

# Parish Post

**The Weekly Newsletter, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017**

## **Bikes/Scooters in Bike Store**

Please can you make sure that all bikes/scooters are removed from the bike store at the front of the junior building (ie the one in front of the junior hall) as this area will be the collection point for Christmas tree orders at the fair on Saturday. Thank you.

## **Christmas Cards**

It is our tradition at Reigate Parish for children only to make one Christmas card for their class and not to give everyone a card. This will help save the trees and so we should be grateful if you could help us with this. Thank you.

## **Christmas Productions DVD**

Once again, Marc Ashdown (an ex parent) is producing a DVD of the Christmas performances. We ask parents not to film the productions and please look out for the order forms to purchase an official DVD.

## **Christmas Lunch**

If your child normally has a packed lunch, we invite them to have a Christmas lunch at school on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. The menu on this day is roast turkey, roast potatoes, vegetables followed by festive trifle. In addition, they all receive a cracker and festive music is played. Please let us know by email if you would like your child to have this special lunch. As you know, for infant children this is free and for junior children the cost will be £2.25 each.

## **Christmas Party**

On the last day of this term, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December, the children will be having a Christmas party. The kitchen will be supplying party food and the children can come to school in party clothes on that day.

If your child usually brings a packed lunch and you would like them to have school Christmas party food on 21<sup>st</sup> December, please let us know by email if you would like your child to have this party lunch. Again it is free for infant children and costs £2.25 for junior children.

Please remember that school finishes at 1.15 pm for Key Stage 1 and 1.30 pm for Key Stage 2 on the last day of term.

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### **Church Service**

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December we will be holding our Christmas end-of-term service at St Mary's Church at 2.15 pm. All parents are warmly invited to celebrate Christmas with us for the service on that Wednesday afternoon. During the service the children will be singing and sharing with us parts of their nativity performances and carols. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a school family. If you are not able to attend this service, please collect your child from St Mary's Church at 3.05 pm. Any children going to Tea Club will be walked back to school. All other clubs will have finished by then.

### **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.

### **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.

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

### **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 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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### **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.

### **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

### **The Holly Run- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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:**

Year 2 is looking forward to walking to Reigate Park URC (United Reform Church) on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December to take part in 'Sparkfish: A Christmas Journey'. The children will have two 30-minute sessions where they will be walked through the Christmas Story, and then complete a craft activity. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to walk there with us and come along on the Christmas Journey!

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## **YEAR 4 NEWS:**

### **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 Resources Committee met on Tuesday to further discuss the school budget and the best way to use the money available to the school. The Governors agreed to fit blinds in the new junior classrooms and are looking at how to decorate the infant corridors, classrooms and hall. Governors also looked at how the costing of each School Journey works. Tuesday was the last meeting for Parent Governor Alex Foster, Governors thanked Alex for all the hard work she has done for the Governing Body over the last 4 years. Mike Shaw will take over her role as the Treasurer of the Governors' Fund so any correspondence or contributions to the Governors' Fund can now be addressed to him. Look out in next week's Parish Post for the results of our Parent Governor election – remember to cast your vote by midday on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

There are **only 6 days left to order** from our latest **Scholastic Book Club** before the order closes on 7<sup>th</sup> December.

Just go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/reigate-parish-church-school> to browse the latest books and place your order.

**Every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club will earn **25p for our school** in Scholastic Rewards so get Christmas shopping!

**CHRISTMAS FAIR – TOMORROW Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 12 -3 pm.** Thank you so much for all your generous donations for the fair – it's going to be a fabulously festive afternoon, so please pop along for some gluhwein, bratwurst and a pretzel or two! However, our raffle ticket sales are extremely low so far and this forms a huge portion of the income from the event so please do return any counterfoils languishing at home to the box in the foyer either today at pickup or tomorrow at the fair itself before 2.

**CHRISTMAS PTA PARTY – FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 8 pm-12 midnight.** You should all have received your ticket order forms from your class reps – what are you waiting for? Put your forms and money in the box in the school foyer! Ticket order deadline is **8<sup>th</sup> December** and order forms and details can be downloaded from the PTA section of the school website.

**THEGIVINGMACHINE** – Advent has begun, so 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

<b>AUTUMN TERM 2017</b>	
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
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reception</b> Christmas production costumes to be in school by today</li> <li>• 7.30 pm Year 2 presentation for parents about Key Stage 2 and life in the junior school</li> </ul>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Scholastic Book Club order deadline
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Years 1 and 2</b> Christmas production costumes to be in school by today</li> <li>• Deadline for PTA Parents' Christmas party ticket orders</li> </ul>
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. Children to wear full school uniform.</li> </ul>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Christmas Party for parents
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	'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 – <b>2.50 pm</b> Christmas church service at St Mary's Church. All parents invited to attend. <b>Children not collected from St Mary's will be walked back to school and parents should collect infant children at 3.05 pm and junior children at 3.20 pm.</b>

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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>
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**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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