

# Parish Post

**The Weekly Newsletter, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

It has been very exciting this week using our new junior block and seeing the children enjoying playing in the bigger outdoor space.

Years 3 and 4 are very settled in their classrooms, Years 1 and 2 have had PE lessons in the junior hall, the new staff room has been used and we have held whole school assemblies in the junior hall. As we now have separate Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 lunchtimes, the children are enjoying the bigger playground space to play, they remain loving the astro-turf and they are having fun exploring the amphitheatre (close to the top gate) with lots of dancing, singing and laughing!

This week we have still had some contractors on site as they fix some small snags.

Surrey and Sunninghill have a comprehensive plan for landscaping the outside and have completed the hard landscaping element. Between now and Easter seasonal planting will be done (including a tree in each of the four planters outside the classrooms) which will transform the soil into a rich background of different plants.

Our new school signs went up this week and we have put up signs in the junior block so people can find their way around.

There are opportunities for parents to come and have a look inside the junior block:

- On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September from 3.20 pm to 3.45 pm Years 3 and 4 parents are invited to be taken on a tour of the junior building by their child.
- On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September from 3.20 pm – 3.45 pm Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents are invited to come and have a look inside the junior building.

Please wait by the main junior door at 3.20 pm.

## **Children in the Playground**

Please can parents make sure their child/ren are supervised in the playground before they go into school from 8.45am. There is not a member of staff out on the playground on duty and no balls are to be played with, for the safety of everyone on the playground. Many thanks.

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## **News from the school office**

### **School meals**

Once the children have had an opportunity to settle into school and are sure that they would like to have the school meal, then I will send out the payment request and Tucasi payment instructions. All children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 have a free school meal. If your child would like to have a packed lunch please ensure that you notify the school office in writing.

Thank you to the parents who have returned the special diet forms sent to them but please can parents ensure that they contact the office and return the form.

### **Pupil Premium and free school meals for Junior class children**

If you know that you are eligible for pupil premium and free school meals for your child please can you contact the school office. If you are unsure as to whether you are eligible please can you ask us.

### **Clubs**

Clubs start next week and this year we have the introduction of our teacher-run clubs. Thank you to everyone who has supported this.

We also have a new musical instrument lesson club, Rockademy. If your child is having lessons with them at school then they will need to have an instrument to bring to the lesson and practise with at home. If you would like details about hiring instruments please contact - <https://www.rockademy.co.uk/>

### **Car Park**

Please can we remind you that the car park is for staff use only. The exceptions for this are Blue Badge holders (who must have their card displayed), dropping off to breakfast club before 8.30am or collecting from an after-school club from 4pm.

### **Printers**

In line with most other schools we send the majority of our information and forms out via email and therefore if you need to complete a form you will need to print them from home. Thank you.

### **Bike It Crew**

As a Bike It school we encourage children to use sustainable ways to travel to school and that included cycling and scooting. Mrs Davis leads the Bike It initiative with the help of our Bike It Crew, these are children who help with the events we hold and decision on what we do. If your child would like to be part of the Crew for this term please can they complete the attached form and return it to the school office.

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### **Parking Restrictions**

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September the double yellow lines and the new road signage will be done on Blackborough Road and Crakell Road. Please look out for them from 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

### **Craft Club Forms**

Could you please ensure in future that you do not take a Craft Club form unless you are sure your child wants to do the club.

Parents are now having to email me, as there are no forms left in the office. If you have taken a form and are not taking up the places, please email Lesley at [lesleywileman@yahoo.com](mailto:lesleywileman@yahoo.com) as I need to work out numbers, as Craft Club resumes next Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Prayer Group**

The school Prayer Group will be resuming this term and it is held on the last Tuesday of each month between 9.00 am and 9.30 am. All parents are invited to come to this and if you have any queries please contact Caroline (Lizzie in Honeybees) on [caroline.tbull@gmail.com](mailto:caroline.tbull@gmail.com) or Vicky (Lydia in Jaguars and Caleb in Ladybirds).

