

Parish Post

The Weekly Newsletter, Friday 29th September 2017

Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings this term are on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October and on **Monday 2nd October** sheets will be available outside the school office for parents to sign up for a slot to see their child's teacher. Please make sure that you do sign up. We are looking into an online programme where parents can sign up to an appointment with their teacher and aim to have it in place for the March parent/teacher interview meetings.

Curriculum Presentations

Do look on our school website for the slides to all five curriculum presentations. It was lovely this week seeing so many parents come and hear about their child's curriculum.

Years 1 and 2 Children

At 8.45 am please could Years 1 and 2 children walk down unaccompanied to their classroom.

Year 3 – September 2018

On the school website is lots of information about Year 3 and Key Stage 2 which might be of interest in particular to Year 2 parents.

Marvellous Me

Please look out for your child's log in details for Marvellous Me next week. Year 4 have had their log in details today as they will need this for the trip to Grosvenor Hall next week.

Clubs

All clubs that are run by outside providers give us a register of the children who have paid to attend. Once we have all the registers the teachers are able to know the children who will be attending the clubs and can ensure that they are passed over to the people running the club. Children who have their club in the new junior building are escorted across the playground to get changed in that building. The children will then be walked back to the main school entrance to be collected at the end of the club.

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If your child starts a club after the official start date for clubs then you will need to let the class teacher know to add their name to our list. We do ask the club providers to update their lists but that information may not come from them immediately.

Drawstring Bags

Some of our children are having problems with their drawstring bags and getting the ties wrapped around their feet. Please can you tie up any extraneous amount of the tie so that it does not get in your child's way. Thank you.

Junior Library

Delve into your shelves: We are so grateful for all of the books donated to our junior library at the end of last year. If you had a summer sort out and have found some more junior-aged books, we would love to add them in! We have also heard that Roald Dahl books are being given away free with happy meals. Whilst we want to promote healthy eating, we also love a good read and would appreciate any unwanted books.

Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church Sunday 1st October 2017 at 10.30 am

St Mary's warmly invites all our children and parents to come to their Harvest Festival service at 10.30 on Sunday 1st October, which is an all-age service. Children will sit with their parents and if they would like to, can wear their school uniform.

Their Harvest Festival collections will be in aid of a number of charities:

- Welcare: supporting local families <http://welcare.org/>
- Easter Project: our weekly community lunch at St Mary's
- Winter Night Shelter: now running annually at St Mary's and other local churches in the coldest months of the year
- Women's Refuge: providing safe refuge for women locally
- Samara's Aid* : supporting refugees in Syria, Iraq & the Middle East.
- St Matthew's Foodbank: providing emergency food supplies to local families in need

As our charities have limited storage one of the best ways to help is to give **low value supermarket vouchers eg Iceland or Sainsbury's (£5 or less)** which can be given out with food bags so that families can top-up with fresh and additional items as and when needed.

Other non-perishable items which are greatly appreciated are :-

- tea, coffee & sugar
- tinned meat or pies, tinned soup (esp chicken & tomato)
- tinned potatoes & veg, beans & spaghetti, tins or jars of cooking sauces
- pickle, mayonnaise, ketchup, peanut butter, jam & marmalade, squash, long-life fruit juice

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- chocolate biscuits and cake bars, sweets and small chocolate bars
- finned desserts eg sponge puddings, rice puddings & custard
- basic toiletries like soap and toothpaste
- In all cases please choose items with a long shelf life

*Donations to Samara's Aid to support transportation of collected clothing to Syria can be made direct to the charity on their website

<http://www.samarasaidappeal.org>

Children in the Playground

Please can parents make sure their child does not climb on top of the train. They are not allowed to do this during playtime and lunchtime.

RECEPTION NEWS:

From next week, please can Reception parents let their child walk down on their own to their class and so say goodbye to their child on the playground. We would ask that parents do not walk to the classroom with their child. If you need to communicate with your child's teacher, please can you write a note to them rather than "having a little word", because the teacher is trying to settle 30 children for the register. Thank you.

