

# Parish Post

**The Weekly Newsletter, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

## **Children coming into school**

Please can parents remember school is open from 8.45 am for children to walk down the covered walk-way and make their way into their classrooms.

## **Supervising younger children at pick up**

This is a polite reminder to ask parents to keep a very close eye on their pre-school child/ren in the playground at pick up. Younger children must be supervised at all times.

Although there is not a strict policy of no bikes, scooters or balance bikes being ridden in the playground, I ask that parents ensure their child does not ride in the playground because there are lots of people at pick up, many with younger children as well as some pregnant ladies and grandparents. Recently we have had one pre-school child sustain a nasty injury as a result of another child riding a bike and accidently riding into the child.

I suggest all bikes and scooters are left along the fence on the slope so that there are none in the playground. Your understanding of this situation is much appreciated.

## **Bike it Bike Safety Poster**

Children can enter a school competition to produce a poster telling children to be safe when riding their bike. Please hand all entries to the office by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

Please see the document attached to the Parish Post email.

## **Staff Vacancies at Reigate Parish Church Primary School**

We have two teaching positions (Key stage 1 and Key Stage 2) and one Midday Supervisor (MDS) position currently being advertised on eteach. If you, or someone you know, are interested, please go to the eteach website at:  
<https://www.eteach.com>

The MDS post is for Monday, Tuesday and Friday. For more information, please can people Mrs Bowen, Bursar.

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### **Parents' Evenings**

The sign-up sheet for parents' evenings later this term will be available for parents to sign on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017, when they will be outside the school office. If you would like to speak to Mrs Wright, SENDCO, she will also be available on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March between 3.45 pm – 6.55 pm so please sign up on her sheet.

Just to let you know that as from September 2017 parents will be able to book their parents' evening slot online, making the process easier for everyone.

### **Colouring Club**

An appeal for colouring books and supplies in a future Parish Post would be much appreciated. Please hand into the school office.

### **Prayer Group**

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

- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March

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.

### **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.

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## Weekly update on the Junior Block

**Programmed construction activities for the next 3 weeks:**

<b>Project Title: Reigate Parish Church School</b>		<b>Date: 06.02.2017</b>
<b>Project No: 100313</b>		
<b>Programmed construction activities for the next 4 weeks.</b>		
<b>Week Commencing</b>	<b>Key Activity</b>	<b>Factors affecting clients and neighbours</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> February	SIP's internal walls SIP's first floor External and internally scaffolding Drilling of holding down bolts to LGF	
13 <sup>th</sup> February	SIP's first floor external panels SIP's first floor internal panels Ducts for incoming electric cable External and internal scaffolding Fencing to perimeter of boundary to rear and West side of site	
20 <sup>th</sup> February	Roof steels Roof panels to upper ground floor (UGF) Snagging of UGF SIP's frame	

Make sure you have a look at the most recent photos taken by Sunninghill, attached to this email.

### **Visit from two Diocesan Building Experts on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February.**

Mrs Davis proudly showed two colleagues from the Diocese the construction site and talked about how well the build is going. They were impressed by how quickly the junior building is being built and it was confirmed that project is on target to meet the deadlines. The diocese have supported the Governors throughout the expansion process in many ways and continue to support us. We then met with the Surrey Project Manager and Sunninghill's Foreman and in our high vis vests, hard hats and wearing suitable footwear we went onto the construction site. It was lovely and a privilege to walk through the developing rooms, namely:

- three ground floor classrooms
- the stair-well (with no stairs)
- the toilets (with no toilets but could see the pipes for the waste)
- the staff room (great view)
- walked down the wide corridor
- went into two small group rooms
- looked over the hall seeing where the stairs will go, the storage area, plant room and platform lift.

We then walked up the scaffold stairs and saw it all from above as well as watching the men fit the girders and ceiling planks. We all had an amazing view of our new school building, as well as our playground, the Grammar School and the trees we have around us.

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### **Year 3 Presentations 2017**

A presentation has been arranged for Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7.30 pm.

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

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

#### **YEAR 2 NEWS:**

##### **SATs Information Evening**

We should like to remind the Year 2 parents that they are invited to a SATs information evening on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 7:30pm.

##### **1 : 1 Meetings with Mrs Davis and Mrs Kennedy about Year 3 Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

We are offering Year 2 parents a chance to come and meet with Mrs Davis and Mrs Kennedy and talk about Year 3. There will be 15 minute appointments where you can ask any questions about your child and the opportunities for Year 3 at Reigate Parish. Please contact the office to book an appointment.

