

# Parish Post

The Weekly Newsletter, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017

## Fraser Portraits

**REMINDER:** the deadline for returning your Fraser Portraits order is today. Thank you.

## Stamps for Leprosy Mission

Christmas is coming - and that includes Christmas cards! Please remember to donate your used stamps for the Leprosy Mission. The collection box is in the foyer. The Leprosy Mission sell used stamps as part of their efforts to raise money for their important work. Last year we collected a huge amount of used stamps, and it was really great to be able to send them to the Leprosy Mission and know they were being used to help transform the life of people affected by leprosy.

The Leprosy Mission is an international Christian development organisation that diagnoses, treats and offers specialist care, including reconstructive surgery, to leprosy patients. Widely believed to be the world's oldest disease, leprosy is also one of the world's most stigmatised. World Health Organisation figures reveal there are more than 200,000 new cases of leprosy diagnosed globally each year. Globally, there are more than three million people living with irreversible disabilities, including blindness, as a result of the late treatment of leprosy.

Please contact Karen Best (Emma, Caterpillars, 07817 929155) for any details.

## Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November: RWI Evening in the Infant Hall

Please come along to a presentation on Read, Write Inc (RWI) to find out more about how it is structured and taught. We look forward to seeing many of you there.  
Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm

## Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January: Maths Evening in the Junior Hall

Reception and Key Stage 1: 7.00 pm – 7.50 pm  
Key Stage 2: 8.00 pm – 8.50 pm

Please come along to our Maths Evening event on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January. Each session will begin with a general introduction to how we teach maths at Reigate Parish Church Primary School and will then be followed by a more detailed explanation from each year group. The evening will have a focus on times tables, the four mathematical operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) and reasoning in maths. We have split the sessions into Reception & Key Stage 1 at

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7.00 pm -7.00 pm and Key Stage 2 at 8.00 pm – 8.50 pm. We hope to see you in our wonderful new junior hall for this event!

Mrs Sophie Wantenaar

### **Do you have unused RWI resources at home?**

If you no longer use your RWI resources, then would you donate them to school? We have lots of resources and annually invest in RWI but if we had any more resources then we would certainly put them to good use!

### **Parking outside**

This is a polite reminder that the black tarmac space outside the junior hall is not part of the school's car park (to park, wait or drop children off) and is a busy thoroughfare of children and parents. This week Mrs Davis has spoken to the drivers of the vehicles connected to the resurfacing of Blackborough Road pavement who have parked there, asking them to move.

### **Official Opening of the Junior Block**

The Bishop of Southwark officially opened the school on 30<sup>th</sup> October and this week we are in the Surrey Mirror. There is a "video tour" of the new junior block, follow the link

<http://www.getsurrey.co.uk/news/surrey-news/first-look-inside-reigate-school-13886377>

### **A Special Visitor**

Yesterday we welcomed Warwick Davis and his wife into school to talk to some of our children. He commented on how well the children behaved and how lovely the new junior block looked. He is going to return in the Spring Term to lead a whole school assembly on life, differences and friendship.

### **Joining Year 3 at Reigate Parish Church Primary School – September 2018**

To join Year 3 (in September 2018) at Reigate Parish Church Primary School from **another school**, you need to complete the Admissions & Transport "in-year application form for current Year 2", available online. This is the agreed mechanism between the school's Governors and Admissions & Transport for applying for a place for Year 3 in September 2018.

You complete the form, send it to Admissions and Transport who then notify the school that you are on our waiting list. You can inform school letting us know that you are going through this process if you wish. Then after the January 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 deadline, when Admissions and Transport are in the process of allocating the Year 3 places, they will know which families (from different schools) would like a Year 3 place at Reigate Parish.

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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

- **6<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – hear more about PE competitions we enter, hear from children and parents and learn more about the residentials**
- 8<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – an opportunity to email in ahead of 8<sup>th</sup>, your questions about Key Stage 2 and then come along to hear the answers

### **Children's Safety**

Mrs Davis is growing very concerned about the number of children (school-aged and pre-school) who are walking along the wall in between the playground and the MUGA. This is a steep wall and a child falling could seriously hurt themselves. The children in school know they are not allowed to go up there during school time and this rule extends to after school. Please can parents make sure their child knows this rule. I will ask teachers to remind their class.

### **Colouring Club**

Colouring Club has had a fantastic term featuring Moana, Emoji, Lego Ninja, flowers, butterflies, Frozen (Anna and Elsa) and characters, as well as many others. They also themed fireworks and autumn. The children really love it.

