

# Parish Post

The Weekly Newsletter, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017

## Art week: GO GREEN!

We are excited to announce this year's art week theme: Go Green! It will be a fantastic week of creativity based on our world and looking after the environment, using natural resources as well as recycled materials.

**"Art in the park"** - Monday 6th February - Years 1,2 and 3 are heading to Priory Park (leaving at 10.00 am and returning to school by 12.00 noon) to get muddy and messy with some natural sculptures in the style of Andy Goldsworthy. Please ensure your child has a coat and suitable shoes.

**"The Gallery"** - Friday 10th February 3.05 pm – 4.00 pm you are warmly invited to celebrate all of the children's hard work after pick up on Friday. Please collect your child from the playground before walking around the school to see what we have been up to!

Before then, please collect any junk modelling, and drop off any plastic bottle tops at the collection point in the office! We are also looking for any unwanted old or damaged umbrellas for upcycling. Sign up sheets for other help during the week are coming soon to a classroom door near you!

## Prayer Group

The prayer group will be meeting this term on the **last Tuesday** of every month:

- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March
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The group meets from 9.00 – 9.30am in the staff room, everyone is welcome including children. Mrs Davis prepares a list of prayer requests and then people pray.

Equally if you had a prayer request then please leave it at the office or talk to Mrs Hayden (mother to Lydia in Dolphins) or Mrs Turnbull (mum to Lizzie in Grasshoppers).

Please do join the group, you would be most welcome.

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## Central list of volunteers

A useful suggestion that came from the recent Parents' Forum meeting is for school to **gather a list of parents** from across the school who could, if needed, be asked to help another class on a trip. If you would like to join this list then please contact the school office with your contact details and the days you would be able to help, if called upon.

## Emailing School

This is a **polite reminder** asking parents to email teachers via the school office ([info@reigate-parish.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@reigate-parish.surrey.sch.uk)) and we would aim to reply within 24 hours. Sometimes parents do email the teachers directly and I would ask politely, in the aims of preserving the work-life balance for the teachers that emails are sent within office working hours (8am – 6pm) and again we would aim to reply within 24 hours. If it was an emergency, then please telephone the school office.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

## Letters to Teachers

Please could parents get into the **habit of writing** a letter to their class teacher rather than speaking to them directly at 8.45am because at this time the teacher is welcoming their children and settling them to their early morning activity. Similarly, the teaching assistants are helping the children and often will be working with a few, ie. reading, phonics, practising writing numbers.

Children do like to be responsible holding the letter and delivering it to their class teacher.

Again, many thanks for your understanding in this matter.

## Attendance

A reminder that the expectation of this school is that **all pupils attend 100%** unless there is a genuine reason for absence, approved by the headteacher.

To date we have:

Our attendance target is:	96.9%
Our attendance to date is:	97.41%
Unauthorised attendance (holiday requests):	0.53% which is 196 days
Authorised absence (illness):	2.06% which is 761 days

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### **Scooters and Bikes**

Since the cycle hoops were moved to the front of the school we have had several scooters and a Dawes Blowfish bicycle stored in the inner court yard of the school.

If you think one could belong to your child please can you arrange to collect it before Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February when we will assume they are no longer wanted and will use them for school Bike It events.

### **Weekly update on the Junior Block**

Yesterday the crane arrived and will be on/off site for next six weeks erecting the pre-insulated wall panels (SIPs) sides of the building, second floor, internal walls and the roof. There will be a lot of change happening in front of our eyes as we see our junior block being built! During this time the crane will be in the bounds of the construction site.

Some work is being done in front of the school sign and once completed all will be made good. The work done last Saturday linking the drainage from the junior block to the main school drains was completed and currently there is a concrete cover. This is temporary and will be neatly tarmacked towards the end of the building project.

### **Programmed construction activities for the next 3 weeks.**

<b>Project Title: Reigate Parish Church School</b>		<b>January 2017</b>	
<b>Project No: 100313</b>			
<b>Week Commencing</b>	<b>Key Activity</b>		
30 <sup>th</sup> January	SIPs install		

### **Year 3 Presentations 2017**

More presentations will be arranged for April and May 2017 and dates will follow. Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Davis will also be available to current Year 2 parents for a 1:1 meeting – dates to follow.

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### **RECEPTION AND YEAR 1 NEWS:**

**Lots going on but nothing currently specific to report to parents**

### **YEAR 2 NEWS:**

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 7.30pm there will be a Year 2 SATs evening. All Year 2 parents are invited to this evening so do come along and hear about information on assessment in Year 2, the tests and how to support your child at home.

### **YEAR 3 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.

### **GOVERNORS' NEWS:**

**Lots going on but nothing currently specific to report to parents**

### **PTA NEWS:**

#### **Valentine's disco - Friday 10th February 2017**

Don't forget to buy your ticket for the Valentine's Disco!

- Reception and Year 1: 5.00 pm – 6.00 pm
- Year 2 and Year 3: 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm

#### **Parish School Quiz Night (details to follow)**

Save the Date - Friday 24th March

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

<b>SPRING TERM 2017</b>	
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	9am Prayer Group
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Art Week: Go Green
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Reception cake sale after school
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00 am Parents' Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 3 Cross Country practice run in Priory Park</li> </ul>
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3.05 pm – 4.00 pm Art Gallery around school</li> <li>• Valentine's Disco after school</li> </ul>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Year 3 Cross Country run in Priory Park
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	7.30 pm Year 2 SATs evening
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7.00 am Prayer Walk</li> <li>• Year 1 Cake sale after school</li> </ul>
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pancake morning at Breakfast Club – booking essential</li> <li>• 9am Prayer Group</li> </ul>
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 1 African drumming workshop
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	INSET day – school closed
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 gymnastics competition at Donyngs – details to follow
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Dance Festival Harlequin, Redhill – details to follow
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Cake sale after school
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	2.30 pm Parents' Forum
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Big Pedal – details to follow
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Indian dance workshop
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 3 Cake sale after school from 3.05 pm</li> <li>• PTA Quiz Night</li> </ul>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	2 <sup>nd</sup> group of Year 2 pupils to multi-skills event at St Bede's
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: 3.10 pm – 6.10 pm</li> <li>• Year 3: 3.30 pm – 6.30 pm</li> </ul> 9am Prayer Group
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening whole school: 5.00 pm – 8.00 pm
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	2.15 pm End –of-term church service at St Mary's Church
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7.00 am Prayer Walk</li> <li>• Term ends at 1.30 pm</li> </ul>

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**INSET Days for academic year 2016/2017:** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017

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