

Parish Post

The Weekly Newsletter, Friday 15th June 2018

Jewellery and School Shoes

Please can you make sure your child does not come into school wearing a fashion bracelet. They are not part of school uniform and they could get broken or lost in school.

If your child is not wearing black school shoes then they need to wear black plimsolls. School does appreciate the cost of buying new school shoes at this point in the term, but the policy is clear on black shoes hence why the only alternative is black plimsolls. It is not healthy to wear trainers all the time.

Books Donated to the School Library

Thank you to people who have donated but we now have quite a big backlog of books to sort through, so we will from now on not be accepting any more donations.

Climate Garden

The strip of land between the MUGA and the playground has been rotavated as the start of our preparations to transform it over the next six months into a "Climate Garden" a project led by Rachel Course and Frances Davis. We applied to Surrey Gardens Trust and were award £220 towards the project. In their reply to us they said were impressed by our plans, that they had 26 applications this year (awarded 14 schools a grant) and they would like to see it when it is finished. This is our "mood" board for the project:

The "Climate Garden" will support the learning of children from Reception to Year 6, for example learning about plants, the conditions needed for them to grow and the different climates found around the world.



The Climate Garden would incorporate cold, warm, sub-tropical and tropical climates and these different climates are portrayed by colour: whites and blues for cold, yellows and oranges for warm, pinks and purples for sub-tropical and a variety of reds and plums for tropical. We would also like to weave evergreens and grasses for movement. This, we hope, creates for the children visual stimulation, opportunities to explore plant life, encouraging discussions and debates about how critical plants are to our world, and creating a sense of visual calmness and wonderful aromas to aid mental health.

Items Brought to School Office

We are asking for your help with late items brought to the school office.

We are increasingly having water bottles, coats, rucksacks, book bags, lunches, PE kit, after-school club kits, show and tell items, musical instruments, homework, snacks, glasses, shoes, mufli clothes, etc brought into the school office by parents for us to take to their children. It would be really helpful if you can you try to send everything in with your child when they arrive at school.

In order to streamline the system and help increase the independence of the children, we have decided that we are now having a box in the office where we will put these items and children must come to the office to check to see if their parent has brought it in. Please can you tell your child that we now have this system in place and the teachers will be telling them as well.

We will continue to take Reception children's things to them as we feel it unfair for this age group to have to take on this responsibility.

Breakfast Club Assistant

We have a vacancy for a Breakfast Club assistant from 4th July. The position will be from 7.30 am – 9.00 am Monday – Friday. If you are interested the application details will be on eteach next week.

Annual Questionnaire 2018

Each year I ask staff, governors, parents and children to complete a simple online questionnaire comprising 10 questions. Completion of the questionnaire is voluntary but it is very useful to hear from you. The answers feed into the school's leadership team meetings, the school development plan and other ways in which school can be improved.

We pride ourselves at Reigate Parish as being a school which actively listens to comments, questions and feedback from parents. Parents answering the questions on the questionnaire gives school more information. Please answer each question. Completed questionnaires will be confidential to the Headteacher, although I will give an anonymous summary to Governors. The more specific you are in your response, the more effective I can be in taking on-board your feedback. You do not need to include your name, although that helps and by giving your name this offers me the opportunity to directly act upon your feedback and understand a bit more about your perspective. Where concerns are raised about child protection, we may have to pass any information we receive to the social services or the police.

Thank you very much for taking time to answer these questions. I really appreciate it. The deadline is 22nd June 2018 and here is the link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BQL7TQM>

Infant (Reception - Year 2) Sports Morning

The Key Stage 1 Sports Morning is on Monday 25th June starting at 9.00 am. All infant parents are invited to join us for this enjoyable morning followed by a picnic with your child on our school playground. Please note that you will be able to bring buggies onto the field but remember that you must wear flat shoes such as trainers or flip flops – no heels at all. Please also remember that you cannot have drinks or eat on the field. **Heeled shoes, drinks and chairs would invalidate our warranty.** The picnic will take place on the school playground after the event. As such you may wish to bring a picnic blanket to sit on but we will put out some chairs and tables for people to use.

