

Parish Post

The Weekly Newsletter, Friday 21st October 2016

Assessment Booklets

Our newly updated assessment booklets for 2016 - 2017 for Reception to Year 3 are now on the school's website under Classes/Assessment.

Naming All Items for School

REMINDER: please can you make sure that **ALL** items your child brings to school, including lunch and snack boxes plus scooters are named. If they do not have your child's name on them, it is possible that they will not get back to you. Thank you.

Children in Need Day

On Friday 18th November we will again be supporting Children in Need. Please can your child come to school wearing their uniform but also with one spotty item. Please can they also bring in a £1 donation to support Children in Need. Thank you.

After school from Monday 14th November Year 2 will be selling the Children in Need wrist bands for £1. Please bring your £1 after school to buy your wrist band. We will only have 100 to sell, so be quick to buy yours!

Operation Christmas Child

This week we had an assembly about Operation Christmas Child and your child has brought home a leaflet about this wonderful charity. We hope that many of you will take part by putting together a shoe box full of toys and other items to be sent to children who otherwise will not get any presents at Christmas. The boxes will be collected on Friday 18th November so please bring in your box any time after half term. Thank you,

Christmas Making Day

Thursday 1st December will see the school having its annual Christmas Making Day. This is when every class will be making Christmas decorations to put up around the school. Again we are looking for parent helpers for this fun, busy day. There will be rotas to sign on each classroom door so please look out for them.

Dangerous road incident

A local road user has informed us of two very dangerous incidents that occurred outside school last 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. Another 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.

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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.

Weekly update on Junior Block

The construction team has been busy this week clearing the wooded area and this will continue over half term and into the week of 31st October. Once all the trees and bushes have been felled then the ground will be levelled before commencing the ground works.

A proportion of the wood from the oak tree will be kept on site for environmental, play and educational purposes.

Sunninghill is the name of the company who are building the junior block and they are very experienced at working in schools on different build projects.

The school has clear communication channels and weekly meetings with the construction foreman from Sunninghill and with the Surrey Project Manager so the education of the children during the building has minimal disruption and the building project can run smoothly.

During half term, changes will be made to the school road and school gates but for parents and children walking to school there is no change to our normal pedestrian access because there are no changes to the footpath or pedestrian gate.

The changes that are going to happen:

- The school road is going to be widened to its right and so there will be a new gate.
- There will be a new pedestrian gate to the right hand side of the road.
- Because the road is wider the current left hand gate will remain in what is the "locked" position. There will be red and white barriers put out so drivers are aware that the curvature of the school road has changed.

When the project is complete the road and gates will return to how they are presently.

So after half term, when we return to school on 31st October:

- 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.
- The road will be moved to the right but pedestrian access remains as it is now.

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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.

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>

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

RECEPTION NEWS:

Reception Photographs in Surrey Mirror

The Reception class photos have been published in this week's Surrey Mirror. Do have a look and if you would like to buy a copy, please call them on 0844 4060389 or visit their website at surreymirror.co.uk@buyaphoto. Ladybirds class is picture 1 and Butterflies class is picture 2.

YEAR 1 NEWS:

Visit to Priory Park

On Tuesday 8th November Year 1 will be walking to Priory Park for. If you are able to help with this trip, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Year 1 Design Technology Day

Year 1 will be having a design technology (DT) day on Wednesday 16th November where they will be creating a textured picture. If you are able to help the classes on that day please speak to your child's teacher.

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YEAR 2 NEWS:

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.

New Year 3 presentation date

We are adding Thursday 1st December as a pure curriculum-focused evening for our current Year 2 parents, so we won't be taking questions about admissions but instead will hear from teachers, parents and children about Year 3. It starts at 7.30pm in the Year 3 classrooms.

YEAR 3 NEWS:

- Homework- prepare for Ufton Court, label and check wellies etc fit!
- Please check pencil cases- lots of children need new glue sticks etc.
- Please remember they need in their pencil cases: writing pencils, ruler, glue stick, coloured pencils and a rubber.
- Please can you also check your child's uniform, they need all uniform labelled. We have had lots of jumpers and cardigans still with no names.

