

Parish Post

The Weekly Newsletter, Friday 30th September 2016

Coats

It's time to pack away the summer dresses! Children can move over to the winter school uniform, although if boys want to wear shorts, they can. Also, as the weather is changing, it is really important that all children bring their coat to school every day from now on. Thank you.

School Uniform

SWOTS in Reigate now has a new supply of PE Drawstring bags (better quality than the original bag), if any parents would like to return their PE Bags to the shop they will swap them for the new bags.

Harvest Festival Service at St Mary's Church Sunday 2nd October

Children and families are invited to come along to St Mary's Harvest Service on Sunday 2nd October at 10.30am. The church will be singing "Our God is a great big God" and if any children would like to come and help lead that and do the actions again they would be very welcome. **Please can children wear a school jumper over their home clothes.** St Mary's will be gathering gifts (of non-perishable items) during the service and if families feel able to contribute then they will be gratefully received.

On Monday 3rd 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.

Bike It Competitions

1. Back to School Challenge, week of 19th – 23rd September

We have 229 children on roll at Reigate Parish and last week we had an impressive 344 journeys to school by children either scooting or cycling. Thank you everyone for your support. We have submitted our data and will hear soon if we have won the prize of £150 to spend on cycling and PE equipment. We will let you know.

2. Road Safety Poster Competition, deadline Tuesday 4th October.

Attached to the Parish Post this week is another competition that your child may want to enter. They need to draw an eye catching poster to remind drivers to be careful on the road. The prize for the 12 winning entries are a large-scale banner featuring the winning designed printed for display outside the school and other exciting prizes for the school and individual.

Reigate Parish Church Primary School

Blackborough Road, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 7DB

Tel: 01737 244476 Email: info@reigate-parish.surrey.sch.uk

The Bike It crew are excited about this next competition and have again talked to their class about what they have to do to take part and try and win. Please **hand your entries to the office by Tuesday 4th October** so we can send them all off on Wednesday 5th October.

Crowding at the Pedestrian Crossing

Please can parents "park" their buggies away from the entrance to the covered walk-way as they can block children walking down to their class and obscure parents waving goodbye to their child. Thank you.

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.

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

The launch of house names will be on Friday 7th October.

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 13th October 2016
- 7.30 pm Thursday 17th November 2016
- 7.30 pm Thursday 5th 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:

- 18th October
- 22nd November
- 20th December

Reigate Parish Church Primary School

Blackborough Road, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 7DB
Tel: 01737 244476 Email: info@reigate-parish.surrey.sch.uk

Spelling Day – 28th September 2016

On Wednesday 28th September we had a fantastic day with Sir Link-a-lot learning about linking ideas to help us remember our Red Word spellings from the Read Write Inc programme. The children were given a taster of how they can link ideas to remember words that do not follow a straightforward phonetical pattern. Teachers were given many exciting strategies to continue linking in class and parents were able to take away ideas to help their child at home. We are really looking forward to seeing the children put their new ideas into practise.

RECEPTION NEWS:

Walking to Class in the Morning

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

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 3rd 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.

Year 3 Cake Sale

Next Friday 7th October, the Year 3 class reps are arranging a cake sale after school in the playground. They will be selling cakes to the KS1 first of all at 3.05pm and then to Year 3 at 3.20pm.

Year 3 – wet play games

Now that the weather is turning colder and wetter we will probably have more lunchtime wet play sessions inside. To make this time more enjoyable for the children we are asking parents if they are able to donate suitable toys or games for this age group. If you have things to donate please drop them into the school office or send it in to class with your child. Thank you.

Year 3 Craft Club

As you know in this half term we have included Year 3 in the Wednesday Craft Club. As Year 3 finish school later, I feel it would be better to have a Craft club especially for them, which I am anticipating would run on Tuesday 3.20 pm - 4.20 pm.

To make this viable, I would have to have at least eight Year 3 children. If you are a Year 3 parent who would be interested in this after half term, please email me on lesleywileman@yahoo.com. I will let you know the outcome via Parish Post.
Lesley Wileman

Reigate Parish Church Primary School

Blackborough Road, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 7DB
Tel: 01737 244476 Email: info@reigate-parish.surrey.sch.uk

GOVERNORS' NEWS:

This year in the Parish Post you will be able to read more about the valuable role the Governing Body plays in the life of Reigate Parish and in the learning of the children.

The Governors had their first Full Governing Body meeting on Monday 26th September. They started the meeting with a tour of the new Year 3 classrooms and were pleased to hear how well the children are settling in.

