

Parish Post

The Weekly Newsletter, Friday 4th November 2016

Remembrance Day – Poppies at Reigate Parish Church Primary School

From next Monday, 7th November, Year 2 will be selling poppies to the children in class. If you would like your child to have a poppy, please can they bring a donation to school. In addition, Year 2 will stand at the school gate at the end of each day next week for parents to buy their own poppy. Do help us raise money to support The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. Thank you.

Flu Vaccinations

This week our Years 1, 2 and 3 children were given their flu vaccinations. If you missed this either through your child's illness or you have changed your mind about them having the vaccination, you are able to attend catch-up clinics. The details are as follows:

- Wednesday 14th December at Caterham Dene Hospital, Church Road, Caterham CR3 5RA
 - Clinic times: 9.30 am – 11.30 am
 - Please call 01737 775465 to book an appointment
- Thursday 15th December at Three Central Ltd, 1st Floor, 3 London Road, Redhill RH1 1LY
 - Clinic times: 9.30 am – 11.30 am
 - Please call 01737 775465 to book an appointment

Fraser Portraits

Today is the deadline for you to return your order for Fraser Portraits. So if you have not yet sent your order back to the school office, please do so by today. Thank you.

Assessment Booklets

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

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

Sunninghill have vast experience of working in schools. They have put up the Heras fencing so the children can see the work that is happening and they put concrete blocks under the Heras fencing so the balls don't go under.

There is close liaison with the site foreman and Mrs Clark, Mrs Bowen and Mrs Davis and weekly meetings held between school, the Sunninghill foreman and the Project Manager from Surrey.

The oak trees took two days to be taken down. We asked and have been left a pile of wood that will be used in different projects around school, ie Art Week in January. One good suggestion is to have carved a cross in the wood from the oak trees to be displayed somewhere in or around the new Junior Building.

The location of the new green school gates is temporary throughout the build project and we have worked with the site manager to have some reflective barriers erected so drivers can see where the gates are and where the road is.

This week the workmen are finishing digging out and tarmacking the area for the site offices, which is where our Hill was. Then on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th November new site offices (two storey) will be installed. So all their accommodation and storage facilities will be where our Hill used to be.

For two weeks from 7th November the workmen will be working on the footings and foundations for the new junior block. Understandably there will be vehicles coming onto the site but at the agreed times (so not at drop off or pick up).

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On Saturday 12th November the PTA shed will be moved to a convenient location that gives them quick and easy access and utilises another part of school. This then totally frees up the front area, to the left of the slope for the builders.

The Heras fencing up on the far side of the construction site marks the tree root protection zone and the fencing line has been checked by the ecologist and arboriculturist. You might have noticed bat boxes have been put up in the trees along the perimeter.

Arrangements for children to visit the site

Sunninghill have given us the opportunity for our children to have a visit to the building site to be organised over the next nine months, Children, staff and parents will find out more when the visits have been organised.

“Time capsule” and “thoughts, dreams, hopes and prayers”

We are going to work with children, parents, staff and governors to contribute to items going into a **time capsule** which could be opened in 50 years' time. The school council are talking to their class about what should go into the time capsule and there will be a special ceremony to bury it and a marker put in the ground and on maps. Parents, staff and governors will be asked shortly if they would like to contribute something.

Then we are also going to have our **“thoughts, dreams, hopes and prayers”** that will be buried, permanently, in a box in the foundations of the new Junior Block. Again, children, staff, parents and governors will be asked if they would like to contribute – what would you write? This will probably be buried at the same time as the time capsule, but in a different location and again there will be a marker put in the ground.

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

New Year 3 presentation date

We are adding Wednesday 23rd November as a pure curriculum focused evening 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 year 3. **Please note this date has now changed to 23rd November.**

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

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YEAR 1 NEWS:

Visit to Priory Park

On Tuesday 8th November Year 1 will be walking to Priory Park. 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.

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.