YEARS 3 & 4 NEWS:

Year 3 & 4 parents - Online payments

Today you will receive a letter generated by our online payment system, Scopay. This will enable you to pay for school meals online with a debit or credit card. **The school meals for this half term are £67.50 and need to be paid before the 6th October please.**

Online payment is our preferred method of payment for school meals and school trips. However if are unable to do this please speak to the office.

GOVERNORS' NEWS:

This week three governors attended the first module of the "Bishop's Certificate" on Church Distinctiveness. The Bishop's Certificate is organised by Southwark Diocese and comprises 12 different modules spread out over the year, each time two – three governors will attend the training and then disseminate pertinent points to the governing body.

PTA NEWS:

Cake Sale - Friday 29th September

Please bring your 50p's with you for the Y4 cake sale the will take place in the playground **today!** There will be lots of delicious cakes on sale and all proceeds will go towards buying new books for the new Junior library.

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Firework Spectacular 2017 – Order Forms In School Bags Today!

Everyone is welcome to our family friendly firework spectacular on **Saturday 4th November**, where gates will be open from 5pm onwards and the firework display will start at 6.30pm promptly.

Your child will be bringing home a ticket order form and flyer in their school bag today. All completed forms and payment must be returned by **Monday 16th October** and posted in the white box outside the school office. Family and friends are welcome, please direct them to www.reigate-parish.org.uk/PTA/firework-spectacular where order forms can be printed out.

This is an **advance ticket only event** and tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis. No tickets will be sold on the night. There are limited tickets available and the event is open to the public so don't delay in returning your order. This event was a sell out in 2016 so hand in your order forms early and make it one not to miss! This is a big fundraiser for the school and we will need volunteers to help out on the day. We will soon be sending out information of how you can help via class reps. The Firework Display Team are also seeking volunteers to help before and during the event to set up the display and lighting. There is a Firework Display planning meeting on **Tuesday 17th October at 8pm in 'The Venture Inn'**. We are always welcoming new helpers and no previous experience is necessary. Please email colinbest@hotmail.com if you are interested. Any enquiries, please email parishfireworks@gmail.com.
The Firework Team

CAULIFLOWER CARDS

Your children will be bringing home the Cauliflower Card forms in their book bags tomorrow. If you'd like to make some wonderful personalised Christmas cards, please put your completed forms and payment into the white box in the reception foyer no later than **Monday 16th October**.

SAVE THE DATE – Christmas Shopping Evening

The popular Christmas Shopping Evening is back, and will be taking place in the Junior Hall on **Wednesday 15th November**. This is always a fun social event, and the chance to start your Christmas shopping whilst sipping prosecco with friends – what could be better? We still have some stalls available so please email Claire or Celia on parishptacochairs@gmail.com or grab us in the playground for more details if you are interested or have any suggestions for people we could approach. Tickets will be available on the night or in advance at a discounted rate so watch this space!

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SAVE THE DATE - Parish Christmas Fair

The date is set - **SATURDAY 2nd DECEMBER (12 - 3pm)** and so all we need now is a Christmas Fair team to run it. Please get in touch if you think this could be you!

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

If you haven't already, please do join **TheGivingMachine** – a quick and easy way to generate money for the school through online shopping at no extra cost to you! The school's quick sign up code is **56764** and sign up only takes a minute.

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

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
- **Riverford Vegetables** – visit 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, select 'Reigate Parish Church School' at the checkout and the school will get 22% cashback on every item you purchase.

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.

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GENERAL NEWS:
A note from Reigate Tea Club

Dear parents

We have been receiving enquiries about our holding club, so thought it would be useful to clarify how this works.

Reigate Tea Club runs sessions from 3pm until 6pm, with some children coming after 3.05pm (Reception, year 1 and 2) and others joining us at 3.20pm (years 3 and 4). The price of a session is £14.50 and this price applies whatever time you collect your child.

The exception to this rule is for parents who have to do two school pick-ups, as a result of Reigate Parish Church Primary School becoming a primary and for parents who have siblings at either Holmesdale or Priory. We have agreed to hold onto children until 3.45pm at the very latest in these cases to enable parents to walk between the two schools. This service will run for this year and next year only, after which there should be no unforeseen double pick up situations like this arising.

