

Parish Post

The Weekly Newsletter, Friday 14th October 2016

Dangerous road incident

A local road user has informed us of two very dangerous incidents that occurred outside school this week. On one occasion an adult, in a car parked in the road opposite the school, opened the door onto the traffic causing another car to swerve to avoid a collision. Today a similar situation occurred but this time a child opened the car door onto the moving traffic. Obviously both of these incidents could have resulted in damage to property but more seriously children should not be allowed to exit cars onto the road.

There is no need for people to park so close to the school. By parking slightly away from school you not only benefit from more considerate parking but a short, healthy walk safely on the footpath.

Car Park

We have noticed that parents are driving into the school car park, especially during drop-off in the mornings. Please can we remind you that the car park is for use by staff and visitors only so please leave enough time in the morning to park elsewhere and walk onto the school site. Please can you make sure that anyone who brings your child to and from school is given this information. Thank you.

Pedestrian Crossing Outside School

We have had a report of one car driver being very impatient with our families crossing at the pedestrian crossing. This is very worrying and potentially very dangerous. School has received a very useful suggestion from a parent – that families walking up on the school side of Blackborough Road pass behind the fence and into the wooded area and that families walking in front of the fence is used for those using the crossing thereby meaning they have smooth access onto the pavement. If parents can do this, then it could ease the congestion around the pedestrian crossing.

There are plans within the school expansion project for the footpath by the traffic lights and leading up to school to be widened. It will be constructed towards the end of the construction project.

Cycle Hoops

For your information, the cycle hoops at the front of the school building will be bolted to the ground next week to make them secure.

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Unused Dressing-Up Clothes

We have had a request for any unused dressing up clothes (fiction or non-fiction) for lunch-time play.

Many of the children, big and small, love to dress up and play make believe games and what a great way to spend the lunch hour escaping into a land of imagination and role play. If you have anything we could use, please bring to the school office. Thank you.

Online School Uniform Supplier

Our online school uniform supplier is now ready to take orders. Please visit their website to see the range of uniform on offer at competitive prices.

<http://www.schoolwearforless.com/uniform/ReigateParishChurchPrimarySchoolRH27DB>

Houses

Please read the letter from Mrs Davis announcing the five house names.

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 17th November 2016
- 7.30 pm Thursday 5th January 2017

We held our first Year 3 presentation last night and spoke to 23 parents from our school and other local schools who are interested in Year 3. We have been asked to hold a Year 3 evening where we can talk in more detail about the curriculum. A date will be confirmed and published in the Parish Post next Friday.

Weekly Update on the Construction of the New Junior Block

As we did when we had the MUGA being built, weekly in the Parish Post there will be an update on the construction of the junior block. We will also, like we did with the construction of the MUGA have photos of the changes to our site put onto our website.

This week we had the contractors taking down our bike and scooter shelter because this area will be used in the short term for the office/canteen/welfare rooms for the people working on the site. This will be fenced off so only they can access it. In time this will be moved to where our Hill is but not until after the PTA fireworks event on Saturday 5th November.

School has found an alternative place on site for bicycles and scooters to be kept. The train was moved to its new location meaning that during this construction phase, children can still enjoy playing on it. Children are not allowed to climb onto the roof.

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Fencing will be put up in the wooded area but there is no change to the size of our playground until after half term.

After half term, on 31st October we will see more changes to our playground:

- We will no longer have our Hill
- The playground space will be slightly reduced and fencing gone up, hence why the train, playshed, PE shed and basketball net are being moved
- The two oak trees will be felled.

Weekly the site foreman and the Surrey project manager will meet with school so we have clear communications so that the build project runs smoothly.

RECEPTION NEWS: NONE THIS WEEK

YEAR 2 NEWS:

Year 2 Design Technology Day

On Thursday 20th October Year 2 will be having their first DT Making Day of the year! The children have been learning all about the seaside, including finding the human and physical features you may find along the coast. To link with this and our literacy work on 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch', the children will be making their very own lighthouses. These will include pulleys so that the Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch can be lifted up safely! To make these the children will require a long Pringles tube (or something similar) to create the lighthouse – so any donations of these are very welcome. Thanks in advance, Mrs Wantenaar and Mr Hayden'

How to get a place in Year 3

Parents are reminded that Reigate Parish has no Year 3 intake and as such parents whose children are due to leave an infant school in July 2017 will be unable to name Reigate Parish on their Year 3 application form. Whilst some children may leave Reigate Parish at the end of Year 2, we will not know how many until the Year 3 allocation has been run at the beginning of March 2017. At that time, if we anticipate that we will have vacancies at the start of Year 3, we may offer those places to children who are on the Year 2 waiting list and then to those who otherwise are without an offer of a Year 3 place. In order for a child's name to be added to the Year 2 waiting list, parents must submit an in-year application form to the school.

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.

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YEAR 3 NEWS:

Ufton Court Soirée

There will be a school journey soirée on **Thursday 17th November at 6:30pm in Dolphins Classroom**. This is for parents and the children to come and share their memories and we will have lots of photos. Children to bring a cuddly toy.

