

# Parish Post

The Weekly Newsletter, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016

## Eco Kids Collection

We have arranged another Eco Kids collection for Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Why not have a good turn out over the Christmas holidays and bring your items to school when we come back in January. We will be letting you have the recycling bags shortly but if you need to, please use a black sack.

## Tissues

It is now the season of sniffles and colds and we should be really grateful if you could donate boxes of tissues to your child's class. Thank you.

## 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.

In December, the children will hear more about this charity in an assembly.

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

## Bike It

Thank you to all the children who entered the recent Bike It Word Search competition. Eleven lucky children were able to select a prize from the Bike It prizes box and their entries will be displayed on the Bike it notice board in school. Watch out for more exciting competitions.

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### **Children in Need Day**

Thank you all for supporting this worthwhile charity by buying the wrist bands this week and for coming to school with a spotty item today and donating a pound. It was lovely to see so many spots darting around the school.

### **Operation Christmas Child**

Thank you everyone who put together an Operation Christmas Child shoe box. They have been collected this morning and we sent off 90 boxes. This will spread so much extra joy and happiness on Christmas morning – thank you.

### **Christmas Making Day**

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help us on Christmas Making Day on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

#### **Time capsule**

Having spoken to the site foreman, the time capsule will be buried in June 2017, so the work will be done and items collected during the first half of the summer term.

#### **Thoughts and Dreams**

This is going to be buried just under the block and floor system of the hall in December (so it won't be encased in cement). Teachers are planning a lesson with their children to write their thoughts, dream, hopes and prayers. Staff, governors and parents will be invited to write down their thoughts for the junior block. Please hand yours into the office by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

#### **Sunninghill's most recent progress photos, 17.11.16**

Look at their photos on the separate document.

#### **What's happening over the weeks to build the Junior Block**

Information from Sunninghill :

| <b>Week Commencing</b>    | <b>Key Activity</b>  |
|---------------------------|--|
| 14 <sup>th</sup> November | Foundations- excavating and pouring                                |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> November | Foundations- excavating and pouring<br>Drainage and service ducts  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> November | Sub- structure blockwork<br>Drainage and service ducts             |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> December  | Sub- structure blockwork<br>Scaffold<br>Drainage and service ducts |

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### **Year 3 Presentations**

Thank you to everyone who came last night to hear about Year 3 for September 2017. Mrs Davis and Mrs Kennedy will be holding other Year 3 evening presentations to showcase and explain the learning and experiences our children have in Year 3. The other dates will be:

- 7.30 pm Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 - focussing on the curriculum
- 7.30 pm Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017

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

### **YEAR 1 NEWS:**

#### **Year 1 Design Technology Day**

Year 1 had lots of fun on Wednesday as it was our DT Day. We designed a picture of Reigate – using shapes to create our buildings. We printed some of the picture with sponge shapes and then made the rest by sewing on felt shapes using a running stitch. Lastly, we outlined the pictures with black pen and added details such as names of shops or the sun in the sky. We are very proud of our pictures, which are all on display in our classrooms.

### **YEAR 2 NEWS:**

#### **World War 1 Day**

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, the Year 2 children will be rounding up their topic on World War 1 by having a World War 1 Day. The children will be able to come to school dressed up (as a soldier, nurse, WW1 child/teacher etc). Among many other things we will be solving problems with morse code and using our measuring skills to build lego trenches!

### **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**

Year 3 had an amazing time at Ufton Court last week. The children found out all about the Anglo-Saxon way of life, from grinding corn to spinning wool. They enjoyed re-enacting an Anglo-Saxon banquet in full costume, and defending against a Viking Invasion! The children were fantastic and "a real asset to the school". We are very proud of them.

There will be an extra screening of the Ufton Court video on Monday afterschool in Turtles for parents who were unable to make the soirée. We will bring children out to the playground first.

### **GOVERNORS' NEWS:**

#### **Full Governing Body Report**

The Governors met on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November for the Full Governing Body meeting. They have just created a Governors' Development Plan to focus their attention on specific roles they need to fulfil and to ensure the school is run as effectively as it can be as it expands.