### **RECEPTION NEWS:**

#### **Collection from Playground from Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

From Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September, when all Reception children will be starting full-time, please can you collect your child from the Playground at 3.00 pm. This will continue until the end of September. From the beginning of October the Reception children will come out from school at 3.05 pm, with the rest of the infant school children.

### **Surrey Mirror Photograph**

The Surrey Mirror will be coming to school to take a photograph of both Reception classes on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September to appear in a First Day at School Supplement.

### **YEAR 1 NEWS:**

#### **Year 1 trip in September**

Year 1 will be visiting Priory Park on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September if you are able to help, please speak to your child's teacher. Grasshoppers need 5 parent helpers and Caterpillars need 4.

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## **GOVERNORS' NEWS:**

### **Annual Training for the Governors**

The Governors met in the Junior Block for the first time on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September, they were very impressed with the new building and the classroom set up. They are looking forward to an 'official' tour next Tuesday at the start of the first Full Governing Body meeting of the year. Tuesday's meeting was a training session, run by Jonathan Gambier, the school's improvement and inclusion partner. He informed the Governors of updates to documentation and possible changes of focus in the coming years with a new Chief Inspector of Schools in position.

He encouraged Governors to think about the searching questions they should be asking the Senior Leadership Team to ensure Reigate Parish remains the outstanding school it is. Governors spent time looking at case studies of other outstanding schools and what 'Outstanding Governance' looks like. This was a very good training session for the Governors and will help them over the coming year to ensure they continue to strive for the very best for the school.

## **PTA NEWS:**

On behalf of the PTA, a warm welcome to the Autumn term! An especially warm welcome goes to all those parents joining us for the first time – we hope that your children have enjoyed their first few days.

We hope you've had a lovely summer and are looking forward to the events we have planned for the new academic year. The first ones to pencil in are the **PTA AGM** on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September** at 8.00 pm in the infants' school hall. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be provided so please do come and join us and find out more about what we do. The other date to pencil in is our **Fireworks Spectacular** on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November**. This is a very popular event in the calendar and a lot of fun for children and adults alike so watch this space for more details.

### **Surrey Mirror Summer Fair Challenge**

It seems a long time ago now, but if you attended our Summer Fair this year, you may recall seeing some very eager Y3's perfecting their selling skills by trying to flog you the Surrey Mirror. This was part of the Surrey Mirror's Summer Fair Challenge, a competition that we entered where if you sold all your allocated newspapers, your school was then be entered into a prize draw. Well, guess what, thanks to our Y3's fab efforts Reigate Parish was a runner up and we won £250! Congratulations and well done Y3 (now Y4) we'll make budding PTA members of you!

### **PTA Help**

Ah, and here comes our first plea of the year.... manpower! We would love to grow the PTA to include a Social and Fundraising team, could this be you? No experience necessary, just a willingness to get involved. Please feel free to email us if you want to know more [parishptaanchors@gmail.com](mailto:parishptaanchors@gmail.com) or grab us (Claire Shaw or Celia Lister) in the playground if you want to chat about it.

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## The Giving Machine

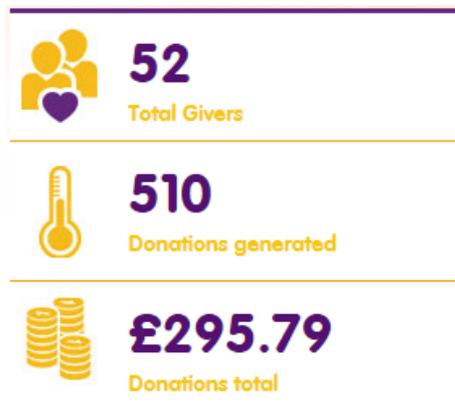


Please, please, please can everyone's new academic year's resolution be to sign-up to The Giving Machine! It's so simple and so many shops are on it – John Lewis, Amazon, Boden, Ocado to name but a few, so please take the time to do this. It costs nothing but if we all did it, it will raise a significant amount for the school.

