

Parish Post

The Weekly Newsletter, Friday 9th February 2018

“Book by Book, Building our Library Together”

Following on from the announcement of our exciting library project in the Parish Post last week, a working party of parents, governors and school staff are leading a year-long fundraising campaign to raise the funds to create an amazing, inspiring, and beautiful KS2 library. The fundraising will be made up from a mixture of events, community investment and applying for grants from charities.

The project will be launched on World Book Day (Thursday 1st March) with a special assembly in the morning for children followed by different activities for the children to do in class. Children and staff will come to school that day dressed as their favourite book character.

Then in the evening there will be an event for parents to come to **so hold the date: Thursday 1st March**. We will write with more details immediately after half term.

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 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.

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.

Car Park

Parents must not park in the staff car park after 8.15am unless they have a disabled blue badge on display or a school permit on display. This week alone we have received complaints from parents and members of staff who have witnessed parents driving at excessive speed into the car park and almost knocking people over. Please do not drive into the car park after 8.15am, there is parking available in many nearby residential roads for you to use. We will enforce this policy and parents will be approached directly where necessary. Thank you.

Children's Mental Health Week 19th - 23rd February 2018

This Children's Mental Health Week, we're encouraging children, young people and adults to celebrate their uniqueness. It is all about being ourselves! In class the children will be talking about what they are good at, discussing different emotions and ways to deal with their emotions.

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.

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 for more details.

Tea Club News and Update

We wanted to share the thinking behind how we run Tea Club, your after-school care setting at Parish, and the care we give your children between 3-6pm.

Tea Club's ethos is based on a child-led approach, where the staff facilitate play opportunities and extend the children's options, giving them varied and interesting chances to express themselves through play.

Free play is all about new experiences and learning through exploration, and the children are encouraged to have the freedom to make their own judgements. Best practice for childcare for this age group includes free flow play indoors and out, so children can feel a sense of freedom within the safe environment of our club.

At Tea Club we really enjoy all areas of the school grounds, whether that is playing football on the MUGA or running through the playground playing 'it'. After a day of learning, we encourage the children to 'let off steam' by running and playing outside. However, we always have books, drawing and colouring, role play and construction toys available, and planned craft and other adult-led opportunities are on offer too. If children want quieter options, they are available.

The senior members of our team have many years' of childcare experience, and Becky, our Manager, is educated to degree level in Learning and Development. With such senior qualified team members and our careful adherence to best practice child-to-adult and qualification ratios, we ensure we fulfil our obligations under our Ofsted registration.

Becky and Andy, the Deputy Manager, support our younger and unqualified team members in their professional development. We have carefully selected staff who are keen to learn and develop their knowledge in the sector. In particular, the energy and ideas our sixth form students bring to the club are a valuable asset to our setting, and the children get on well with all team members.

We are always keen to receive your feedback and there are forms available at every session, so please let us know how we are doing. If you would prefer to speak to us directly, please see Becky in person at the session, or email Georgina Hardy the owner of the club and Ofsted registered person at Reigate@theteaclubs.com. All team members are committed to continuous professional development, and we want to work in partnership with the school and parents to give children the best care possible. Please do get in touch - we value your feedback.

Kind regards, Becky Ecott, RTC Manager.

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:

School has recently appointed a parent Governor and a Foundation Governor. Tom Glover is the parent governor and Mark Trewinnard is the foundation governor. We now have no vacancies and are a full complement of Governors.

PTA NEWS:

VALENTINE'S DISCO - Friday 9th Feb – SOLD OUT!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the discos later today; many thanks to all the parents who have volunteered to help. Please do ensure that you collect your children promptly from the first session at 5:30 pm to ensure we have time to set up for the Key Stage 2 event.

UNIFORM SALES

We will be restarting the school Second Hand Uniform sales next half term. 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.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

Thank you so much to everyone who came along to last week's quiz night. It was a huge success and raised over £1,000, fantastic! Well done to all teams, especially The Joy of Six who carried home the trophy for Honeybees.

Reception Cake Sale

Last week's cake sale raised over £130 for the school, a brilliant achievement! Thank you so much to everybody who brought in and sold cakes. The few leftover cakes were donated to St Mary's Church.

Diary Dates 2017/2018 – new information in red

SPRING TERM 2018	
Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th February	Half term
Mon 19 th – Fri 23 rd February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 20 th February	3.30 pm Years 3 and 4 Cross country race in Reigate Priory for selected children
Friday 23 rd February	3.00 pm Cake Sale – Year 1
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
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 – details to follow
Friday 2nd 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 16th March	Second-hand uniform sale after school
Monday 19th March	Year 2 Indian Dance Workshop
Thursday 22 nd March	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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