

Parish Post

The Weekly Newsletter, Friday 20th October 2017

Pavement Works Outside School

We have now been informed that the pavement works outside Reigate Parish Church Primary School will begin on Monday 30th October. This is the first day back after half term so please allow extra time for your journey from that day onwards.

The extent of the works will be between Crakell Road and Ringley Park Avenue. You can also find up to date details of the works on www.surreycc.gov.uk/roadworks If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us on 0300 200 1003 or email works.communication@surreycc.gov.uk.

Work being done on the pavement along Blackborough Road

Mrs Davis, following on from the questions raised at the Parents' Forum this week, wrote to the Works Communication Team in the Local Highway Services. The queries were forwarded to the contractor who answered them:

- 1) Could the work be done in small sections, thereby allowing traffic and parking to flow?

Each section will be determined by the length of the temporary traffic lights and all works on one side will be totally completed in each section.

- 2) Is it the case that the whole pavement along one side is dug up?
Existing parking will be allowed so long as it does not cause any hold ups with the controlled traffic lights areas.

- 3) Is it true there are going to be three sets of traffic lights needed to control traffic?

Three different temporary traffic signals will be required to control vehicles through the working areas but they will only be working individually i.e. 4-way lights at the cross road at the junction with Ringley Park Avenue, then 2-way lights single flow in the middle section. Then 3-way lights at the junction with Crakell Road. The works will be carried out in small, rolling sections and the team on site are very good at keeping the surrounding residents and businesses informed. The works rarely have any impact on passing traffic (apart from the lights) and we often carry them out outside schools as these are priority areas to keep maintained. Due to this our teams on site are very experienced in providing the access requirements a school and its many visitors need. From what I can gather, only sections of the pavement will be dug up at once to minimise impact.

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Year 3, September 2018, Reigate Parish Church Primary School

Because we are a primary school every year 2 child automatically has a place in Year 3 at Reigate Parish. You do not need to apply because you already have a place.

Look out for the invitation given to all Year 2 parents to come to a Key Stage 2 presentation delivered by Mrs Davis and Mrs Kennedy at 7.30 pm on

- 30th October 2017
- 6th December 2017
- 8th January 2017

Finding more out about KS2

We have published literature on the opportunities within KS2 and they are on the school's website, they include:

- Year 4 Grosvenor Hall residential
- How we use the outdoor area
- Choosing Parish for KS2: A Mum's perspective
- Choosing Reigate Parish for KS2
- Year 3 write about their experiences- Sept 2017
- Lots of information on PE lessons, competitive sport and opportunities to represent your school in external events
- Long term planning (LTP)
- Languages
- Music

<http://reigate-parish.org.uk/join-the-juniors/>

Gardening – bulbs to plant

We have been given 60 tulip bulbs and 70 narcissus bulbs from the granddad of two of our year 3 children which is very generous. Is there a volunteer who could lead other volunteers to plant the bulbs at the front of the school on the grassy bank and in the strip of land between the playground / slope and the astroturf?

Please talk to Mrs Davis if you are interested to help.

Save the date message:

Is your child 8 years+? Exciting news... we'd love to see our children representing Reigate Parish this year in The Holly Run, on the morning of Sunday 17th December. It is a competitive cross-country race in Priory Park, organised by Reigate Priory Athletics Club. We will be contacting you with more information soon. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to speak to Mrs Seddon-Hall or Mrs Saunders if you have any questions.

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Healthy Packed Lunches

If parents would like a detailed list of acceptable food for their child's packed lunch, please can they look at the government guidelines on healthy packed lunches. Please remember that **all food brought into school should be nut-free** because we have children with severe nut allergies. Thank you.

<http://www.healthylunch.org.uk/government/>

Guidelines are also available on the school website.

Exciting Holiday Reads

Looking for some exciting holiday reads? Check out the Tom Fletcher Book Club list at:

https://www.whsmith.co.uk/lists/cat2/books_childrens/lists/tomfletcherbookclub2017

There's something for everyone!

Children In Need

Children In Need this year is on Friday 17th November and children will be able to support the charity in different ways (more details to follow). One way children and families can support is to buy from school the glow in the dark Pudsey bear keyring. This year we have 350 key rings to sell in school, out in playground at 3.05 pm and 3.20 pm. They are £1 each. Please buy from school, we will let you know when we will be selling them in the playground.

YEAR 1 NEWS:

Kings and Queens Day

On Monday 30th October Year 1 will be having a Kings and Queens Day when the children will be coming to school in King/Queen costumes. We look forward to seeing them all dressed up.

YEAR 2 NEWS:

Year 2 Presentations

On Monday 30th October 2017 at 7.30 pm Mrs Davis and Mrs Kennedy will be giving a presentation to Year 2 parents about Key Stage 2 and moving into the junior school. Do come along and hear about the exciting curriculum for your children when they move to Year 3 at Reigate Parish Church Primary School.

