

Parish Post

The Weekly Newsletter, Friday 24th November 2017

Christmas Performances

Reception and Year 1 & 2

We have now allocated the tickets for the Reception and Year 1 & 2 Christmas performances. We have been able to give everyone the tickets that they requested on their original form. These forms and tickets have been given to the class teachers and should be arriving home via the book bags.

We do have some spare tickets so if you would like any please come to the school office.

Junior Carol Concert

Please can we have all ticket requests handed in to the school office by the end of today so that we can allocate tickets on Monday. Thank you.

Clubs at Reigate Parish Church Primary School

Please remember that next week is the last week of **TEACHER-LED** clubs at Reigate Parish Church Primary School. They will start again in January 2018, in the spring term. We will be sending out details next week about these.

The **external club providers** will continue on and please check with your individual provider for their final date.

Bike It: Toyota Dream Car Competition

Would your child like to get involved in designing an amazing car? Would it recycle old newspaper as its fuel and have zero emissions? Would it do the gardening and pick up litter as it goes along? Would it fly and feed birds or submerge under the sea and pick up all the bits of plastic whilst singing to dolphins?

If you are interested then please look at: <https://www.toyota.co.uk/dreamcar.json> for competition details and examples of previous winners.

Pavement outside School

The pavement outside school is now open but the workmen will come back at a later date to finish it off and at that point we will not be able to use this pavement or gate again for a short while. We will let you know when this will be.

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Children in Need Donations

Thank you to everyone who purchased a 'Children in Need' keyring, we raised £286.00 from selling them. We also asked the children to come to school wearing something spotty for a donation of £1 and from this we raised £229.65 making a grand total of £515.65.

Dodgeball

Thank you to everybody who returned their sponsorship forms for the Dodgeball Competition. We have now counted the money and you raised an incredible £1926.00. This means that £1,540.80 will go to the British Heart Foundation with the school retaining our 20% share of £385.20, which will be spent on PE in school.

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 17th 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 17th 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 7.00 pm - 7.50 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

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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!

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 15th 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.

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

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

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 for more details.

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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:

The Full Governing Body met on the 16th November, they discussed the targets that the Governing Body have set themselves to achieve in this coming year to do with resourcing the school, maintaining the Outstanding rating and ensuring the curriculum is full and varied. These targets will be looked at in greater detail in smaller committees over the year. Governors were delighted to learn that there have been 2 nominations for the post of Parent Governor; this will now go to ballot to allow the parent body to choose who they would like to serve on the Governing Body. You will receive your ballot forms in the next day or so, please read through these carefully and return them by the 4th December.

GENERAL NEWS:

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!"

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PTA NEWS:

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.**

CHRISTMAS FAIR – Saturday 2nd December, 12 - 3pm - Your children should all have brought in their donations for the Christmas fair as part of mufti day this morning – many thanks! Any further donations will be gratefully received – please put them in the box in the school foyer. Please also do remember to sell your raffle tickets and return any counterfoils. Any mug design forms need to be in by pick up today please.

Face painting – we are still desperately short of face painting volunteers. The face painting 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 15TH DECEMBER 8pm -12 midnight - Your class reps now have all the ticket information for this fun event – look out for the emails from them detailing how to purchase tickets! Ticket order deadline is 8th December.

THEGIVINGMACHINE – with Black Friday deals enticing us all, please do take the time to sign up to this fantastic site before you do your shopping! It will help us raise lots of money for the school at no cost to you!

<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/reigate-parish-church-school/>

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Diary Dates 2017/2018 – new information in red

AUTUMN TERM 2017	
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 30 th 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 6 th December	7.30 pm Year 2 presentation for parents about Key Stage 2 and life in the junior school
Thursday 7th December	Scholastic Book Club order deadline
Friday 8 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas production costumes to be in school by today • Deadline for PTA Parents Christmas party ticket orders
Saturday 9 th December	10.00 am Holly Run practice in Priory Park – Years 3 and 4
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 • 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm Christmas Carol Concert for Years 3 and 4 – 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 – 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.
Friday 15 th December	PTA Christmas Party for parents
Sunday 17 th December	Holly Run in Priory Park – Years 3 and 4
Monday 18 th December	1.30 pm Year 2 walk to St Mary's Church for Christmas service practice. Parent volunteers needed.
Monday 18 th – Thursday 21 st December	'Cycle to Santa' December Challenge!
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

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Thursday 21 st December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Muffin day for Christmas parties and activities. Children to wear party clothes. Term ends: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1.15 pm for Key Stage 1 (infants)• 1.30 pm for Key Stage 2 (juniors)
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INSET Days 2017/2018:

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

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