Junior (Years 3 - 4) Sports Afternoon

The Key Stage 2 Sports Afternoon will take place on Wednesday 27th June on St Mary's Prep School grounds. The event will take place between 1:00pm - 3:00pm and a letter detailing all the information about Sports Afternoon will be sent home shortly. Children will have an earlier lunch in school and then make their way over. We will need some parents to join us at school to walk over with the children whilst other parents can meet us at the grounds. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are able to help with this.

YEAR 3 & YEAR 4:

Swimming

Parents are welcome to come watch their child in their swimming session on June 18th or June 19th (their normal session time). This is an opportunity to watch their child working hard in their session.

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

Well Done!

We just wanted to say a massive thank you to all of you for giving your support to the Junior Library fundraiser in so many ways. Together we have already raised a total of **£3,566.23.**

Money Boxes

Thank you to everyone who brought their money boxes along to the Summer Fair. Our next 'Weighing In' station is **Friday 13th July** but don't worry if your boxes aren't quite full, we will be holding 'Weighing In' stations throughout the library fundraising year.

Teacher Story CDs

Don't forget to return your order forms for our exclusive Reigate Parish teachers story CD. Order by **22nd June** and we guarantee that you will receive your CD before the Summer holidays – an essential item for those long summer holiday journeys!

Just £6 PER STORY CD plus there is no limit per family so you can spread the joy!

You can pre-order, with full payment, by returning the order form and payment to the White Box in reception by **Friday 22nd June.**

CD release date - Friday 6th July



Auction of Promises

The Book by Book team are still in need of 'Lots' for the Auction of Promises in the autumn term. Can you help? It can be anything, from a few hours of babysitting to a weekend in a holiday home! Perhaps you bake beautiful cakes, or are a gifted gardener?

Here are some ideas to get you thinking about what you could offer; all the money raised on the night will go directly to our library fundraising project: -

- cooking: cakes, afternoon tea hamper, a special meal for four
- professional skills: could you or your company provide a service?
- babysitting
- ironing
- gardening/designing
- a few hours of handyman/woman work
- birthday parties
- holiday homes
- pampering

We look forward to hearing your ideas - either individually or as a group! Please email us on:- [**rpbookbybook@gmail.com**](mailto:rpbookbybook@gmail.com)

Other Upcoming Events

6th July - Toddler Story Morning – **FULLY BOOKED**

8th July - 7-Aside Football Tournament

15th September - Family BBQ

13th October - Auction of Promises

If you would like to be involved in any of the above events or if you have any other fundraising event ideas, please do get in touch.

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GENERAL NEWS:

St Mary's Church Staff Team Vacancy – Church Centre Cleaner / Caretaker

We are looking to add to our staff cleaning / caretaking team. Up to 7 hours per week to be worked on Tuesdays. The role would be paid at £8.75 per hour. Term time only would be considered. Please contact Nikki Roessler (nikki.roessler@stmaryreigate.org or 01737 221100) for more details.

PTA NEWS:

SUMMER FAIR

What a fantastic event! Thank you SO MUCH to the wonderful summer fair team for organising such a brilliant event, and to all the class reps, staff and parent volunteers who helped make the day such a success. We've had a lot of great feedback already, and the fair raised a staggering £5000+ for the school – final figure TBC!

We have contacted as many raffle and silent auction prizewinners as we can, and any prizes awaiting collection will be available at **pick up today** in the playground. The office has a list of all the winning names.

FATHERS' DAY GIFTS

Thank you to everyone who purchased a Fathers' Day gift, and we hope that they will be well received at the weekend!

SUMMER SOIRÉE - Saturday July 7th

We've had a really positive verbal response to the Soirée but sadly we haven't had the equivalent number of forms returned. We are extending the deadline for a few days to enable everybody to return their forms to the white box in the foyer as we need to be able to confirm food numbers with the caterer next week. It would be fantastic to have as many people there as possible to celebrate the end of the academic year. There will be delicious food, a live band and a gin bar – what are you waiting for?

