

Parish Post

The Weekly Newsletter, Friday 23rd March 2018

Teacher clubs for the summer term

We are pleased to say that everyone who applied for teacher clubs has been able to secure a place. Clubs will start the week commencing 23rd April and end the week commencing 2nd July.

- Running club was very oversubscribed but Mrs Adams and Mrs Saunders have agreed to split the club into two five-week sessions so that everyone has a turn. Your child will be given a paper slip to say whether they are doing the 5 weeks before or after half term. If you have paid £10 and would like the £5 refund please can you come to the school office before the end of term.
- Ukulele club is the only club that will start on 19th April as Mrs Wright is unable to run her club on 26th April

Car Park

Thank you to all those parents who have supported our move to enforce the situation with the car park. We will continue to monitor the situation and do spot checks regularly. For clarification:

- Parents must not park on the slope or tarmac area outside the junior hall
- Parents must not park in the staff car park after 8.15 am
- Parents cannot use the car park to collect children from clubs until after 3.45 pm

World Book Day – Wednesday 21st March

The children had extraordinary fun on World Book Day coming to school as their favourite book character and seeing all the teachers in their favourite book character. In assembly the children paraded round, learnt our new “Book by Book “ song and watched short video clips of authors explaining why they are passionate about books. In class the children had different activities linked to books and every class decorated their door to look like a book.

Book by Book building our library together

This week parents attended an informative presentation delivered by Mrs Kennedy with Mrs Wantenaar assisting on guided reading explaining the why, how, when, where and what of guided reading. The slides are on our website.

After that the library team announced the fundraising initiative "Book by Book building our library together" explaining that as part of our wonderful school we want to create a most amazing Key Stage 2 library for children to get lost in fiction books, poetry anthologies, dictionaries, plays and non-fiction books. The children came home yesterday with their pop-up money box (designed by a parent) and a letter further explaining this year-long (it finishes on 7.3.19, World Book Day in 2019) fundraising venture. Please start filling the pop-up boxes and we'll let you know when the weighing stations will be available to count the money you have raised for the library.

Further information on the rationale and vision for the library project will go onto our website next week.

Excitingly, on Monday 26th March the author Alex English will be visiting Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 for them to ask their questions to find out more about the life of being an author.

No child on their own in our playground before school

We have noticed some KS2 parents dropping their child off in the playground before 8.45pm. You must be aware that your child is your responsibility until they come into school from 8.45am. If your child is in the playground without you then you should have made arrangements with another parent to take responsibility for your child until they come into school. Remember dropping your child off into the Breakfast Club from 8,30pm is only £2.

The Climate Garden

Calling all keen gardeners, parents, grandparents and people with green fingers!

We are putting forward an application to the Surrey Garden Trust, with a hope to being awarded a gardening grant. This will enable us to create a "Climate Garden", which will support the children's curriculum. The site location is the strip of land between the Muga field and the playground.

We are looking for a team of willing volunteers to help clear the site and help with planting. If you'd like to be involved and can spare some time, please contact Rachel Course (Honeybees) via email rachelcourse@btinternet.com

Infant and Junior Sports Days

We have now arranged the Infant and Junior sports days for the summer term.

They will be:

- Juniors - Wednesday 27th June 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm at Reigate St Mary's Prep & Choir School – details to follow. The children will have their normal school lunch earlier this day.
- Juniors **Reserve** date: Wednesday 4th July 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm
- Infants – Thursday 28th June 9.00 am – 11.45 am followed by a picnic lunch on the playground with their parents. Parents to provide lunch for themselves and their child. **We are looking to see if this date can change because of the INSET day at Reigate Priory.**
- Infants **Reserve** date: Thursday 5th July 9.00 am – 11.45 am

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.

GOVERNORS' NEWS:

The Resources Committee met last night and were pleased to see how well the school finances are looking, this has been helped in part by the increased lettings the school is receiving and the increase in parental contributions to the Governors' Fund. The Committee were also discussing their targets for the next academic year to ensure the school maintains its strong, well-managed finances in future years. Governors were carefully considering which projects could be next if funding is available to the school from the Diocese. They hope to have more news for you soon!

PTA NEWS:

FUNDRAISING FORTNIGHT

Watch out for your child's Fundraising Fortnight form that will be coming home in your child's book bag next week. It's a great way to raise funds for the school and for your child to have some fun over the holidays too (or just to get them to tidy their bedroom!) so please do dig them out of your child's bag (or ask the Office for one if you don't have one) and get sponsoring. It really doesn't matter how little or how much your child raises, we'd just love for as many children to be involved as possible. Move Revolution are very kindly sponsoring this for us again and will be giving out prizes and certificates at a special assembly after the Easter holidays.

Year 3 Cake Sale

Please remember your loose change at pick up today as Year 3 are holding a cake sale in the playground.

Save the Date

This year's **Summer Fair** will be held on **Saturday 9th June**. We are still looking for a sponsor for this event so do please get in touch if you think you can help us.

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Save the Date

Book your babysitter now: the Summer Soirée will take place on **Saturday 7th July!**

Diary Dates 2017/2018 – new information in red

SPRING TERM 2018	
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 • Alex English, author, coming to talk to Key Stage 1
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

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SUMMER TERM 2018	
Monday 16 th April	Term starts at 8.55 am
Wednesday 18 th April	7.00 pm Year 3 presentation in junior hall for current Year 2 parents from any school
Friday 20 th April	Year 4 cake sale after school
Monday 23 rd April	Year 3 swimming starts
Tuesday 24 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.00 am Prayer Group in staffroom • Year 4 selected children start swimming
Monday 7 th May	May Day Bank Holiday – school closed
Tuesday 8 th May	8.00 pm PTA meeting in junior hall
Wednesday 9 th May	9.00 am – Parents' Forum in staffroom
Friday 11 th May	Reception cake sale after school
Tuesday 15 th May	Year 3 DT day with Wray Common
Friday 25 th May	INSET day – school closed
Monday 28 th May – Friday 1 st June	Half term
Friday 8th June	Cake Sale Year 1 after school
Saturday 9th June	PTA Summer Fair
Tuesday 12 th June	12 Year 2 children attend multi-skills event at St Bede's School
Wednesday 13 th June	Fraser Portraits – class photos
Thursday 14 th June	Year 3 Class Act performance
Friday 22 nd June	Ice cream Friday – Year 2
Tuesday 26 th June	9.00 am Prayer group in staffroom

Wednesday 27 th June	1.00 pm – 3.00 pm Junior sports afternoon at Reigate St Mary's
Thursday 28 th June	9.00 am – 11.45 am Infant sports morning. Looking to see if this date can change because of INSET day at Reigate Priory
Friday 29 th June	INSET day – school closed
Monday 2 nd July	2.30pm Parents' Forum
Wednesday 4 th July	1.00 pm – 3.00 pm Junior Reserve sports afternoon
Thursday 5 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.00 am – 11.45 am Infant Reserve sports morning • Years 3 and 4 Summer Conert
Friday 6 th July	Ice cream Friday Year 3
Saturday 7th July	Summer Soirée
Friday 13 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ice cream Friday Year 4
Tuesday 17 th July	9.00 am Prayer Group in staffroom
Friday 20 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ice cream Friday Reception • Term ends at 1.15 pm for infants and 1.30 pm for juniors

INSET Days 2018:

- **Friday 25th May 2018**
- **Friday 29th June 2018**

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