

Parish Post

The Weekly Newsletter, Friday 3rd March 2017

Book Week

Thank you to everyone for putting so much effort into their costumes today. The children (and the staff) really did look fantastic being dressed up as their favourite book character! Assembly today was a lively event and the children really enjoyed looking at everyone and guessing what character they were.

We have had a lovely book week and the children have really enjoyed turning their classroom door into a book cover and enjoyed hearing stories from different members of staff.

The book fair raised an amazing £396 and we will use that to buy books for the new Year 4 classrooms.

Cake Sale

If you brought cakes for the sale last week and have not yet collected your box, please do so from the table on the playground. Thank you.

Pancake Day

Another fantastic Pancake day at Reigate Parish Church Primary School. The children and staff had a brilliant time and 140 pancakes were tossed and eaten. We had lots of lovely toppings and we had so many positive remarks from parents and children, including "delicious" and "scrummy and yummy".

On the Art tables we made paper frying pans and pancakes and stuck our favourite toppings on them. The children produced some amazing 'mini Monet' arty pancakes.

Thank you to everyone who made pancake day such a success and we look forward to next year.

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 7th March the school is holding a Safer Internet day where at least one lesson on that day will be focused on how to stay safe on the internet and when playing games online.

Sainsbury's Active Vouchers

We are again collecting these vouchers. Please bring them into school and put them in the box outside Mrs Bowen's office. Previously we have bought additional PE, DT, cooking and playtime equipment.

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Sewing Project

If you are interested in helping Mrs Davis with a sewing project to create a new "special cloth" that we use in collective worship to place our candles and cross on, then please talk to her.

Class Assemblies: at 9.00 am – 9.25 am

We will once again be holding class assemblies for each class on Fridays during the summer term. They will be on the following dates so do please come along and join us for your child's assembly.

- Dolphins 21st April 2017
- Turtles 28th April 2017
- Caterpillars 5th May 2017
- Grasshoppers 12th May 2017
- Ladybirds 19th May 2017
- Butterflies 26th May 2017
- Dragonflies 9th June 2017
- Honeybees 16th June 2017

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.

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.

7 am Prayer Walk at School

Parents met with Mrs Davis this morning at 7.00 am to pray for the school, families and our community. If you would like to join us at our next walk then please meet in the car park outside the main school door. The next dates are:

- 31st March
- 28th April
- 26th May
- 23rd June
- 21st July

Prayer Group

The next prayer group will be meeting on 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.

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Weekly update on the Junior Block

Update on the Junior Block

Plans

We emailed the internal footprint plans for the new junior school building last week so parents can see what the space will look like. These first went on our website in October.

Drawings and Artists' Impressions

These images and drawings were first on display in July 2016 but as the junior block is being built it is a good time to have a look again at what the finished building will look like.



View from the playground to the slope with the new junior block to your right hand side and the kitchen and our current hall on the left hand side.



View from the road of parents and children walking up the slope and up the newly created steps onto the playground. The junior block is on the left hand side and our current hall on the right hand side. This artist's impression has not drawn the fence that is present to the right hand side of the school's main gates rather presenting it as a wall. The drawing also doesn't have the gates and new boundary fence. School will have a secure perimeter.

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Aerial view of the school: infant building, junior building, our field, playground, other outdoor space and the carpark.

Staffing

Over the last week we have appointed two teachers who will join us in September. One will teach in KS1 and one will teach in KS2. Parents will find out in June, as per our normal procedure, what class their child will be in September 2017 and who their teacher will be.

Programmed construction activities for the next week:

The crane in March to erect the hall

You will have noticed that the scaffolding for the new junior hall is being erected and we now come to the next stage of the building project. As from Monday 6th March (INSET day) the crane will be on site to erect the steel work for the hall and then to erect the timber panels. The crane will be on site when it is needed and as we go through March the crane will probably not be on the site so much.

In order for the crane to erect the steel work for the hall, part of the crane will be positioned out of the construction perimeter.

However, the crane area will be securely fenced off with barriers in place thereby giving a safe route for pedestrians and buggies to walk into school, broadly the same route that parents use now. There will be no lifting over heads where people are walking and staff will still be able to drive in to the car park as normal, even with pedestrians and buggies walking into school. We have let the playgroup know.

Next week from Tuesday 7th March when children return to school Mrs Davis or Mrs Kennedy will be at the front of the school welcoming families.

Year 3 Presentations 2017

A presentation has been arranged for Thursday 27th April 2017 at 7.30 pm.

RECEPTION AND YEAR 1 NEWS:

Lots going on but nothing currently specific to report to parents

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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:

Lots going on but nothing currently specific to report to parents

GOVERNORS' NEWS:

Lots going on but nothing currently specific to report to parents

PTA NEWS:



Boden Shopping Event

Love shopping? Love Boden? The PTA have the perfect solution for a guilt free shopping experience!

If you are thinking of placing an order for some lovely new Boden clothes between now and the end of March we have a discount code you can use which, as well as giving you 20% off and free postage and returns, will also help to earn cashback for the PTA. Gorgeous clothes and fundraising at the same time - what could be better! To use simply enter the code **6F4P** in the promotions code box on the check-out page and the discount will be automatically added on for you.

As an added incentive to shop (if you need one...!) the first 30 people to place an order using the promotion code will receive a free Boden foldaway shopping bag. Just email parishptacochairs@gmail.com once you have placed your order and the bags will be reserved for the first 30.

Prefer to try before you buy?

If you are unsure of sizes or like to have a proper look, feel and try on before you make up your mind, we will have samples available from the new womenswear, childrenswear and accessories ranges on Saturday 11 March, from 10am until 12pm. If you'd like to come and have a look just let us know and we can send you further details. Happy shopping!

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Project SOS – PTA Shed

Thank you to the parents that have been in contact to say they can help with getting the PTA shed reinstated. We still need some more help though, no prior building experience necessary, just a willingness to lend a hand, please get in contact (parishptachairs@gmail.com or Colin Best - colinbest@hotmail.com)

We will need the following materials:

- Hardcore
- Ballast
- Cement
- Paving slabs
- Roof felt
- Perspex sheet for window
- Cement mixer

If anyone has any discounts or contacts at a builder's merchants, we would love to hear from you.

Man with a Van

We're in desperate need of a "Man with a Van (or trailer!)" 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 parishptachairs@gmail.com

Summer Fair 2017 – Sat 24th June

Thank you to those who have been in contact to help with the school fair. We would love to have some more willing hands on board so please do let us know if you can help - email Claire Shaw on parishptachairs@gmail.com

Save the Date

**Parish Summer Soiree – Saturday 15th July 2017
at St. Mary's Church Hall - 7.30 pm till 11.30 pm**

More details to follow.

The Giving Machine

Have you signed up yet? If not, what are you waiting for?

Please use the schools quick sign-up code - 56764 to start raising free funds for the school when you do your online shopping.

<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/find-a-cause/>

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

SPRING TERM 2017	
Monday 6 th March	INSET day – school closed
Tuesday 7 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safer Internet Day • Year 3 'Au Marché' – French and DT day
Wednesday 8 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 3 gymnastics competition at Donyngs • 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
Monday 13 th March	Year 1 Bikeability – for invited Year 1 children
Wednesday 15 th March	Year 1 Bikeability – for invited Year 1 children
Thursday 16 th March	2.30 pm Parents' Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 – SOLD OUT
Monday 27 th March	2 nd group of Year 2 pupils to multi-skills event at St Bede's
Tuesday 28 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9am Prayer Group • 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
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

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

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