

Parish Post

The Weekly Newsletter, Friday 22nd June 2018

Thank a Teacher Day

The Pearson Teaching Awards have nominated 22nd June as "thank a teacher" day. At our Thursday assembly this week we gave Mrs Kennedy a Certificate of Excellence from the Pearson teaching awards for the category "award for teacher of the year in a primary school".

We have amazing teachers at Reigate Parish and so you may want to visit www.teachingawards.com to send a thank you card to your class teacher. It is free of charge and makes such a difference to everyone who receives one.

Junior Building - National Design Competitions

The company who designed our junior block has entered it into two national design competitions and we heard this week that we have been shortlisted for both. They and we are immensely proud that the judges thought our junior block worthy of being shortlisted and to forward to the next round. We will find out in July for one competition and in September about the other. We will let you know. The two design competitions are the CIAT Award for Excellence in Architectural Technology 2018 and the Education Business Award 2018

Staff Vacancies

We have 5 vacancies on Eteach now. If you're interested, or you know someone who is, please look on www.eteach.com. We have:

- **Breakfast Club Assistant** – under "School Club" on Eteach **closing date Tuesday 26th June at 12 noon**
- **Full-time Year 3 TA and a 2-afternoon PPA Lead** – both under "Teaching Assistant" on Eteach, **closing dates Monday 2nd July at 12 noon**
- **1:1 Maths intervention LSA and 1:1 LSA for a year 4 child** – both under "Learning Support" on Eteach **closing dates Monday 2nd July at 12 noon**

There will be some additional vacancies soon for 1:1 support for children with EHCPs.

If you have any questions, please email Mrs Bowen on:

admin@reigate-parish.surrey.sch.uk

Please vacate the playground at the end of the day

The playground needs to be left clear for our after school clubs to run, this is for space, safety and safeguarding reasons. All parents must leave the playground as soon as they have collected their children. You are welcome to wait outside the gates at the front of the junior hall or the front of the infant school for children who are attending clubs. We are looking for some benches to place at the front of the school so that parents have a place to sit and wait.

Questionnaire

If you have not already done so please go to the link below to complete the annual questionnaire. This is very helpful to the school and we much appreciate parents taking the time to do this. The deadline is today, 22nd June 2018. Thank you.

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

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.

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.

Golden Boot

Congratulations to Grasshopper class who won the Golden Boot challenge this year. All the children in Grasshoppers class all received a Golden Boot badge for winning. The Golden Boot will be kept in their classroom.

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.

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

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.

Please email us on:- rpbookbybook@gmail.com

GENERAL NEWS:

Shaping a vision for Surrey's future

Surrey is a great place to live, and many residents and businesses thrive here. But not everyone has the same access to opportunities. There are many reasons for this, including deprivation, problems associated with domestic abuse, homelessness or mental health and disability issues.

And there are growing pressures on public services in the county. The population is increasing and so are people's needs, putting more strain on services for children and older people, housing and infrastructure. At the same time public services are receiving less funding, affecting our capacity to respond.

We are not going to be in a position to deal with these challenges and ensure no one is left behind by simply carrying on as we always have done. Surrey County Council believes the county needs a shared vision with the residents of Surrey that will help inspire and enable better outcomes to be achieved for everyone.

As a first step, we want to develop this vision for Surrey's future - that we are calling **Surrey in 2030** - by encouraging residents to feed back their views to us in our online survey at: surreycc.gov.uk/vision2030 before 3 September 2018.

It's open to all Surrey residents, businesses, colleagues and partners. We're aiming for as wide a cross-section of views as possible, so we would be delighted if you could share the link to the survey with as many people as possible, including teaching and support staff, parents and others who make up your school community.

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:

ICE CREAM FRIDAY

Today after school Year 2 will be selling a selection of ice-creams in the playground after school. Everything will be 50p so please do bring some change to pick-up.

INFANTS SPORTS DAY Monday 25th June

The PTA will be selling hot and cold drinks as well as delicious pastries in the playground next Monday at the Infant Sports Day. Thank you to those people who have offered to help!

SUMMER SOIRÉE

It is with regret that the PTA has taken the decision to cancel the Summer Soirée. This event requires the biggest outlay in our fundraising calendar, and sadly we did not sell enough tickets to guarantee that we would cover our costs. Thank you to everyone who did apply for a ticket; we will destroy all the cheques, and if you paid in cash your money will be at the office for you to collect.

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 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, Hartswood • 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**

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