

Parish Post

The Weekly Newsletter, Friday 23rd February 2018

World Book Day – Thursday 1st March 2018 – for the children

Children are invited to celebrate reading and world book day by coming to school dressed as their favourite character where they will meet staff dressed as their favourite book character. If children have a book with their character in, then please bring it (named) into school.

On the day the children will take part in different book-themed activities and will come home with their £1 book voucher which they can take to a local book shop to redeem against a book of their choice. We are going to hold our Book Week the week of Monday 21st May where a book fair will be held at school.

Evening of Thursday 1st March at 7.30 pm – for parents

Every parent is invited to attend an evening workshop on reading, where you will hear more about how we teach reading, how we plan for the daily guided reading sessions and take home the recommended books for your child to read. We will also be launching our library fundraising project titled: "book by book, building our library together". Do read the attached letter.

IMPORTANT - Parent Volunteers and Child Protection

Thank you to all the parents and relatives who help in school, you are an invaluable asset to us! We are required to ensure that together with having a DBS certificate that everyone who helps in school is familiar with our Child Protection and Safeguarding policies and whistleblowing policy. Please can you take a few moments to read the two policies listed below and when you are next in school sign the record sheet so that we can ensure that we are complying with regulations. Thank you.

- <http://reigate-parish.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Safeguarding-and-Child-Protection-Policy-Oct-2017.pdf>
- <http://reigate-parish.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/whistleblowing-policy-sept-2017-1.pdf>

Year 3 & 4 School dinner money

Please can I remind parents that school dinner money is now due for the second half of the spring term. Payment can be made via the Tucasi online payment system where you will be able to see the exact amount owing. If you wish to pay by cash or cheque please contact the school office for your balance outstanding. Thank you.

Marvellous ME

Have you signed up to this useful educational app? If not then read the attachment and sign up today so you too can hear about the learning your child has done. School has bought this Marvellous Me app for parents because it “sparks” a learning conversation at home. Rather than your child not being able to articulate clearly what they have learnt in school, you receive a brief message from the teacher and then you can have that learning conversation with your child...and see where it takes you! We currently have 93% signed up and year to date 13700 learning messages have been sent home. It would be fabulous to get 100% take up.

Craft Club

Thank you for your support and understanding before half term, whilst I was unwell. Although I am feeling better, I feel I need another few weeks to recuperate fully. Therefore, there will be no Craft Club until after the Easter break. I will post a note in the Parish Post to keep you updated.
Lesley Wileman

Cross Country

Well done to the 16 Year 3 and 4 pupils, that represented our school in the 2018 cross country race that took place on Tuesday in Reigate Priory Park. The race was a combined Year 3 /4 competition with roughly 90 participants in each race. Our pupils all ran extremely well and as a school we were in 2nd place in both the girls and boys categories. A special mention to the following pupils that placed in the top ten in their race: Jessica Randall, Emily Sheard, Ruth Lewis, Sophia Potter and Ethan Patterson. Jessica Randall walked away with a silver medal after her fantastic performance. Well done Reigate Parish!

Once again I would like to thank all the parent volunteers for helping make this event possible.
Mrs Seddon-Hall

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.

RECEPTION NEWS:

Request for Complete Phonic Puzzles

The Reception teachers have ask that if you have any complete phonic puzzles you no longer want, please can you bring them to the school office. Thank you.

Wednesday PE Clothes

Please note that next week PE day for Reception will be Wednesday, 28th February 2018, and not Thursday, because Thursday is World Book Day.

YEAR 2 NEWS:

All Year 2 parents are invited to SATs information evening on Monday 26th February at 7.00 pm. So please do come along and hear about SATs this year.

GOVERNORS' NEWS:

The Faith Group made from three governors met with Mrs Davis this week. We talked about how school is going to have a spiritual garden and we fed back our thoughts after we visited the 'Think' space led by Sparkfish at Hawthorns School.

PTA NEWS:

Valentine's Disco

Thank you so much to the organisers of this year's Valentine's Disco which raised in the region of £600 for the school. The children had a fantastic time! Thank you also to all the parents and staff who volunteered.

Uniform Sales

There will be a sale after school on **Friday 16th March** with a particular focus on Summer uniform (summer dresses/shorts etc). We could do with building up our stocks, so please have a check at home over half term and bring in any uniform your children have grown out of so that it can be passed on. We are particularly short of trousers, coloured PE T-shirts, new style jumpers/cardigans and older sizes (Juniors) of all uniform. Please only donate items that you would be happy to buy - and no white polo shirts (as they tend to be grey!) A box will be placed in reception for you to put the items in. Finally, any volunteers to help with the sales (first dibs on uniform...!) would be greatly appreciated.

Diary Dates 2017/2018 – new information in red

SPRING TERM 2018	
Monday 26 th February	7.00 pm – 8.00 pm Year 2 parents invited to SATs information evening
Tuesday 27 th February	9.00 am Prayer Group in staffroom – all welcome
Wednesday 28 th February	Reception children come to school in PE clothes instead of Thursday this week, which is World Book Day
Thursday 1 st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Book Day – children to come dressed as their favourite book character • Library Project launch
Friday 2 nd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1 African Drumming workshop • Year 4 Science Day: 'Save the World'
Monday 5 th March	INSET day – school closed
Tuesday 6 th March	Year 3 French Café and DT Day – timings to follow
Wednesday 7 th March	Year 1 Starsteppers Dance Festival at The Harlequin, Redhill
Friday 9 th March	3.00 pm Cake Sale – Year 2 PTA Film Night
Monday 12 th March	Years 3 and 4 boys' football tournament, Earlswood School
Friday 16 th March	Second-hand uniform sale after school
Monday 19 th March	Year 2 Indian Dance Workshop
Thursday 22 nd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.30 pm Parents' Forum • Year 2 Multi Skills at St Bede's School for selected children
Friday 23 rd March	3.20 pm Cake Sale – Year 3
Monday 26 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1 Easter Service practice in the afternoon - parent helpers needed • 4.30 pm – 8.00 pm Parents' Evening
Tuesday 27 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.00 am Prayer Group in staffroom – all welcome • 2.15 pm End-of-term service at St Mary's Church – parent helpers needed
Wednesday 28 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Years 3 and 4 girls' football tournament, Furzefield School • 3.30 pm – 6.30 pm Parents' Evening
Thursday 29 th March	Term ends: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Stage 1 at 1.15 pm • Key Stage 2 at 1.30 pm

INSET Days 2018:

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

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