Over the next few months they will be reviewing this plan and coming up with action points to work on. The Governors reported back on skills each committee has committed to improve on and spoke about courses they have signed up to go on to help them achieve this. The Governors were informed about all the exciting P.E. opportunities coming up over the next year and were given a thorough safeguarding report showing all the work the school is doing to keep our children safe. There were also discussions on how best the governors can support the staff in school.

They look forward to seeing many of you as they serve mulled wine and mince pies on the 10<sup>th</sup> December!

### **PTA NEWS:**

#### **Scholastic Book Club**

In your child's book bag today you should find a Scholastic Book Club catalogue. All the titles are offered at fantastic low prices, often up to 85% off the publisher's price, and are exactly the same quality as you'd find in a bookshop. Even better, the school receives 20p for every £1 spent, enabling us to buy extra books for the classrooms and library! Orders should be placed online and payment should be by credit card, via our School Group Order, where there's free delivery.

Please complete the order form at: <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/reigate-parish-church-school> (select "Dispatch order to school"). The deadline for orders is Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December. Books will be distributed to parents before the end of term so why not take the opportunity to get a few Christmas presents and help out the school at the same time!

Nicola Johnson (Darcie, Grasshoppers)

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### **Fundraising Cashback Schemes**

As Christmas is rapidly approaching, please could we urge all parents to sign up to the The Giving Machine - <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/find-a-cause/>  
It's simple:

- You join for free and choose Reigate Parish Church School
- **You generate commissions** by shopping online (The Giving Machine work with over 1,500 retailers including Amazon, Play.com, John Lewis, eBay, Sainsbury's, Waitrose and Next).
- The Giving Machine convert your commissions into donations for the school.
- **You're raising funds for the school for free!**

To find out more information about the scheme, please visit  
<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/how-it-works/>

The school is also registered to cashback schemes with Yellow Moon, Micro Scooters, Riverford Organic Vegetables and Northbrook Wrapping. If you shop at any of these places, please remember to add the following codes at the check-out:

- Yellow Moon - SRE1150 or search for "Reigate Parish" when you checkout on their website [www.yellowmoon.org.uk](http://www.yellowmoon.org.uk)
- Micro Scooters - 125196 can be added to "Apply School Code" when you checkout on their website [www.micro-scooters.co.uk](http://www.micro-scooters.co.uk)
- Riverford Vegetables – visit [www.riverford.co.uk/veg-for-parents](http://www.riverford.co.uk/veg-for-parents) or call Riverford on 01803 227 227. Set up a regular account, add the school ID code – SCH1052 in the 'notes' box when you register
- Northbrook Wrapping – visit [www.northbrookfundraising.co.uk](http://www.northbrookfundraising.co.uk), select 'Reigate Parish Church School' at the checkout and the school will get 22% cashback on every item you purchase

Thank you and happy shopping!

### **Shopping Evening- Save the Date!**

We all had a really lovely time last night at the Shopping Evening and it was a huge success: thanks to all who came. We are in the process of working out how much we have raised and we'll let you know the total shortly.

### **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.

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### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

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| <b>AUTUMN TERM 2016</b>                                  |   |
| Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9.00 am Prayer Group</li> <li>Year 2 World War 1 Day – children dressing up and details to follow</li> </ul>           |
| Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November                      | 7.30 pm Year 3 curriculum-focused presentation for <b>current Year 2 parents</b> in Year 3 classrooms   |
| 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   |
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December                        | Christmas making day – please sign up to help on the rota on your child's classroom door  |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December | Christmas production week   |
| 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                        | 7.00 pm Year 3 Carol Concert in school. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME  |
| Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> December                       | PTA Christmas Fair  |
| 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   |
| 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                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children come to school in party clothes</li> <li>Term ends at 1.30 pm</li> </ul>                                      |
| <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  |
| <b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January</b>                  | <b>Eco Kids Collection</b>  |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January                         | 8.00 pm PTA meeting at school   |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2017                   | 7.30 pm Maths event   |

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**School website:** [www.reigate-parish.org](http://www.reigate-parish.org)

### **INSET Days for 2016/2017:**

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

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