

# Parish Post

The Weekly Newsletter, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018

## Contacting the office or teachers

If you need to contact a class teacher by email please send the message to [info@reigate-parish.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@reigate-parish.surrey.sch.uk) and the teacher will respond as soon as they are able to, obviously taking into account that they will be teaching for the majority of the day. You should expect a response within 24 - 48 hours. If the matter is urgent please telephone the school office and a note will be given to the class as soon as possible.

## Announcing the Exciting Library Project

This exciting project will be launched on 1st March, World Book Day when children will receive their £1 free book voucher and children (and staff) can come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

So watch out for more details on the 1<sup>st</sup> March about how you can get involved.

## Head lice

Please ensure that all children with long hair have it tied back. If your child's hair rests on their shoulders, then it should be tied up because it is long enough. Please can you ensure that your child's hair is all tied up in a ponytail, or plait and that no strands are excluded. This will help prevent the spread of head lice.

In addition, it is imperative that all parents check their children's hair regularly and follow the instructions and guidelines given by the NHS: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

## Head bumps

Children will bump their heads to various degrees but we will ensure that all head bumps are investigated and the children will receive a head bump sticker which will be attached to their t-shirt or jumper and a pink head bump slip that will be either given to the child to place in their book bag or in the case of Reception children placed in their bag by a member of staff. As a school we expect parents to check book bags every afternoon in any event. If your child is injured at school we will ensure that they will receive first aid from a trained member of staff and if necessary we will telephone a parent to request that the child receive further medical help from a doctor.

### **SCITT Students in School**

We have hosted two new SCITT (school centred initial teacher training) students this term – Miss Birchard in Honeybees and Miss Penrose in Caterpillars. We are partnered with the George Abbott Secondary School in Guildford and host their SCITT students four days a week in school for the practical part of their qualification and then one day a week the students attend George Abbott for the taught section to their course. At the end of their year in school and having passed their course they will be qualified teachers. They will then go on to do their first year as a newly qualified teacher (NQT) at a school where they have secured a job.

At the end of this half term we will say goodbye to Miss Penrose who will return to her host school whilst Miss Birchard stays with us but moves to work in Turtles. We will also welcome back after half term, from their alternative placement school, Mr Barrow, SCITT in Dolphins and Miss Smith, SCITT in Caterpillars.

We are also going to host a PGCE student from Kingston University in Honeybees and welcome him after half term.

### **Harlequins Rugby club**

On Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> of January, a coach from the Harlequins Rugby club came into our school to run rugby sessions across our Key Stage 2. The sessions were really good. The children were enthusiastic and all seemed to really enjoy the skills and games that they were taught.

### **District Gymnastics Competition**

A massive congratulation to our Years 3 and 4 gymnastic team who came home proudly with silver medals around their neck on Wednesday. They finished in second place, just behind St Mathews at the District Gymnastics Competition on Wednesday. Our gymnasts have put in lots of time and effort practising and refining their routines over the last couple of months. I am so incredibly proud of their hard work and their accomplishment. A special mention to Elodie Heath who also won an individual bronze medal for her performance in the body management discipline. Thank you to all the volunteers and parents who no doubt helped/ encouraged their children to practise more at home. A huge thank you and congratulations to everyone involved!

### **Breakfast Club – Pancake Day**

Pancake Day is nearly here and it will be open from 7.15 am and pancakes will only be served until 8.15 am.

### **Year 3 and 4 School dinner money**

Please can I remind parents that school dinner money is now due for the first 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.

**Art Week 2018**  
**Around the World: 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

During art week each year group will be creating artwork from a specific country or continent. On the Friday, they will have the opportunity to "travel the world" and make something from each destination around the school, collecting stamps in their 'passport'.

Every class will also take part in a tie-dye workshop. **Please can every child bring in a cheap, plain, white t-shirt for them to tie-dye.** This needs to be in school by Friday 2nd February.

On Friday 9th February, parents are invited to 'travel the world' after school (which will be set up as an art gallery) so that the children can show you what we have been up to! Bon Voyage!

**Breakfast Club before 7.15am**

We have found that some parents want to come into Breakfast Club before the new earlier start time of 7.15 am. To try and assist them, we are prepared to let children in between 7.00 and 7.15 if this is absolutely essential. However, this can only happen at the discretion of the Breakfast Club manager, Juanita Collman, and is on a day to day basis. Entry before 7.15 cannot be guaranteed and will incur a surcharge of £10 on top of the 7.15 cost of £8.

**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:**

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

**GOVERNORS' NEWS:**

The Resources Committee met on Tuesday this week to discuss a range of items, they discussed in detail the financial situation of the school ensuring that the school is achieving value for money for insurance policies, the money spent from the Sports Premium Grant as well as other items that school needs to buy to prepare for the Year 5 and 6 classes. Governors are preparing to be GDPR compliant by the deadline. Mike Shaw, as the new Treasurer of the Governors' Fund, reported that more parents have recently contributed to the Fund allowing the Governors to continue to contribute money to the school budget specifically to help pay for ICT items, the Governors pass on their thanks to the parents who have contributed. Do get in touch with Mike if you would still like to contribute.

