

Parish Post

The Weekly Newsletter, Friday 11th November 2016

Christmas Productions

Thank you to everyone who has returned their ticket requests by the deadline. If you have not yet submitted your ticket request, please contact the school office on Monday 14th November. We are now starting the process of allocating the tickets and anticipate being able to confirm requests next week.

Stamps for Leprosy Mission

We will be collecting stamps for The Leprosy Mission through school. The Leprosy Mission is an international Christian development organisation that diagnoses, treats and offers specialist care, including reconstructive surgery, to leprosy patients. The World Health Organisation figures reveal there are more than 200,000 new cases of leprosy diagnosed each year. Globally, there are more than three million people living with irreversible disabilities, including blindness, as a result of the late treatment of leprosy.

The Leprosy Mission sell used stamps to raise money for their important work. There is a box in reception for collecting used stamps - don't forget stamps from all of your Christmas cards!

They ask for stamps to be left on their backing, and not soaked off. They recommend stamps are trimmed with a maximum of 5 mm of single thickness paper border around each edge, however they are happy to welcome donations of all stamps.

Please contact Karen Best (Emma, Butterflies, 07817 929155) for details

Bike It

Thank you to all the children who sent in their entries to the Word search Bike competition. The Bike it Crew will meet next week and the winners will be notified on Friday 18th November.

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!

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Operation Christmas Child

It is lovely to see the Operation Christmas Child boxes arriving at school. 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 before this date. Thank you.

Do have a look at the video on the Samaritan's Purse website to see the absolute delight of the children when they open their boxes. The link is:

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/occ-videos/>

Christmas Making Day

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help us on Christmas Making Day on Thursday 1st December. If you would like to come and help, please sign up on the rota on your child's classroom door. Please note that Reception will only be making the decoration during the morning.

Weekly update on Junior Block

- We have seen this week the contractors' site offices moved to the area where our hill was. The PTA shed is being moved on Saturday 12th November.
- This week the contractors have started working on the footings and foundations. This will continue next week. There is lots going on out there!
- What would you write to put in our "time capsule" and "thoughts, dreams, hopes and prayers"? Please have a think and talk to your child. Teachers are starting to plan the lessons where this work will be done and there will be a date published in the Parish Post by when parents (staff and governors) can hand in their contributions.
- Do have a look on the website on Fridays for the new photos Jose has taken and which Mrs Prestidge has uploaded.

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 **Wednesday 23rd November 2016** - focussing on the curriculum
- 7.30 pm Thursday 5th January 2017

RECEPTION NEWS: Lots going on but nothing currently specific to report to parents

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YEAR 1 NEWS:

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.

YEAR 2 NEWS:

World War 1 Day

On Tuesday 22nd November Year 2 will be having a World War 1 day when they will be dressing up in clothes of the period. More details will be coming out about this soon.

Multi-Skills Festival

Congratulations to all the Year 2 students who participated in the Multi-Skills Festival yesterday morning. This event was a skill-based festival that focused on the fundamentals of throwing, catching, movement; agility, and coordination. All the children worked very hard as a team and finished in 4th place, only a few points shy of finishing 3rd. We are very proud of their hard work and success.

There are two remaining Multi-Skills events that will take place this academic year and so other Year 2 children will have the opportunity to take part.
Mrs Seddon-Hall

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.

YEAR 3 NEWS:

Ufton Court

The Year 3 children have been having a wonderful time at Ufton Court this week and we look forward to hearing all their news next week once they are back in school. Year 3 parents don't forget to come and relive their experience at the soirée on Thursday 17th November at 6.30 pm and see their exciting pictures.

GOVERNORS' NEWS: Lots going on but nothing currently specific to report to parents

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PTA NEWS:

Reigate Parish Church Primary School Fireworks Spectacular

Thank you to everyone who came to make this year's Firework event a great success. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces and we hope that everyone had a fabulous time. We are thrilled to announce that approximately £4500.00 was raised for the PTA. Money that will be spent on activities and items that will directly benefit the school children.

I hope you will all agree that the display was the best yet and the MUGA pitch certainly gave us a great viewing platform. The Firework Display Team put on a spectacular display, thanks to all of them for their efforts.

We want to say thank you to everyone that helped with this year's event. Without the help of all the volunteers in setting up, running the stalls, gatekeepers and safety team it certainly would not have been such a success. For those helping with the clear up on Sunday your efforts were also hugely appreciated. Finally, a big thank you to the school staff for their help and support during the run up and on the day. We look forward to doing it all again next year!

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

Shopping Evening- Save the Date!

Don't forget our shopping evening next Wednesday 16th November, 8.00 pm -10.00 pm. Tickets are now on sale and please speak to Claire Shaw if you would like to buy one, or more.

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.

Christmas Fair - Saturday 10th December 2016

Hello from the Christmas Fair team! We are now up and running with an email address: reigateparishchristmasfair@gmail.com. A more detailed newsletter will be sent out in the coming days, but in the meantime we are looking for raffle prizes and silent auction donations, so please do contact us if you have anything suitable. Also, please do start saving any empty jam jars for the perennially popular pick-a-jar stall!

If you are a business and wish to be a part of our event or want to contact us regarding a donation to our event, it would be lovely to hear from you.

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

GENERAL NEWS: NONE THIS WEEK

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Diary Dates 2015/2016 – new information in red

AUTUMN TERM 2016	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.00 am Prayer Group • Year 2 World War 1 Day – children dressing up and details to follow
Wednesday 23 rd November	7.30 pm Year 3 curriculum-focused presentation for current Year 2 parents in Year 3 classrooms
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
Monday 5 th – Friday 9 th December	Christmas production week
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
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

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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