

Parish Post

The Weekly Newsletter, Friday 27th April 2018

Class Assemblies

In addition to the infant class assembly dates we gave you last week, we can now confirm the Year 4 class assembly as follows:

- Joint Jaguars and Gorillas assembly Friday 18th May 9.00 am – 9.30 am

We invite parents to join us on the relevant date to accompany your children in these assemblies.

Coats at School

Please can you make sure that your child comes to school with their coat next week. We have had a number of children who have come to school without their coats and it has been a problem.

Playgroup Cake Sale

Playgroup is holding a cake sale after school today so please come with some money to buy their delicious cakes.

School Dinner Money for the Summer Term now due

Please can we remind parents with children in years 3 & 4 that school dinner money is now due for the first part of the summer term. Dinner money is £2.25 per day and you can log into Scopy/Tucasi to check your current balance.

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium – are you entitled?

If you are eligible for Free School Meals or pupil premium, which entitles your child to additional funding, then the criteria has changed recently. Please read the following and return the correct form to the school office as soon as possible please.

Who is eligible for free school meals?

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit

- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

In addition, the following pupils will be protected against losing their free school meals as follows:

- From 1 April 2018, all existing free school meals claimants will continue to receive free school meals whilst Universal Credit is rolled out. This will apply even if their earnings rise above the new threshold during that time.
- In addition, any child gaining eligibility for free school meals after 1 April 2018 will be protected against losing free school meals during the Universal Credit rollout period.
- Once Universal Credit is fully rolled out, any existing claimants that no longer meet the eligibility criteria at that point (because they are earning above the threshold or are no longer a recipient of Universal Credit) will continue to receive free school meals until the end of their current phase of education (i.e. primary or secondary).

Sustrans Big Pedal 2018 Monday 30th April to Friday 4th May

Get set... we're taking part in Sustrans Big Pedal 2018, the UK's largest inter-school cycling and scooting challenge that inspires pupils, staff and parents to choose two wheels for their journey to school. The challenge runs from **30th April to 4th May**. It's free to enter and we would love everyone to be involved.

The details

On each day of the challenge schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils, staff and parents cycling or scooting to school. We'll be competing against other schools right across the UK, and if we clock up the most bike and scooter journeys we'll win!

Why we're taking part

It's a great way to get more of our pupils travelling to school on their bikes and scooters. We will be competing to become one of the UK's top schools for two-wheeled journeys and will be in with a chance to win prizes including bike and scooter stunt shows and fantastic cycle and scooter storage.

Cycle, scoot and snap to win family prizes

You and your family can also win prizes during Sustrans Big Pedal. Simply post a photo of you and your child cycling or scooting to school on social media during the challenge using #BigPedalWin. To be in with a chance of winning follow Sustrans on Instagram [instagram.com/sustrans](https://www.instagram.com/sustrans), Twitter twitter.com/sustrans or Facebook [facebook.com/Sustrans](https://www.facebook.com/Sustrans). Be sure to check the terms and conditions found on the Big Pedal website prior to entering the competition.

What's next?

All you need to do is encourage your child to cycle or scoot to school every day during the event, and join them on their way – parent and sibling journeys count too!

For more information about the event go to www.bigpedal.org.uk Follow Sustrans on social media ([instagram.com/sustrans](https://www.instagram.com/sustrans), twitter.com/sustrans [facebook.com/Sustrans](https://www.facebook.com/Sustrans).)

The Library Project: Book by Book, building our library together



Anthony Browne Children's and Parents' Story Writing Competition

For the launch of our "Book by Book building our library together" campaign in March the children watched a short video from the renowned children's author Anthony Browne who talked to them about his love of reading and his passion to write storybooks. The link to this film is on our website, go to the page called "Anthony Browne's Story Writing Competition" and click on the link.

The whole school watched the film again on Monday 23rd April in assembly to launch Anthony Browne's Children's and Parents' story writing Competition. He explained about a recent book he has written called "Willy's Stories" and outlined how on each page Willy enters the doors (to a library) and then he has an adventure.... will he get caught hiding in the barrel by the pirates? Or will he survive getting sucked up in a tornado and where will he land? Then, in the video, Anthony showed the children the page of Willy on a desert island where he knows there is no one around. Anthony goes on to say one day Willy finds.... a footprint in the sand. "I was sure there was no one else on the island. I was stunned." Willy says. "Was it real or imaginary? Whose was it?" The competition is to write and/or draw to finish the story.....how will you finish your story?

Please place your named entries into the white box in the school entrance (also adding your class) by the deadline of Friday 11th May. The winners will be announced (one per year group and on to parents) on Thursday 24th May.

Money Boxes

We hope your money boxes are filling up nicely. We will be holding our first 'Weighing In' station at the Summer Fair on 9th June, so please bring your full boxes along with you and you can see how much money you've raised. Every child will receive a certificate to commend them for their fundraising efforts plus they can collect another box to fill if they wish.

If you have already filled your box, that's great news but would you kindly keep hold of it until one of our 'Weighing In' stations, if you can't make 9th June, don't worry we will be having another on Friday 13th July after school and if in the mean time you would like to try and fill another, please head to reception to collect additional

boxes. Don't forget to decorate your boxes and pop your family name on it so you can spot it in the display.

Other Fundraising Events

We have been busy planning some exciting fundraising events which we hope you will all enjoy, so please keep the following dates free, more details to follow very soon!!