<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/>

Quick sign up code: **56764**

The total so far:



### Other ways to support our school....

The school is registered to cashback schemes with 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.

- **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.

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### **Move Revolution**

As you may know, Move Revolution are a Reigate and Redhill Estate Agent. They are a fundraising supporter of our school, as well as supporting the PTA with various events during the year. If you sell your home with Move Revolution, they will give back £250 to our PTA. To qualify for the £250, please make sure that the 'offer' is noted at the point of Valuation with the Reigate team – Louise Simpson and Damian Bligh.

If you are thinking of selling or letting your home now, or in the future, they would love to hear from you, please call 01737 888220.

### **GENERAL NEWS:**

#### **Reigate Grammar School – Open Morning**

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017, Reigate Grammar School is holding an Open Morning. If you are interested in attending this, or other open mornings, which are held throughout the year, please look at their website [www.reigategrammar.org](http://www.reigategrammar.org) for details. Alternatively, get in touch with their Admissions Secretary, Philippa Watkins on 01737 222231 or email her at [admissions@reigategrammar.org](mailto:admissions@reigategrammar.org).

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## Diary Dates 2017/2018 – new information in red

<b>AUTUMN TERM 2017</b>	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	All clubs start this week
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	3.20 pm – 3.45 pm Years 3 and 4 parents invited to a tour of the junior building by their child
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	3.20 pm – 3.45 pm Reception, Years 1 and 2 parents invited to come and look at the junior building
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Surrey Mirror taking photos of Reception children
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	7.00 pm – 8.00 pm Year 2 and Year 3 curriculum presentation
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.45 am Year 1 walking to Priory Park – parent helpers needed</li> <li>• 7.00 pm – 7.50 pm Reception and Year 1 curriculum presentation</li> <li>• 8.00 pm – 9.00 pm Year 4 curriculum presentation</li> </ul>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	8.00 pm PTA meeting
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Deadline for Headteacher's Challenge
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 2 visit Brighton Sealife Centre – details to follow
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	10.30 am St Mary's Church All-age Harvest service. Everyone invited to attend
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 Grosvenor Hall
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 Grosvenor Hall soirée
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm Read Write Inc presentation for parents of Reception and Year 1</li> <li>• 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm Spelling programme for parents of Years 2, 3 and 4</li> </ul>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	British Heart Foundation Dodgeball competition – details to follow
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	4.30 pm – 8.00 pm Parents' Evening
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	3.30 pm – 6.30 pm Parents' Evening
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Half term
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Dedication of junior building by the Bishop of Southwark – PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Individual photos by Fraser Portraits
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Firework display – details to follow
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Egyptian day – details to follow
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Ufton Court
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need – details to follow

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Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Nasal flu spray administered by school nursing team to whole school
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last week for clubs</li> <li>• Brake Week, Bikelt – details to follow</li> </ul>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 Christmas Journey, Reigate Park Church – details to follow
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.15 am – 10.00 am Reception Christmas production – in junior hall</li> <li>• 10.30 am – 11.30 am Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas production – in junior hall</li> </ul>
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.15 am – 10.00 am Reception Christmas production – in junior hall</li> <li>• 10.30 am – 11.30 am Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas production – in junior hall</li> <li>• 6.30 pm Years 3 and 4 Carol Concert at Reigate Grammar School – details to follow</li> </ul>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	2.15 pm – 2.45 pm Christmas church service at St Mary's Church. All parents invited to attend. Details to follow
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Muffi day for Christmas parties and activities</li> </ul> Term ends: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1.15 pm for Key Stage 1 (infants)</li> <li>• 1.30 pm for Key Stage 2 (juniors)</li> </ul>

**INSET Days 2017/2018:**

- **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018**
- **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018**
- **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

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