YEAR 4 NEWS:

Egyptian Day

Year 4 is having an Egyptian day and is putting out a plea to all parents to either donate or lend us any resources they have for the exciting Egyptians topic next half term. This could include bits of papyrus, masks, photos, books about Egypt and ancient Egypt etc. Many thanks.

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GOVERNORS' NEWS:

The Governing Body of Reigate Parish Church Primary School will be starting the process of appointing a new Parent Governor after the October half term. Is this something you might be interested in? Do you know someone who you would like to nominate? Do have a look through the Governors' section of the website to find out more about what the Governors do and read the document 'Introduction to Reigate Parish Church Primary School Board of Governors' for a detailed look at the roles and responsibilities Governors take on.

The key roles of any Governing Body as laid out by the Government is set out in *The 1998 School Standards & Framework Act* and is defined as:

“Conduct the school with a view to promoting high standards of educational achievement”

It is school improvement (raising standards) that is the heart and the purpose of school governance. Governing Bodies have a strong focus on three core strategic functions:

1. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
2. Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
3. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is spent well.

Do feel free to speak to any of the current Governors to find out more information. Keep an eye out in Parish Post and on the website for further details after half term.

GENERAL NEWS:

Parking

Recently a Reigate Parish parent noticed a number of Reigate Parish parents parking in the Reigate Grammar School's car park/coach park. Reigate Grammar School has a regular notice in their newsletter requesting their parents do not park/pick up in the Reigate Parish entrance. Therefore, please can we request the same from our parents. Thank you.

Operation Christmas Child

Today the children in assembly heard about the wonderful work of Samaritan's Purse in delivering Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes. We are sending home leaflets about this fantastic initiative and if you would like to make up a shoe box, please do so during half term and bring the boxes in when we start school again. The boxes will be collected on Tuesday 14th November 2017.

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PTA NEWS:

FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR 2017 – SOLD OUT!

Class reps are now asking for final volunteers to help run the event. If you are coming along, please lend a hand where you can. This is the biggest fundraising event for the school and we need your support!

Tickets will be available to collect every day at pick up time in the **week beginning 30th October**. There will be a collection point in the playground.

Any enquiries, please email parishfireworks@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENING – Wednesday 15th November, 8 -10pm. We have some fantastic stallholders lined up for this event so please look out for ticket information coming out after half term.

CHRISTMAS FAIR – Saturday 2nd December, 12-3pm. Extra hands are always welcome so if you would like to help please let us know. In particular we are looking for volunteers to be on the face painting team – full training will be given, so please contact Claire on parishptacochairs@gmail.com if you are interested.

Please also get in touch if you have any raffle prizes which you would like to donate; the raffle is always a huge fundraiser so any donations will be very gratefully received.

PTA EGM – an Extraordinary General Meeting to amend the PTA constitution will take place on **Wednesday November 1st** at 9am in the staff room. A copy of the new constitution can be found in the school foyer.

PARENTS CHRISTMAS PARTY – FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER – save the date and watch this space!

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Diary Dates 2017/2018 – new information in red

AUTUMN TERM 2017	
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th October	Half term
Monday 30 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1 Kings and Queens Day – children come to school dressed in kings and queens costumes • Dedication of junior building by the Bishop of Southwark • 7.30 pm Year 2 presentation for parents about Key Stage 2 and life in the junior school
Tuesday 31 st October	9.00 am Prayer Group – all parents invited to attend
Wednesday 1 st November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual photos by Fraser Portraits • 9.00 am PTA Extraordinary General Meeting in staffroom
Saturday 4 th November	PTA Firework display
Monday 6 th November	Year 4 Egyptian day. Parent helpers needed.
Wednesday 8 th – Friday 10 th November	Year 3 Ufton Court
Tuesday 14 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operation Christmas Child boxes being collected • 6.30 pm Year 3 Ufton Court Soirée for children and parents
Wednesday 15 th November	8.00 pm – 10.00 pm 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. Information and permission forms being sent home to parents after half term.
Friday 24 th November	Years 3 & 4 Movie Night - Despicable Me
Tuesday 28 th November	9.00 am Prayer Group – all parents invited to attend
Monday 27 th November – Friday 1 st December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last week for clubs • Brake Week, Bikelt – details to follow
Thursday 30th November	Christmas Making Day – parent helpers needed. Details to follow.
Saturday 2 nd December	12.00 noon – 3.00 pm Christmas Fair
Tuesday 5 th December	Year 2 Christmas Journey, Reigate Park Church – details to follow. Parent volunteers needed.
Wednesday 6th December	7.30 pm Year 2 presentation for parents about Key Stage 2 and life in the junior school
Friday 8th December	Christmas production costumes to be in school by today
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 –

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	<p>in junior hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. Children to wear full school uniform.
Friday 15 th December	PTA Christmas Party for parents – details to follow
Monday 18 th December	1.30 pm Year 2 walk to St Mary's Church for Christmas service practice. Parent volunteers needed.
Tuesday 19 th December	Children's Christmas lunch- details to follow for packed lunch children
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. Children to wear party clothes. <p>Term ends:</p> <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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