The Governors were informed of the Teaching and Learning targets on the School Development Plan and approved the plan for this academic year. They spent some time reviewing the skills the Governing Body has and considered the training needed to ensure they can govern the school effectively. They are looking forward to in-school training in November from Jonathon Gambier, a consultant from Babcock who is Reigate Parish's School Improvement and Inclusion Partner.

This first Full Governing Body meeting of the year also has many business items, such as ensuring all the committees and responsibilities are covered.

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS: NONE THIS WEEK

PTA NEWS:

We are very pleased to announce that we will be holding our annual PTA Family friendly fireworks event on Saturday 5th November.

It is a great event for the whole family with a full fireworks display, bangers in buns, mulled wine, glow toys and so much more (not forgetting a quiet room for those with more sensitive ears too).

Please do put it in the diary now as it is a popular event and a great start to the school fundraising year.

Look out for more information in the coming weeks.

PTA Committee changes

Following on from the letter from Mrs Davis about securing volunteers for the TA positions of chair/co-chair, treasurer or secretary, if you are able to help, please contact Lea Hamaker or Sarah Hyde on:

- leahamaker@yahoo.co.uk or
- 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.

Reigate Parish Church Primary School

Blackborough Road, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 7DB

Tel: 01737 244476 Email: info@reigate-parish.surrey.sch.uk

Diary Dates 2015/2016 – new information in red

AUTUMN TERM 2016	
Sunday 2 nd October	10.30 am Harvest Festival service at St Mary's Church
Monday 3 rd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.00 am Year 3 children leading Harvest assembly and Year 3 parents invited to attend • Parents' evening sign-up sheets available outside the school reception for parents to book slot
Week beginning 3rd October	Nasal flu vaccination leaflets and consent forms sent out to parents
Tuesday 4th October	Deadline for Road Safety Competition entries
Friday 7th October	Year 3 children selling cakes after school
Monday 10 th October	INSET day – school closed
Thursday 13 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1 World War 1 day • 7.30 pm Year 3 presentation for parents interested in Year 3 in September 2017
Tuesday 18 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.00 am Prayer Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.30 pm Parents' Forum – all parents invited to attend to talk to Mrs Davis about general school issues • 4.30 pm – 8.00 pm Parents' evening
Thursday 20 th October	3.30 pm – 6.30 pm Parents' evening
Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th October	Half term. PLEASE NOTE THAT HALF TERM IS FOR THE WHOLE WEEK AND NOT , AS STATED IN THE CURRICULUM LETTERS, FROM 26 TH OCTOBER
Tuesday 1 st November	Flu vaccinations by school nursing team given to Years 1, 2 and 3
Saturday 5th November	PTA Fireworks – details to follow
Thursday 17 th November	7.30 pm Year 3 presentation for parents interested in Year 3 in September 2017
Tuesday 22 nd November	9.00 am Prayer Group
Thursday 24 th November	9.00 am Parents' Forum – all parents invited to attend to talk to Mrs Davis about general school issues
Monday 5 th – Friday 9 th December	Christmas production week – details to follow
Tuesday 6 th December	Year 2 to Sparkfish Christmas Journey at Reigate Park Church – details to follow
Thursday 8 th December	7.30 pm Year 3 Carol Concert in school – details to follow
Monday 12 th December	2.30 pm Parents' Forum – all parents invited to attend to talk to Mrs Davis about general school issues
Tuesday 20 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.00 am Prayer Group • 2.15 pm end-of-term Christmas service at St Mary's Church – details to follow

Reigate Parish Church Primary School

Blackborough Road, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 7DB

Tel: 01737 244476 Email: info@reigate-parish.surrey.sch.uk

Wednesday 21 st December	Term ends at 1.30 pm
SPRING TERM 2017	
Thursday 5 th January 2017	7.30 pm Year 3 presentation for parents interested in Year 3 in September 2017
Tuesday 17th January	8.00 pm PTA meeting at school
Thursday 19 th January 2017	7.30 pm Maths event

PTA email: pta@reigate-parish.surrey.sch.uk

School website: www.reigate-parish.org

INSET Days for 2016/2017:

- Monday 10th October 2016
- Monday 6th March 2017
- Thursday 29th and Friday 30th June 2017

Reigate Parish Church Primary School

Blackborough Road, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 7DB
Tel: 01737 244476 Email: info@reigate-parish.surrey.sch.uk