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:

Resources Committee Meeting Report

The Resources Committee met on the 19th October to discuss the school's budget, the Governors' Fund and ICT resources. The Governors were pleased to see the budget for the financial year looks healthy and discussed the funding we can expect further along in the year to cover the cost of the new Year 4 equipment.

The Governors want to thank all the parents who have contributed so far to the school fund, it is vital in its support of the school's running costs and extra items needed. Over the next year the governors are looking to help support in the costs of setting up the new ICT suite, buying additional ICT equipment for the infants and equipping the DT room, which will be used by all children in the school. If you have not yet donated this year it is not too late and would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the school office for details on contributing.

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The Governors also discussed the skills they have within the committee and looked at ways of ensuring these skills can be built upon in order to be most efficient.

The Committee heard about, and approved the plans of the Year 3 residential trip. It sounds like it will be a lot of fun and wish the Year 3s and the accompanying staff a happy, safe and fun trip.

PTA NEWS:

We wanted to introduce ourselves, Claire Shaw and Charlotte Weston, as the new Co-Chairs for the PTA.

We are both very keen to continue the fantastic work that the PTA does at the school and are looking forward to getting involved. Please feel free to contact us, we are always open to new ideas and would be really grateful for your support in any way that you can. From attending events and donating time to making suggestions for things that you would like to see at the school and eating cake from our cake sales, it all makes a huge difference.

If you would like to get in touch you can email us at parishptacochairs@gmail.com or just grab one of us in the playground.

We are still looking for a new PTA Secretary and would love for someone to join us – with two Co-Chairs and two Treasurers, we really hope the job won't be too onerous a task! We'd love to hear from anyone who may be considering getting involved so, again, please grab us in the playground or meet us for a coffee to discuss the role further.

Finally, we would like to say a huge thank you to the incumbent PTA team who have done a fabulous job and left some very big shoes to fill!
Claire and Charlotte

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

Reigate Parish Firework Spectacular - 5.30pm Saturday 5th November – TICKETS SOLD OUT

Thanks to everyone who is helping and coming to watch. It's going to be a fantastic night. All tickets have now been returned via book bags, so if you haven't found yours please contact Gemma O'Gara (parishfireworks@gmail.com). No tickets will be sold on the gate.

Gates will open at 5.30pm and the fireworks will start promptly at 6.30pm. Please have your tickets ready as you approach the gate.

- HALL – Hot Dogs, Bar serving mulled wine, beer, lager and soft drinks, Cake Stall
- PLAYGROUND – Glow Toys. New this year is an extra bar serving Vineking Prosecco, beer, lager and soft drinks, Tuck Shop and Cake Stall
- HONEYBEES CLASSROOM – Quiet room with colouring available
- COVERED WALKWAY OUTSIDE GRASSHOPPERS – Glow in the dark face painting

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REMEMBER DO NOT BRING ANY FIREWORKS OR SPARKLERS for safety reasons. There will be a one way system through the hall for food and drink to keep traffic on the stairs free-flowing and safe. Entry will be via the door next to the playground gate and exit via the stairs from the courtyard. Please help us by going the right way. There will be lots of signs.

Please note that because exit from the hall is via stairs it will not be possible to wheel buggies in and out of the hall. Buggies can be parked outside the Parish Playgroup.

This year we are lucky to have the use of the MUGA pitch to get a great view of the fireworks, please remember no food, drink, buggies or heeled shoes are allowed on the pitch.

See you on Saturday!

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

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!

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 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

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GENERAL NEWS:

Train to Teach

If you are (or know of other people who may be) interested in becoming a teacher in either primary, secondary or post 16 years, then please come along to this local and free "Train to Teach" event on Wednesday 30th November, 6 pm - 8pm at Reigate College on Castlefield Road.

It may also be something you have considered but put to the back of your mind! Please come along.

At the Train to Teach event you can find out about all the different routes into teaching. The flyer attached to our email today gives further details.

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Diary Dates 2015/2016 – new information in red

AUTUMN TERM 2016	
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
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