

# Parish Post

The Weekly Newsletter, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016

## No Nuts in School

Recently children have been bringing nuts to school, we think as part of their snack for after-school clubs. Please can we remind parents that nuts should not be brought into school at any time because we have children with severe life-threatening allergies. We should be most grateful co-operation with this. Thank you.

## Christmas Performances – Charities for Donations

We have now counted the money for the Christmas performances and the total is £604.17. It will be split in the following way:

### Reception:

- WWF £98.84
- NSPCC £98.85

### Year 1 and 2:

- Tadworth Trust £75.58
- Great Ormond Street Hospital £75.58
- Help for Heroes £75.59
- MIND £75.59

### Year 3:

- British Red Cross £34.71
- Cancer Research £34.71
- British Heart Foundation £34.72

The grand total is £604.17

## School Christmas Tree

Once again our reception area has been given a festive decoration by Jose. Lots of people have commented on how wonderful the Christmas tree and lights look and we are all getting in the festive spirit however it would be lovely if next year we had a tree that was bigger so if you are thinking of upgrading your artificial tree and have an old one you no longer need please consider letting us adopt it.

## Christmas Productions DVD

The DVDs are being delivered to school tomorrow and so please come to the playground at pick up to collect them.

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### **Christmas Party**

On the last day of this term, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December, the children will be having a Christmas party. The kitchen will be supplying party food and the children can come to school in party clothes. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to provide some addition party food for the children. Please bring any items into school on Wednesday morning. Thank you.

Please remember that school finishes at 1.30pm on that day.

### **Church Service**

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December we will be holding our Christmas end-of-term service at St Mary's Church at 2.15 pm. All parents are warmly invited to celebrate Christmas with us for the service on that Tuesday afternoon. During the service the children will be singing and sharing with us parts of their nativity performance and carols. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a school family. If you are not able to attend this service, please collect your child from St Mary's Church at 2.45 pm. Any children not collected from the church will be walked back to school where you can collect them at their normal time. Children attending clubs, will be walked back to school for their final sessions of this term.

### **Reception 2017 Applications**

In an effort to reduce the number of late applications, Admissions & Transport has asked us to remind parents with children in your school including parents with pre-school siblings, that the closing date for Reception applications for September 2017 entry is **15 January 2017**.

They especially welcome online applications, however parents can also request a paper application form or seek impartial help in completing an application via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004). Full information is available on Surrey's website at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions).

Applications received after the closing date without good reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on-time applications have been processed. This may jeopardise the chance of a parent being offered one of their preferred schools for their child.

### **Eco Kids Collection**

The recycling bags for the Eco Kids collection on 12<sup>th</sup> January will be coming home with your child **TODAY** together with a leaflet. Why not have a good turn out over the Christmas holidays and bring your items to school when we come back in January. Please do not bring the bags in before Christmas as we do not have anywhere to store them. Thank you.

### **Stamps for Leprosy Mission**

Don't forget to bring your stamps to school for the Leprosy Mission and put them in the box in the school foyer.

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

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### Prayer Walks

Mrs Davis and Mrs Littlemore (a Year 3 parent) are organising prayer walks on the last Friday of the month from 7.00 am – 7.30 am, starting in January. The group will meet at the school gates and you are warmly welcome to join them for the walk. The dates are:

- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017

### Weekly update on Junior Block

#### Cranes and Lorries

The site foreman has informed school that they have planned for the cranes and lorries to be on site next Thursday and Friday when school is closed for the Christmas holiday. They will be laying the block and beam ground floor. The builders on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December will be finishing for the Christmas break and will return to site when we return to school, on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017.

#### Building the Junior Block

The timetable is below (NB weather could affect this timetable). Look on the website for this week's photos taken by Jose.

| Week Commencing           | Key Activity   | Factors affecting clients and neighbours                                 |
|---------------------------|--|--|
| 19 <sup>th</sup> December | Sub-base for hall floor<br>Reduced dig and temp road from footpath to South side of hall elevation<br>Drainage- break into existing run 22/23 Dec<br>Service ducts<br>Block delivery 21 Dec for B&B floor<br>B&B floor 22/23 Dec | Item completed in school holiday<br><br>Item completed in school holiday |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> January   | Drainage<br>Service ducts<br>Stone base for East elevation<br>Blockwork on B&B slab for SIP frame<br>Ramp to be formed along East side of hall for access from front to rear of site along East boundary                         |  |

A REMINDER: the **thoughts and dreams** small school service will take place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January with representatives from school staff and children. If you would like to contribute your thoughts and dreams for the junior block then please hand them into the office ASAP.

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### **Year 3 Presentation on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

Our next Year 3 presentation will be on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7.30 pm. Do come along and hear about Year 3 if you have not yet been to one of these sessions.

### **RECEPTION, YEAR 1, YEAR 2 AND YEAR 3 NEWS: Lots going on but nothing currently specific to report to parents**

#### **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:**

##### **Items Needed for Year 3**

Does anyone have any old, but intact, beanbags they would like to donate to Year 3? If so, please bring in to school.

Also any Tudor dressing up clothes for our next topic, please label them clearly and we can return them, if you want.

##### **Boy's costume**

- Smock - a large plain shirt with a large collar and a belt or cord round the waist.
- Doublet- you could add a plain waistcoat, if you have one.
- Hose - tuck plain, dark, baggy trousers (such as tracksuit bottoms) into long socks.

##### **Girl's costume**

- Smock- a large plain shirt with a large collar.
- Kirtle- a long, preferably plain skirt.
- Bodice- a man's plain waistcoat, if you have one (or you could wear a long, plain, dress, with a belt or cord tie).
- Apron - preferably plain white. You could attach a rectangle of white material to a tie (no gathers or pockets), a belt or cord tie or plaited wool tie.
- Shoes - any flat, sturdy shoes.
- Coif - (for your head). A triangle of white material tied around the head to hide the hair. The long ends are tied over the hanging point, which is then tucked over the knot.

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

**PTA NEWS:**

**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!

**Christmas Tea Towels**

The tea towels have all sold out except for Year 3 and the PTA has ordered some more. If you would like another Year 3 tea towel, we have 8 extra available which will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Please come to the school office and speak to a member of staff about this. All the tea towels will be distributed next week.

**GENERAL NEWS: NONE THIS WEEK**

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## Diary Dates 2016/2017 – new information in red

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| <b>AUTUMN TERM 2016</b>                                    |  |
| 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. All warmly welcome to attend. Please collect at 2.45 pm from the church if you cannot attend the service <b>or 3.05 pm for infants and 3.20 pm for Year 3 AT SCHOOL</b></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>                                    |  |
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January                            | Term starts at 8.55 am   |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January                           | 7.30 pm Year 3 presentation for parents interested in Year 3 in September 2017   |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> January                          | Eco Kids Collection  |
| 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  |
| <b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b>                      | <b>7.00 am Prayer Walk</b>   |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February | Half term  |
| <b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>                     | <b>7.00 am Prayer Walk</b>   |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March                               | INSET day – school closed  |
| Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>7.00 am Prayer Walk</b></li> <li>• Term ends at 1.30 pm</li> </ul>   |

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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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