

Parish Post

The Weekly Newsletter, Friday 3rd February 2017

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.

Art week: GO GREEN!

Next week is Art Week! We are looking forward to getting creative with nature and recycling.

Just a reminder:

- **"Art in the Park"** - Monday 6th February (Y1, 2, 3) - please ensure your child has a coat and suitable shoes.
- **Please collect:** bottle tops, umbrellas, old maps and unwanted/damaged chapter books for upcycling. Any junk modelling would also be appreciated.
- **"The Gallery"** - Friday 10th February - Please pop in after pick up to see what we have been up to!

Parents' Evenings

The sign-up sheet for parents' evenings later this term will be available for parents to sign on Wednesday 8th 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 29th March between 3.45 pm – 6.55 pm so please sign up on her sheet.

Red Nose – Super School

The school has received a letter from Sir Lenny Henry telling us that we are officially a Red Nose Day Super School. This is in recognition of our fundraising efforts and they are acknowledging this. They have sent us a large red nose super school sticker and it is in the foyer. So, well done 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.

Borrowed Underwear

If your child has borrowed school clothes (specifically pants, knickers and socks), please can you make sure that you wash them and return to the school. We have recently run out of spare clothes. Thank you.

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Prayer Group

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

- Tuesday 28th February
- Tuesday 28th 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.

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) 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.

Weekly update on the Junior Block

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Yesterday the crane arrived and will be on/off site for next five 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.

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Programmed construction activities for the next week

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

Year 3 Presentations 2017

More presentations will be arranged for April and May 2017 and dates will follow.

RECEPTION NEWS:

Request for Art Week

Reception is looking for items for Art Week. Specifically they want:

- red fabrics
- old rolls of wall paper
- old books to cut up for art
- leaves, branches and twigs
- junk modelling

Please sign up to help on the classroom door.

YEAR 1 NEWS:

Lots going on but nothing currently specific to report to parents

YEAR 2 NEWS:

**1 : 1 Meetings with Mrs Davis and Mrs Kennedy about Year 3
Thursday 16th 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 2nd 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:

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PTA NEWS:

Valentine's Disco – Friday 10th February

The Valentine's Disco is fast approaching, but do not panic if you haven't put your application form in yet; the office has some copies and attached is the form.

This year, to keep the children well and truly entertained, the discos will be run by the Marvel Entertainments team. For the younger children, as well as the disco, they will also have some magic, games and traditional Mr Marvel fun. Then for the older session, specially designed for 7 and 8 year olds, Marvel's Magical Mega Disco brings together the best magic and hottest interactive disco in one package. <http://mrmarvel.com/mr-marvels-magical-mega-disco/>

We've also got some teachers who are very keen to show off their dance moves, so it'll be a real extravaganza!

Please ensure that all ticket requests have been put in the white box in reception by the end of the day today (**Friday 3rd February**).

Reigate Parish Church Primary School Quiz Night - Friday 24th March at 7.30pm

Tickets on sale NOW!!

Get swotting for our very popular Quiz Night which will be taking place on Friday 24th 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 parishptachairs@gmail.com for a table (deadline **Fri 3rd March**, although please note that tables are limited and will be issued on a first come, first served basis).

Mother's Day Mugs

Please keep an eye out for the APFS packs that will be coming home with your child next week. 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 **Wednesday 22nd 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 parishptachairs@gmail.com if you are interested in being part of the Summer Fair team.

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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

SPRING TERM 2017	
Monday 6 th – Friday 10 th February	Art Week: Go Green
Friday 3 rd February	Reception cake sale after school
Tuesday 7 th February	9.00 am Parents' Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 3 Cross Country practice run in Priory Park
Friday 10 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.05 pm – 4.00 pm Art Gallery around school • Valentine's Disco after school
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th February	Half term
Tuesday 21 st February	Year 3 Cross Country run in Priory Park
Thursday 23 rd February	7.30 pm Year 2 SATs evening
Friday 24 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7.00 am Prayer Walk • Year 1 Cake sale after school
Monday 27 th February - Friday 3 rd March	Book Week
Tuesday 28 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pancake morning at Breakfast Club – booking essential • 9am Prayer Group
Wednesday 1 st March	Year 1 African drumming workshop
Thursday 2 nd March	7.00pm Year 3 meeting: The Journey Continues into Year 4
Monday 6 th March	INSET day – school closed
Tuesday 7 th March	Year 3 'Au Marché' – French and DT day
Wednesday 8 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 3 gymnastics competition at Donyngs – details to follow <li style="color: red;">• Parents' evening sheets outside the school office for parents to sign for an appointment
Thursday 9 th March	Year 1 Dance Festival Harlequin, Redhill
Friday 10 th March	Year 2 Cake sale after school
Thursday 16 th March	2.30 pm Parents' Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="color: red;">• 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm Year 2 parent 1:1 meetings with Mrs Davis and Mrs Kennedy
Friday 17 th March	RE Day
Mon 20 th – Fri 24 th March	Big Pedal – details to follow
Monday 20 th March	Year 2 Indian dance workshop
Friday 24 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 3 Cake sale after school from 3.05 pm • PTA Quiz Night
Monday 27 th March	2 nd group of Year 2 pupils to multi-skills event at St Bede's

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Tuesday 28 th March	Parents' Evening: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: 3.10 pm – 6.10 pm • Year 3: 3.30 pm – 6.30 pm • Mrs Wright, SENDCO 3.45 pm – 6.55 pm 9am Prayer Group
Wednesday 29 th March	Parents' Evening whole school: 5.00 pm – 8.00 pm
Thursday 30 th March	2.15 pm End –of-term church service at St Mary's Church
Friday 31 st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7.00 am Prayer Walk • Term ends at 1.30 pm

PTA email: pta@reigate-parish.surrey.sch.uk

School website: www.reigate-parish.org

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

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