Please can you look at home and if you have any spare coloured pencils or colouring media, new or used, they would love to have it. Please just drop anything off in the school office. Thank you.

### **The Holly Run- Sunday 17th December - for all children aged 8 and older**

If your child wants to participate in this event, please complete the form (which has been emailed to all families in Years 3 and 4) and hand it in to the office FAO Mrs. Saunders by 1st December. Please remember to hand it in with your cash payment of £5. Please speak to Mrs Saunders if you have any questions.

### **Planning a party? Wanting a bigger space for that special event?**

You can hire the school's junior or infant hall and outdoor space. Very good competitive rates. Please contact the school business manager, Mrs Lis Bowen, on [admin@reigate-parish.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@reigate-parish.surrey.sch.uk) for more details.

### **YEAR 2 NEWS:**

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Congratulations to all the year 2 pupils who participated in the Multi-Skills Festival on Thursday morning. This event was a skill-based festival that focused on the fundamentals of throwing, catching, movement; agility, and coordination. The children worked very hard as a team and finished in 3rd place. We are very proud of their hard work.



There are two remaining Multi-Skills events that will take place this academic year. As we can only take 12 pupils to each event, we will continue to choose them at random.

A huge thank you to all the parents who volunteered for this event. Without you this event would not be possible.

Mrs Seddon-Hall

### **KEY STAGE 2:**

#### **Non-Fiction Books for the Library**

Thank you to everyone who has contributed books to our new Key Stage 2 library. We do not have many non-fiction books and Mrs Kennedy has now asked if you have any of these at home and could donate them to the school, to bring them to the school office. Thank you.

### **YEAR 4 NEWS:**

#### **Christmas Making Day – Year 4**

Christmas Making Day is drawing close, Thursday 30th November. Please could you have a look around your home for the following items which will help us make our creations?

- Spare ends of Christmas wrapping paper
- Buttons (any size or colour)
- Cookie cutters – Christmas-themed ones which we will use to cut salt dough.

Thank you in advance. The Year 4 team.

#### **PenPals international - Miss Crowe needs your help!**

I would love to set up an exchange between our school and other schools around the world. The long-term plan is for each year group to write to a school on each of the continents. However, to start with, any link to a school in a different country would be fantastic. We would be able to learn about others' schooling, home life, culture, hobbies and languages. This would be a great link to PSHE and SMSC, geography and help our letter writing skills.

Do you know of anyone living abroad, who works in a school, or has children attending a school? Please get in touch via the office. Thank you.

### **GOVERNORS' NEWS:**

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## **Governors' Fund**

Thank you for your donations to the Governors' Fund - last year we received £10,728, which resulted in over £12,500 with Gift Aid.

If the full £60 was paid for all children at the school, this would raise £17,100, plus Gift Aid. This would allow the School to buy their wish list of resources to enhance the children's learning – the Governors have agreed to specifically support technology across the school, and this level of contributions would allow this as well as other resources and improvements. All the money received into the Governors' Fund in this academic year will be spent on the children in this academic year.

The important things we would like to use the Governors' Fund for this year are:

- To install into the Junior Hall a new Audio Visual system. The hall is used by all children every week and this year the Key Stage 1 and Reception nativity productions will be there. Class assemblies next term will also be in the junior hall. We need a projector for the Carol concert, nativities and for our assemblies. The sound system will include microphones and speakers.
- Buying a set of digital cameras that can be used by the children.
- Buying more laptops for children across the school and for Year 5.
- Contributing to Purple Mash, Oddizzi & Abacus' annual renewal licences. These programs are used across school. We are looking at programs to support children learning their times tables and common exception words.
- LEGO we-do. This will be used predominately with children in Key Stage 2 to help them build robots and write codes.

In the next academic year we have set our sights on a 3D printer as well as holographic / virtual world headsets that take children all around the world and give them experiences like exploring the pyramids from their desks or taking a walk with the Queen.

Parents are asked to contribute £60 per child per year to the Governors' Fund. This can be a one off payment or a monthly standing order. Some parents want to contribute more and for some parents they give what they can afford. If you haven't paid this year, it is certainly not too late – the easiest way is to set up a standing order – the details you will require for bank transfers and standing orders are:

Account Name: The Governing Body of Reigate Parish Church School

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Account Number: 39026361 and Sort Code: 54-30-36

Reference: Please add your surname

Please remember to complete the forms, including the gift aid declaration if applicable, and return to Alex Foster, via the school office. The forms are attached to the email sending the Parish Post. If you have any queries regarding donations to the Governors' Fund then please contact Alex Foster, either via the School Office, or by e-mail on [afoster393@gmail.com](mailto:afoster393@gmail.com). Enquiries are always treated in strictest confidence.