#### **YEAR 3 NEWS:**

##### **The Journey continues: Year 4**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017 - 7:00 pm -8:00 pm**

This is a chance for current Year 3 parents to get an overview of next academic year. Please come and listen to the exciting news about Year 4 curriculum, the Year 4 school Journey to Grosvenor Hall and the plans for moving to the new Key Stage 2 block. It is also an opportunity to ask questions and be involved in the planning of clubs. We always value your input.

#### **GOVERNORS' NEWS:**

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

#### **PTA NEWS:**

##### **Valentines Disco – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February**

We're looking forward to seeing you all tonight – it's shaping up to be a great Valentines disco!

One thing, my daughter asked me this morning if she could wear her Heely's to the disco to which, for obvious reasons, I had to tell her "No". But, if it's occurred to her, it's probably occurred to others, so just to confirm Heely's are not permitted at the disco tonight – sorry.

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### **Mother's Day Mugs**

You should have all received a letter, flyer and piece of paper in your child's book bag this week regarding the Art Project for School, Children as Designers project. If your child would like to design a mug for Mother's Day, all they need to do is to design a picture using the paper provided (and perhaps the Dads can complete the order form!). Designs can be done during half term and need to be handed in to the box in reception by **Wed 22 February**.

### **Cake Sale**

A big thank you to the Reception classes for running last Friday's cake sale. They raised £71.80 so thank you to all the Reception parents who donated cakes and to all the parents that bought them!

Year 1 will be running the next cake sale which will be after half-term on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Summer Fair 2017**

Yes, it's that time of year again where we need to start planning for our Summer Fair and in order to do this, we need a team. Please can get involved and email Claire Shaw on [parishptacochoirs@gmail.com](mailto:parishptacochoirs@gmail.com) if you are interested in being part of the Summer Fair team.

### **Man with a Van**

If anyone knows of a "Man with a Van" that could come to our rescue and pick-up a BBQ that has been donated to the school from a local parent, please email Claire Shaw on [parishptacochoirs@gmail.com](mailto:parishptacochoirs@gmail.com)

### **Save the Date**

Parish Summer Soiree – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July at St. Mary's Church Hall - 7.30pm till 11.30 pm. Details to follow.

### **Reigate Parish Church Primary School Quiz Night - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm**

Tickets on sale NOW!!

Get swotting for our very popular Quiz Night which will be taking place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March in the school hall. All variety of questions to test the brain and get those little grey cells working, along with a fun evening spent with your friends, all while raising funds for the school!

Ticket price - £40 for a table of 8 (equivalent to £5pp), please email [parishptacochoirs@gmail.com](mailto:parishptacochoirs@gmail.com) for a table (deadline **Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> March**, although please note that tables are limited and will be issued on a first come, first served basis).

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## **The Giving Machine**

At the PTA meeting recently they discussed and agreed many different fund raising activities with the aim to raise more money this year that the school can use to provide even more amazing experiences for our children which all feed into their learning.

One of the activities is "**The Giving Machine**". You may have heard of it before because it is a "free" way to generate money. Please read on and if you are able to sign up then please do.

The PTA would love all parents and staff to sign up to the The Giving Machine - <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/>

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, Ocado, Marks & Spencer and Next).
- The Giving Machine convert your commissions into donations for the school.
- **You're raising funds for the school for free!**
- So, what are you waiting for, download the app and get shopping!

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

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

<b>SPRING TERM 2017</b>	
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>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Book Week. <b>Dressing day and date to be confirmed</b>
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
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	7.00pm Year 3 meeting: The Journey Continues into Year 4
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	INSET day – school closed
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 'Au Marché' – French and DT day
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 3 gymnastics competition at Donyngs – details to follow</li> <li>• Parents' evening sheets outside the school office for parents to sign for an appointment</li> </ul>
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Dance Festival Harlequin, Redhill
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Cake sale after school
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 1 Bikeability</b>
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 1 Bikeability</b>
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	2.30 pm Parents' Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm Year 2 parent 1:1 meetings with Mrs Davis and Mrs Kennedy</li> </ul>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	RE Day
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> <li>• Mrs Wright, SENDCO 3.45 pm – 6.55 pm</li> </ul> 9am Prayer Group
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening whole school: 5.00 pm – 8.00 pm

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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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