-term Christmas service at St Mary's Church – details to follow</li> </ul>
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Term ends at 1.30 pm
<b>SPRING TERM 2017</b>	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	7.30 pm Year 3 presentation for parents interested in Year 3 in September 2017
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	7.30 pm Maths event

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INSET Days for 2016/2017:

- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017

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