Please support the Governors' Fund. Please make your payment today.

### **GENERAL NEWS:**

#### **Operation Christmas Child**

Thank you to everyone who made up a shoe box for Operation Christmas Child. We had 76 in all and we hope they bring happiness to the children who will be opening them on Christmas morning.

#### **YMCA East Surrey Santa Run, Sunday 10 December 2017, Priory Park, Reigate**

The YMCA Santa Run is returning to Priory Park on Sunday 10 December 2017. Santas of all ages and abilities are invited to join us in a choice of races to raise money for YMCA East Surrey and to have some festive fun!

The race timetable is as follows and all entries receive a free Santa Suit, drink and medal:

- 10:30 | Adult 3 mile (16+)
- 11:15 | Junior 1 mile (8 – 15yr olds wishing to run on their own – no adults)
- 11:45 | Family 1 mile (Adults and juniors 4+)

With the popularity of this event and to ensure even more Santas can take part, we have increased our numbers. We still have limited places available. To enter please visit <http://www.ymcaeast Surrey.org.uk/santa-run/>. Ho ho hope to see you there!"

### **PTA NEWS:**

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### **Scholastic Book Club**

Our **Scholastic Book Club is still open for Christmas!** You can go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/reigate-parish-church-school> to browse the books and order online. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 25p** in Scholastic Rewards, so this is a great way to earn extra resources for our school while doing a bit of Christmas shopping! Please place your **order online by December 7th, 2017.**

**CAULIFLOWER CHRISTMAS CARDS** - these have just arrived and look fantastic! They will be distributed in the coming days.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 12 noon - 3pm.** You should all by now have received a Christmas Fair pack in your child's book bag detailing everything you need to know about this year's German Market extravaganza. Please return all order forms and raffle ticket stubs to the festive PTA box in the school foyer – **mug design entries must be in by 24th November.**

Also on 24<sup>th</sup> November is a **muffi day** when children and parents are encouraged to bring in their fair donations. It's an excellent opportunity to have a clear out of all those unwanted gifts, and why not inspire yourself to eat healthily before Christmas by giving us some bottles of wine and boxes of chocolate?

Spare order forms can be downloaded from the PTA section of the school website or can be obtained from the school office.

**Facepainting** – we are still desperately short of facepainting volunteers. The facepainting stall is always hugely popular so please do get in touch if you think you can help. Full training is provided, and doesn't take long!

**CHRISTMAS PTA PARTY – FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 8 pm-12 midnight.** We hope you've all started researching your best Christmas jumper options! Ticket order forms will be available from next week, either from your class reps or on the PTA section of the school website.

**SHOPPING EVENING** – thank you so much to everyone who helped make Wednesday's shopping evening such a success! Stallholders, helpers and attendees all contributed to the fabulous atmosphere which raised a brilliant amount for the school.

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

<b>AUTUMN TERM 2017</b>	
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	7.00 pm – 8.00 pm Read Write Inc presentation for parents of Reception and Year 1 children – details to follow
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Muffi Day – bring in Christmas Fair donations</b></li> <li>• <b>Deadline for PTA Mug design entries</b></li> <li>• Years 3 &amp; 4 Movie Night - Despicable Me</li> </ul>
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00 am Prayer Group – all parents invited to attend
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>
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Making Day – parent helpers needed. Details to follow.
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	12.00 noon – 3.00 pm Christmas Fair
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 Christmas Journey, Reigate Park Church – details to follow. Parent volunteers needed.
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	7.30 pm Year 2 presentation for parents about Key Stage 2 and life in the junior school
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas production costumes to be in school by today
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00 am Holly Run practice in Priory Park – Years 3 and 4
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> <li>• 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm Christmas Carol Concert for Years 3 and 4 – 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 – 7.30 pm Years 3 and 4 Carol Concert now in the Reigate Parish Church Primary School's junior hall. Please note change of venue – full details to follow. Children to wear full school uniform.</li> </ul>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Christmas Party for parents – details to follow
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Holly Run in Priory Park – Years 3 and 4
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30 pm Year 2 walk to St Mary's Church for Christmas service practice. Parent volunteers needed. Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December

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Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	'Cycle to Santa' December Challenge!
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Children's Christmas lunch - details to follow for packed lunch children
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>Muffin day for Christmas parties and activities. Children to wear party clothes.</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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