We do not offer a tiered payment service, such as the one Breakfast Club operates. Any parents collecting children after 3.45pm will be charged the standard fee of £14.50.

Please could I also take this opportunity to remind parents that we close at 6pm.

If you have any questions or queries, do not hesitate to email reigate@theteaclubs.com

Many thanks, Georgina Hardy

Reigate Parish Playgroup

Job Advertisement – Level 3 Early Years Practitioner

Salary: Dependent on experience

Hours: Monday and Friday, 8.30am to 3.45pm. Term Time only (38 weeks per year) but salary paid throughout the year.

Start date: 30th October 2017

For more information and to apply, please download a job description and application form from www.reigateparishplaygroup.org.uk or email info@reigateparishplaygroup@gmail.com

Closing date for applications: Wednesday 11th October 2017. Interviews week commencing 16th October 2017

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Diary Dates 2017/2018 – new information in red

| AUTUMN TERM 2017 | |
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| Sunday 1 st October | 10.30 am St Mary's Church All-age Harvest service. Everyone invited to attend |
| Monday 2 nd October | Parents' evening sheets outside school office for parents to sign up for a slot |
| Wednesday 4 th October | Year 2 visit Brighton Sealife Centre – details to follow |
| Wednesday 4 th – Friday 6 th October | Year 4 Grosvenor Hall |
| Wednesday 11 th October | 7.30 pm Year 4 Grosvenor Hall soirée |
| Thursday 12 th October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7.00 pm – 7.45 pm Read Write Inc presentation for parents of Reception and Year 1 in Butterflies classroom • 7.50 pm – 8.30 pm Spelling programme meeting for parents of Years 2, 3 and 4 in Caterpillars classroom. All welcome and encouraged to come |
| Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th October | British Heart Foundation Dodgeball competition – details to follow |
| Monday 16 th October | Deadline for Cauliflower Cards orders |
| Tuesday 17 th October | 4.30 pm – 8.00 pm Parents' Evening |
| Wednesday 18 th October | 3.30 pm – 6.30 pm Parents' Evening |
| Thursday 19 th October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 2 DT making day- Making Lighthouses. Parental help needed. Please speak to the class teacher • Year 4 DT Making Day – details to follow |
| Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th October | Half term |
| Monday 30 th October | Dedication of junior building by the Bishop of Southwark – PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE |
| Tuesday 31 st October | 9.00 am Prayer Group – all parents invited to attend |
| Wednesday 1 st November | Individual photos by Fraser Portraits |
| Saturday 4 th November | PTA Firework display |
| Monday 6 th November | Year 4 Egyptian day – details to follow |
| Wednesday 8 th – Friday 10 th November | Year 3 Ufton Court |
| Tuesday 14 th November | 6.30 pm Year 3 Ufton Court Soirée for children and parents |
| Wednesday 15 th November | PTA Christmas Shopping Event |
| Friday 17 th November | Children in Need – details to follow |
| Thursday 23 rd November | Nasal flu spray administered by school nursing team to whole school |
| Friday 24 th November | Years 3 & 4 Movie Night – details to follow |
| Tuesday 28 th November | 9.00 am Prayer Group – all parents invited to attend |

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| Monday 27 th November – Friday 1 st December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last week for clubs • Brake Week, Bikelt – details to follow |
| Saturday 2nd December | 12.00 noon – 3.00 pm Christmas Fair |
| Tuesday 5 th December | Year 2 Christmas Journey, Reigate Park Church – details to follow |
| Tuesday 12 th December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.15 am – 10.00 am Reception Christmas production – in junior hall • 10.30 am – 11.30 am Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas production – in junior hall |
| Thursday 14 th December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.15 am – 10.00 am Reception Christmas production – in junior hall • 10.30 am – 11.30 am Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas production – in junior hall • 6.30 pm Years 3 and 4 Carol Concert at Reigate Grammar School – details to follow |
| Wednesday 20 th 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 st December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Muffin day for Christmas parties and activities Term ends: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.15 pm for Key Stage 1 (infants) • 1.30 pm for Key Stage 2 (juniors) |

INSET Days 2017/2018:

- **Monday 5th March 2018**
- **Friday 25th May 2018**
- **Friday 29th June 2018**

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