Year 3 Craft Club

Year 3 Craft club will be on WEDNESDAY after half term and run alongside the existing club! Year 3 will run from 3.20 to 4.20 and will have age-appropriate crafts! Lesley Wileman

GOVERNORS' NEWS:

Children, Standards and Learning Committee meeting report

The Children, Standard and Learning Committee met on the 5th October to review and discuss the children's attainment and progress over the last academic year, 2015-2016. Governors were pleased to see that the children at Reigate Parish continue to achieve very well, because of the extensive support and high quality teaching and that school data compared to Surrey data shows how well our children have done. The Committee talked about the data trends from last year feeding into the school development plan priorities for this academic year. Governors also looked at attendance and behaviour monitoring, they were given a safeguarding report and discussed the skills as governors they have and the ones they need to further develop.

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS: NONE THIS WEEK

PTA NEWS:

Reigate Parish Firework Spectacular!

5.30pm, Saturday 5th November

Fireworks - Music - Hotdogs - Glow toys - Mulled wine/Beer/Soft drinks - Crisps/Cakes - Quiet Room

By now you should have received a ticket and food order form for this fantastic family event in your child's book bag. Thank you to everyone who has ordered tickets so far - tickets will be returned in book bags after half term. This year **tickets are only available to purchase in advance** and will **not** be sold on the gate as in previous years. There are a limited number of tickets available so do not delay in returning your forms as tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Babies under 12 months are not required to have a ticket. Tickets are also open to the public, (enter 'Public' where child's name is requested on the form). Public tickets will be available for collection from the school office from Tuesday 1st November.

Hotdogs are cheaper if paid for in advance so remember to include your food order when ordering tickets and to guarantee availability. Additional order forms are available from the school office.

Your class reps will be contacting you with requests to help at the event, if they have not done so already. Volunteers are crucial in helping the event run smoothly so any help you or a family member can give will be greatly appreciated.

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So far no volunteers have come forward to join The Firework Display Team. They need help before and during the event to set up the display and lighting. No experience is needed just a willingness to help. Colin who has lead the team for many years and knows the event incredibly well would love to hear from any helpers. Please email colinbest@hotmail.com if you or a friend/family member can help.

We have been granted use of the MUGA pitch this year which will give a great view of the fireworks. To ensure no damage is caused the following restrictions for access onto the pitch will be in place;

No heels (including low heeled boots), no food or drink and no buggies will be allowed onto the pitch.

If you have any questions, please email us on: parishfireworks@gmail.com

Gemma O'Gara (Stan – Dragonflies), Nicky Judge (Daniel – Dragonflies),
Caroline Wheatley (Sophia – Dragonflies), Colin Best (Emma - Butterflies)

Shopping Evening- Save the Date!

After such a successful evening last year, we are running this event again, on **Wed 16th November, 8-10pm.**

Once again, we will be very particular with the limited stalls we choose to have at the event, so that a wide range of lovely products and presents can be bought in the run up to Christmas. Watch this space for details about how you can prebook your tickets for the evening.

Christmas Tea Towels

Back by popular demand!!! Self-portrait tea towels will once again be available to buy in the run up to Christmas. Children will be asked to draw themselves and their teachers & staff very soon. More details and order forms to follow.

Cauliflower Christmas Cards

Children will be given the opportunity to design their own personalised Christmas card with Cauliflower Cards. Look out for the forms in book bags next week.

PTA Committee changes

The PTA has now managed to fill the positions of chair/co chair and treasurer but is still looking for a secretary. If you are able to help with this role, please contact Lea Hamaker or Sarah Hyde on:

- leahamaker@yahoo.co.uk or
- sjbamh@aol.com

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Diary Dates 2015/2016 – new information in red

AUTUMN TERM 2016	
Tuesday 18 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.00 am Prayer Group • 4.30 pm – 8.00 pm Parents' evening
Wednesday 19 th October	2.30 pm Parents' Forum – all parents invited to attend to talk to Mrs Davis about general school issues. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE
Thursday 20 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 2 Design Technology (DT) Day • 3.30 pm – 6.30 pm Parents' evening
Week beginning Monday 17 th October	Christmas production ticket letter going out to parents with preference dates to return immediately after half term
Friday 21st October	PTA Fireworks -ticket order forms to be returned by today
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 5 th November	PTA Fireworks – details to follow
Wednesday 9th, Thursday 10th and Friday 11th November	Year 3 journey to Ufton Court
Tuesday 15th November	Reception classes visit St Mary's Church
Wednesday 16th November	8.00 pm – 10.00 pm PTA Shopping Evening
Thursday 17 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6.30 pm Ufton Court Soirée for Year 3 parents • 7.30 pm Year 3 presentation for parents interested in Year 3 in September 2017
Friday 18th November	Child in Need: children come to school in uniform plus a spotty item for a £1 donation
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
Thursday 1 st December	Christmas making day – details to follow
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	7.00 pm Year 3 Carol Concert in school. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME
Monday 12 th 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 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
Wednesday 21 st December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children come to school in party clothes • 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 17 th 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 6th March 2017
- Thursday 29th and Friday 30th June 2017

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