

Parish Post

The Weekly Newsletter, Friday 8th December 2017

Result of Parent Governor Election

The Governors are delighted to announce that Tom Glover has won the election to become a Parent Governor by the parent body of Reigate Parish Church Primary School.

Job Opportunities in School

Midday Supervisor and/or Senior Midday Supervisor Vacancy.

We have 1 - 2 vacancies to join our lunchtime team on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Please look on eteach for more details. Do contact Mrs Bowen, the school business manager at admin@reigate-parish.surrey.sch.uk for more details.

Breakfast Club Vacancy

We have a vacancy to work in our Breakfast Club on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 7.30 am – 9.00 am. Please contact Mrs Bowen, the school business manager at admin@reigate-parish.surrey.sch.uk for more details.

These are a really good opportunity to join the staff team at Reigate Parish and many MDS and breakfast club staff have then gone on to work as TAs in the classroom.

Area in Front of Junior Building

We ask parents not to park on the area of tarmac directly in front of the junior building when dropping off at Breakfast Club or collecting from after-school clubs. This is a pedestrian area and not a car park. Thank you.

White Box in School Foyer

Jose has now put the white box in the school foyer on the wall. This gives more space for parents when signing in and if you have any paperwork for the office or the PTA, please can you put it in this white box. Thank you.

Year 3 Presentation

It was lovely to see Year 2 parents on Wednesday 6th December for the presentation about Year 3. We will be emailing out early next week the information sheet on this most recent Key Stage 2 presentation, where parents heard from Year 3 and 4 parents, Mrs Seddon Hall our PE specialist teacher and were also given some data statistics.

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Sports Relief

The school has received a wonder letter from Tom Daley, the Olympic diver, telling us that Reigate Parish Church School is officially a Sport Relief Super School! This is in recognition of our amazing efforts. We have been given a shiny plaque which is now in the school foyer. Well done.

Scooters

We have a collection of scooters and bicycles that appears to be growing in the inner court yard of the infant building. If you have lost one recently please check to see if any of them belong to you otherwise whatever is left on Friday 15th December will be donated to a local charity.

Reception applications for September 2018

In an effort to reduce the number of late applications received, Admissions & Transport would like to remind parents that the closing date for Reception applications for September 2018 entry is **15 January 2018**.

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 19th 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 21st 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 21st 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 K Stage 1 and 1.30 pm for KS2 on the last day of term.

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End-of-Term Church Service

On Wednesday 20th 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 2.50 pm. Any children going to Tea Club will be walked back to school. All other clubs will have finished by then. Infant children should be collected from school at 3.05 pm and Junior children at 3.20 pm.

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 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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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 8th January 2017 – hear about a day in the life of Year 3

The Holly Run- Sunday 17th December 2017

If you're around Reigate and fancy popping along to cheer on our Year 3 & 4 runners on Sunday 17th December in Priory Park, we'd love to see you. Two races, the first at 10 am followed quickly by the second. Starting line lakeside of the skate park. Great atmosphere and fantastic challenge! Jo Saunders

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.

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.

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GOVERNOR NEWS:

Data Monitoring Visit

On Thursday 7th December two governors spent the morning in school on their annual "Data" monitoring visit. The governors had emailed a week before the school's internal data and the new Analyse School Performance and the new Inspection Data Summary Report documents (DfE and Ofsted respectively published documents but used inside school). The governors spent time separately with Mrs Davis, Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Wright to understand in more depth how school targets children to achieve greater depth, how core children are challenged and how SEND children are supported. Governors also walked round school during wet play to see children very settled and enjoying their wet play activities, they watched a Year 3 and 4 carol concert practice and were mightily impressed by the quality of musical talent from everyone. They looked at maths and writing books across the school to see the impact of the school's marking policy.

Each half term 2 - 3 governors are in school talking to Mrs Davis, teachers, children, looking at books, walking in and out of lessons seeing the children learning, going into assembly and going out to see the children at playtime. Next half term the governors' monitoring visit is looking at the impact of Secrets of Success, PE, clubs, trips, use of the outdoor and role play opportunities.

PTA NEWS:

CHRISTMAS FAIR – THANK YOU! A huge 'thank you' goes to everyone – class reps, organisers, parents – who helped make the Christmas fair such a success! We have had really wonderful feedback from attendees and while we are still finalising expenses, it looks like we will have raised over £4,000, which is a wonderful amount for the school. Well done!

CHRISTMAS PTA PARTY – FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER 8pm-12am. The deadline for ticket order forms is **today**. Tickets cost £10 with £1 going to Save the Children, and include a welcome drink. Ticket order forms and details can be downloaded from the PTA section of the school website, so please do get your order forms in at pickup today if you haven't already.

CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS – There are a few Christmas puddings leftover from the fair – these are high quality, beautifully wrapped, and presented with the school logo on and would make perfect presents. They cost £6.50 for a 4 person pud (gluten free available!) and £3 for an individual serving. If you would like one, please look out for them being sold in the playground on **Tuesday morning** or email parishptachairs@gmail.com to reserve one.

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CHRISTMAS DVDS – please see the attached letter about pre-ordering a DVD of the children's Christmas performances. Please note the consent forms must be returned by Monday 11th December if applicable, and that order forms must be in by **Friday 15th December**. We cannot extend this deadline if we are to get DVDs back in book bags before the end of term.

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+)
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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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Diary Dates 2017/2018 – **new information in red**

AUTUMN TERM 2017	
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. Children to wear full school uniform.
Friday 15 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTA Christmas Party for parents • Deadline for Christmas DVD orders
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 – 2.50 pm Christmas church service at St Mary's Church. All parents invited to attend. 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.
Thursday 21 st December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mufti 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)

INSET Days 2017/2018:

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

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