GOVERNORS' NEWS: Read next week about the first Resources meeting

PTA NEWS:

Reigate Parish Church Primary School Fireworks Spectacular 5.30pm Saturday 5th November

With a small amount of tickets remaining the **entry ticket deadline has been extended to Monday 31st October**. Hot Dogs can no longer be pre-ordered but there will be some available to buy on the night. Please remember **this is an Advance Ticket only event**, tickets will not be sold on the gate.

Additional order forms are available here: <http://reigate-parish.org.uk/pta/firework-spectacular/>. Return completed forms to the school. These can be posted in the blue post box marked 'School' outside the school gates during half term. Tickets will be issued via book bags w/c 31st October or if you are booking a public ticket they will be available for collection from the school office from Tuesday 1st November.

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Thank you to everyone who has volunteered so far. This is a short event but we do need lots of volunteers so please sign up with your class rep if you or a family member/friend can help. We also need a couple more volunteers to join the Firework Display Team, to help either before or during the event (or both) to set up the display and lighting. No experience is needed just a willingness to help. Please email colinbest@hotmail.com for details.

This is one of the biggest fundraisers the PTA run and raises lots of money. We cannot deliver a great event without all the help and support of parents and carers. Your help is greatly appreciated.

On the night the gates will open at 5.30pm and fireworks will start at 6.30pm. There is a quiet room, hot dogs, cakes, mulled wine and glow toys. There will be glow in the dark face painting too! Stalls will close at 6.30pm to allow everyone to enjoy the display.

For enquiries email: 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 **Wednesday 16th November, 8.00 pm -10.00 pm.**

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 pre-book 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

The forms for these have been sent out in book bags this week.

Please return your child's colourful creations to the box in the foyer (on the floor under the white box!) by **Monday 7th Nov**, so that we have time to send them off and get them back to you before December!

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Christmas Fair - Save The Date - Saturday 10th December 2016

We now have Christmas Fair team! Hooray!!

We have set our date as **Saturday 10th December** so please put it in your diaries (time tbc)!

We will be getting into the Christmas spirit after half term and will soon be requesting your kinds donations and support that always make our Christmas Fair a huge success.

Can we also ask that people have a think over half term about any connections that may help us with our raffle and auction prizes this year.

Please contact me, (Sarah Hyde - sjbamh@aol.com), or your class rep, who will contact the Christmas Fair team. Wishing you all a restful half term!

From The PTA

PTA Committee changes

The new co-chairs of the PTA are Claire Shaw and Charlotte Weston with Chantal Agius and Colette Christiansen as co-treasurers. They are still looking for a secretary. If you are able to help with this role, please contact Claire, Charlotte, Chantal or Colette via the school office. Thank you.

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Diary Dates 2015/2016 – new information in red

AUTUMN TERM 2016	
Week beginning Monday 17 th October	Christmas production ticket letter going out to parents with preference dates to return immediately after half term
Friday 21 st October	PTA Fireworks - ticket order forms to be returned by Monday 31 st October
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
Friday 4 th November	Deadline for Christmas Nativity ticket orders – Reception, Year1 and Year 2
Saturday 5 th November	PTA Fireworks
Monday 7 th November	Cauliflower Cards deadline
Tuesday 8 th November	Year 1 visit to Priory Park – parent helpers needed
Wednesday 9 th , Thursday 10 th and Friday 11 th November	Year 3 Journey to Ufton Court
Monday 14 th November	Year 2 selling Children in Need wrist bands after school
Tuesday 15 th November	Reception classes visit St Mary's Church
Wednesday 16 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1 Design Technology Day • 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: children to bring cuddly toy • 7.30 pm Year 3 presentation for parents interested in Year 3 in September 2017
Friday 18 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child in Need: children come to school in uniform plus a spotty item for a £1 donation • Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes being collected
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 – please sign up to help on the rota on your child's classroom door <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7.30 pm Year 3 curriculum-focused presentation for current Year 2 parents in Year 3 classrooms
Monday 5 th – Friday 9 th December	Christmas production week
Tuesday 6 th December	Year 2 to Sparkfish Christmas Journey at Reigate Park

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	Church – details to follow
Thursday 8 th December	7.00 pm Year 3 Carol Concert in school. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME
Saturday 10 th December	PTA Christmas Fair
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
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

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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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