7th June & 6th July - Toddler Story Mornings

8th July - 5-Aside Football Tournament

15th September - Family BBQ

13th October - Auction of Promises

And back by popular demand.....Teacher Story CDs - available for you to purchase very soon – watch this space!!

If you have any fundraising event ideas or you would like to be involved in helping us to organise and run the fundraising events, we would love to hear from you.

Please email us on:- rpbookbybook@gmail.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 – **Monday 25th 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. **NB: We have now changed this date 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.

George and the Giant Pledge Barn Dance

Join us for a night of fun, fundraising and dosi do'ing at the George and the Giant Pledge Barn Dance in aid of The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity on the evening of Saturday the 12th of May at Reigate St Mary's!

Starting at 7.30pm till 11.30pm you'll get to enjoy a fish and chip supper as well as free professional photo downloads of pictures taken on the night all included in your £20 ticket price!

A fun night of dancing, drinking and socialising all in aid of beating childhood cancer with the Giant Pledge in support of the Royal Marsden.

See the attached flyer for more details.

Tickets online or from Anna Randall in the playground.

YEAR 2 NEWS:

Year 3 places

If you have applied to go elsewhere for Year 3, please can you accept or decline that offer by Monday 30th April. As we have stated in the Parish Post before, all Year 2 children automatically have a place for Year 3 at Reigate Parish Church Primary School unless we are informed otherwise.

GOVERNORS' NEWS:

Governors met last week to look at the attainment and progress of the pupils are so far. They were pleased to see the progress the children are making and the plans and strategies the Senior Leadership Team and the teachers are putting to place to support and challenge the children. The Governors discussed the staffing needs of the school. Governors reported back to the rest of the committee on the curriculum monitoring visits which have been carried out this term and commented on how impressed they were with the skills staff brought to the school and how enthusiastic the children were when they talked about their learning.

PTA NEWS:

PTA TERMLY MEETING

The summer term PTA meeting will take place in the infant hall on **Tuesday May 8th at 8pm**. Everyone is welcome and this is a great opportunity to have a say in how the PTA operates. Drinks and refreshments will be provided. If you'd like to attend, please email celialister84@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE

Get your calendars ready! The Summer Fair will be held on **Saturday June 9th**. The Summer Soirée will be held on **Saturday July 7th**.

SUMMER FAIR

The Parish Summer Fair team are looking for prizes to the Silent Auction and Raffle. We've already had some great donations, but we are still very much on the lookout for prizes which could help support the school PTA funds, as well as widen exposure for anyone who has something to promote! In the past we've had everything from holiday-home lets to jewellery, from event tickets to class subscriptions. Please offer what you can by emailing parishsummerfair@gmail.com by Sunday 6th May.

CALLING ALL GRAPHIC DESIGNERS

Could you help us design our Summer Fair artwork? We would love to hear from you if you could and as the Summer Fair is just around the corner, the sooner we could crack on with this, the better. Please do get in touch either by email (parishptacochairs@gmail.com) or grab Claire Shaw in the playground if you think you can help. Thank you!

UNIFORM SALE

A school uniform sale will be held in the playground after school **today**.

PTA COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The PTA has upgraded its Community Partnership Guidelines and Sponsorship packages, so if you are interested in working with the PTA to support the school please do take a look here: <http://reigate-parish.org.uk/pta/friends-of-the-pta/>

Diary Dates 2017/2018 – new information in red

SUMMER TERM 2018	
Monday 30 th April – Friday 4 th May	Sustrans Big Pedal
Friday 4 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.00 am Caterpillars class assembly • Year 3 Roman Day – children come dressed as Romans or Celts
Monday 7 th May	May Day Bank Holiday – school closed
Tuesday 8 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8.00 pm PTA meeting in junior hall • Reigate Parish Church Primary School to Redhill and Reigate Music Festival – details to follow
Wednesday 9 th May	9.00 am – Parents' Forum in staffroom
Friday 11 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.00 am Grasshoppers class assembly • Reception cake sale after school
Saturday 12 th May	James and the Giant Pledge Barn Dance at Reigate St Mary's Church Centre at 7.30 pm
Monday 14 th May	Year 2 parents to provide their child with a flower for observational drawings and paintings
Tuesday 15 th May	Year 3 DT day with Wray Common
Friday 18 th May	9.00 am Jaguars and Gorillas joint class assembly
Wednesday 23 rd May	9.00 am Dolphins class assembly
Friday 25 th May	INSET day – school closed
Monday 28 th May – Friday 1 st June	Half term
Friday 8 th June	Cake Sale Year 1 after school
Saturday 9 th June	PTA Summer Fair including Library fundraising weighing session
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 15 th June	9.00 am Dragonflies class assembly
Wednesday 20 th June	9.00 am Honeybees class assembly
Friday 22 nd June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.00 am Turtles class assembly • Ice cream Friday – Year 2
Monday 25 th June	9.00 am – 11.45 am Infant sports morning. NB: this date has now changed because of INSET day at Reigate Priory
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
Friday 29 th June	INSET day – school closed
Monday 2 nd July	2.30pm Parents' Forum

Wednesday 4 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1 DT day • 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 Concert
Friday 6 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.00 am Butterflies class assembly • Ice cream Friday Year 3
Saturday 7 th July	Summer Soirée
Friday 13 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.00 am Ladybirds class assembly • Library fundraising weighing session • 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**

PTA email: parishptachairs@gmail.com School website: www.reigate-parish.org