INFANTS SPORTS DAY Monday 25th June

The Infant Sports Day is fast approaching and the PTA will be providing refreshments on the playground throughout the morning. To allow us to do this, we would like to gather a few more volunteers to help. If you'd like to assist us, please drop a line to either Nicola Johnson (nj0606@gmail.com), or Kate Haacke (katehaacke@gmail.com).

The more volunteers we get, the easier it'll be for everyone to do a little to help and also enjoy all the festivities and races.

As is traditional with Parish Sports Days, there will be the opportunity to compete in the free of charge Mums, Dads and Toddlers races. During the week beginning 18 June, we will be in the playground at drop off and pick up with sign-up sheets for the Mums and Dads races (the Toddlers' is just turn up on the day). The parents' races will be obstacle courses and there will be a limited number of spaces to join in, so it will be first come, first served. Please book early to avoid disappointment!

ATTENTION - Your School Needs You!

New Chairperson(s)

As many of you may be aware, Claire Shaw will be stepping down as Chair to the PTA at the end of this academic year. We need some new volunteers to fill this varied and very rewarding role. It can be one person, two people or several people, the role is completely flexible but what it does need is a person or group of people committed to the role. The main areas of responsibility are:

- Oversees the Committee, and all fundraising events
- Co-ordinates the activities of the PTA with the Headteacher and School office
- Reports on the PTA's activities to parents and the School
- Explores new fundraising initiatives, like the Community Partners Program
- Assists event teams with planning and administration

For further information, please email or speak to Claire Shaw (parishptaco chairs@gmail.com) or Celia Lister, PTA Secretary (celialister84@gmail.com). We're really not that scary and are very happy to chat to anyone (formally or informally) about the role. Nothing needs to be finalised before the AGM in September, so please don't be shy!

Diary Dates 2017/2018 – new information in red

SUMMER TERM 2018	
Monday 18 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception visit Ladyland Farm
Wednesday 20 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.00 am Honeybees class assembly • Year 1 and Year 2 Bike It training for selected children – details to follow • 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm Years 3 and 4 RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) evening for parents
Friday 22 nd June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orchestra day at Royal Alexandra and Albert School for Ukulele Group • 9.00 am Turtles class assembly • Ice cream Friday – Year 2
Monday 25 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.00 am – 11.45 am Infant sports morning. • 4.00 pm District athletics, field events, for Years 3 & 4 at Sandcross School
Tuesday 26 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.00 pm District athletics, race events, for Years 3 & 4 at Reigate Grammar School, Hartwood • 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
Tuesday 3 rd July	Transition day. New Year 3 children in school all day. All current children go to new classes and Reception 2018 have introductory afternoon
Wednesday 4 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.00 am Grasshoppers class assembly • Year 1 DT day • 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm Junior Reserve sports afternoon • 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm Year 3 induction evening for parents with coffee and cakes
Thursday 5 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.00 am – 11.45 am Infant Reserve sports morning • 6.30 pm – 8.00 pm in junior hall 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 at St Mary's Church Centre
Monday 9 th July	Year 3 Celebration Cycling – details to follow
Tuesday 10 th July	Reception Celebration Cycling – details to follow
Wednesday 11 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feeling Good Day – details to follow • Year 1 Celebration Cycling – details to follow
Thursday 12 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 2 Celebration Cycling – details to follow • Years 3 & 4 Choir Festival/Bandfest

Friday 13 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.00 am Ladybirds class assembly • 2.40 pm Reception Concert – details to follow • Library fundraising weighing session • Ice cream Friday Year 4 • Year 4 Celebration Cycling – details to follow
Tuesday 17 th July	9.00 am Prayer Group in staffroom
Wednesday 18 th July	2.15 pm end-of-year church service at St Mary's Church. All parents welcome to attend. If you cannot attend this service, please collect your child from St Mary's at 3.00 pm. Children at after-school clubs to be walked back to school
Friday 20 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mufti day – please bring in old uniform for PTA's second-hand uniform sales • Ice cream Friday Reception • Term ends at 1.15 pm for infants and 1.30 pm for juniors

INSET Days 2018:

- **Friday 29th June 2018**

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