## **Governor Monitoring Visit: Looking at PE, Clubs, Residentials, Extra-Curricular Activities, Creativity in our Curriculum and Secrets of Success**

Two governors spent the morning in school yesterday learning more about the creativity of the school curriculum and the impact that has on children's learning. They were interested to see evidence of the link between role play and creative writing, and enjoyed meeting children who talked about school trips, residentials and teacher-led clubs, and the extra dimension they add to their learning. Governors also heard more about the Secrets of Success and plans to develop this scheme to further enable our children to develop their learning skills. Both governors commented "It was a really well-structured visit which flowed well and gave us an insight into lots of aspects of learning at Reigate Parish. That once again, the passion for teaching at Reigate Parish inspires a passion for learning and it was lovely to see that in every class we visited this morning."

Mrs Andrew organised this half term's governor monitoring visit and she said of it: It was great to share our "Secrets of Success" with our governors on their visit this week. They saw how Parish pupils strive in their learning to "push themselves", "concentrate" and "not give up" whether the challenge was in literacy, maths, music or sport. A group of children shared their experiences of learning through trips, visitors and role play. We shared the videos of our Great Fire Day and WW1 Day, as well as the amazing writing that was produced from the experiences.

### **PTA NEWS:**

#### **Cheque Payments**

The PTA has registered a new trading name with the bank, meaning that we can now accept cheques made out to **Reigate Parish PTA** – much easier to fit on a cheque stub! We will still accept cheques made out to **Reigate Parish Church School PTA** or **Reigate Parish Church Primary School PTA**.

#### **Parish Quiz Night – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – SOLD OUT!**

We are looking forward to seeing lots of you this evening at 7.30 for a prompt 8pm start. Please be reminded that there will be a **CASH bar** on the night and so we kindly ask you not to bring your own drinks. However, please do bring your own nibbles (but please ensure they are **nut free!**)

### **Valentine's Disco - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

After last year's success, Mr Marvel is back to host two Valentine's themed discos for us again. Session 1 is for Reception through to Year 2 from 5.30 pm – 6.30 pm; and Session 2 is for Years 3 and 4 from 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm. Many thanks for all the responses so far, and also for all the offers of help on the night. When the ticket orders have been finalised we will be in touch with all you kind volunteers! Tickets will be coming home next week.

Session 1 will have lots of interaction, disco, magic, party games and snow/bubble machines and Session 2 will be totally different, combining the latest party tunes with a series of awesome interactive challenges. Tickets are £6 and include a drink, snacks and a mystery disco gift! The ticket deadline is today, **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** and order forms can be downloaded from the PTA section of the school website.

### **Parent Volunteers**

THANK YOU so much to all the parents who responded to our plea for volunteers. We will be emailing you all shortly with more details. There is still time to email us and ask to get involved; if you think you can find the time to help raise valuable funds for the school please email Ellen on [esgwhite@gmail.com](mailto:esgwhite@gmail.com).

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

<b>SPRING TERM 2018</b>	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	"Around the World" Art Week PTA funds Art Week resources across the whole school
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3.30 pm Years 3 and 4 Cross country practice race in Reigate Priory</li> <li>• Pancake Day at Breakfast Club</li> </ul>
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PTA Valentine Discos:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reception – Year 2 5.30 pm – 6.30 pm</li> <li>○ Years 3 and 4 – 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Art Week Gallery for parents to look at art work, after school</li> </ul>
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	3.30 pm Years 3 and 4 Cross country race in Reigate Priory
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	3.00 pm Cake Sale – Year 1
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	7.00 pm – 8.00 pm Year 2 parents invited to SATs information evening
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00 am Prayer Group in staffroom – all welcome
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	World Book Day – children to come dressed as their favourite book character
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	INSET day – school closed
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 French Café
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Starsteppers Dance Festival – details to follow
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	3.00 pm Cake Sale – Year 2 PTA Film Night
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Years 3 and 4 boys' football tournament, Earlswood School
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 2 Multi Skills at St Bede's School for selected children
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	3.20 pm Cake Sale – Year 3
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	4.30 pm – 8.00 pm Parents' Evening
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.00 am Prayer Group in staffroom – all welcome</li> <li>• 2.15 pm End-of-term service at St Mary's Church – details to follow</li> </ul>
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Years 3 and 4 girls' football tournament, Furzefield School</li> <li>• 3.30 pm – 6.30 pm Parents' Evening</li> </ul>
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Term ends: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key Stage 1 at 1.15 pm</li> <li>• Key Stage 2 at 1.30 pm</li> </ul>

### INSET Days 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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