

Parish Post

The Weekly Newsletter, Friday 28th September 2018

BOOK-BY BOOK



You have already helped to raise over £9,000 towards our Junior Library, which is fantastic! Well done and thank you for your continued support.

Auction of Promises

Don't delay, book your tables today!! Thank you so much to everyone who has told us that they plan on coming along on **Saturday 13th October** but would you kindly return your booking forms ASAP; we need to pre-order the food ahead of the evening and ensure that our bar is well-stocked, so an idea of numbers is essential for our planning. If you would like to come along and haven't enough to fill a table of 8, please speak to either a member of the Book by Book team, your class reps or email us on rpbookbybook@gmail.com and we will happily buddy you up. Also it's not too late to make your promises! We are so grateful for the amazing 'lots' that have already been promised but we do still need more to make the evening a success. Please consider if there is something you might be able to offer. Any promises can either be emailed to us on rpbookbybook@gmail.com or by completing and returning the form.

Toddler Stories

Thank you to everyone who attended our Toddler Stories morning on Tuesday. We had a wonderful morning of story-telling, making Gruffalo hand puppets and enjoying the autumnal sunshine on our outdoor adventure. We still have a few spaces for Stick Man on Friday 30th November, so if you fancy joining us, please return your form and payment in an envelope marked for the attention of **Katie Cornish** and pop it in the white box in reception.

Pantomime

Don't forget to return your forms for the Panto, we have block booked seats for the 2pm performance on Sunday 9th December. Grab your friends and prepare for some festive fun!

Dates for your Diary

13th October – Auction of Promises

19th October – Weighing In station

30th November – Toddler Stories 'Stick Man'

9th December - Harlequin Pantomime Trip – see attached form

We love hearing your fundraising ideas and we so appreciate those of you who have already offered to help with our fundraising events. We would love more people to come forward to help us with our events and activities, so if you would like to get involved in any capacity, please email us on:- rpbookbybook@gmail.com

Harvest Assembly

Year 3 will be leading our annual Harvest Assembly. **Parents of Year 3 pupils** are invited to join us for the assembly at 9am on Friday 12th October in the Junior Hall. All children are invited to bring in a harvest offering (tinned or long-lasting foods) for collective worship on this day - these will be given to local charities.

Tissues

We are coming into the season of sniffles and snuffles so if you are able to donate boxes of tissues to the classes, then this would be much appreciated. Thank you.

No Dogs on Playground

Please can we remind parents that dogs are not allowed on the school grounds, including puppies in arms. If you walk your dog to school, please can you tie it up outside school by the blue post box on the bank. Thank you.

Clubs

We still have a few places in Year 5 Choir and Year 5 Gymnastics after school on Monday and Year 5 Art after school on Tuesday, please contact the school office if you would like to join them.

Financial Awareness Club

This year the children in the Juniors are working to set up a school shop for the children to spend their pocket money. All profits will go towards the Book-By-Book project. One of their first jobs is market research! Please could you spend 2 minutes completing their survey? Thanks.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/R3BP9VS>

Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Jackson

Train on Playground

The train is well loved by everyone but at the moment the floor boards in the engine are loose and so for everyone's safety children are not allowed to play on it. Please can you make sure that your child, and any siblings, do not go on the train until it is repaired. Thank you.

Our New Climate Garden

You can't help but have noticed our wonderful new Climate Garden designed by Rachel Course, parent to a year 3 child. My thanks also goes to her husband, Andy Course, who helped prepare the soil and stake out the ropes and to her friends who helped with the planting.



We applied Surrey Wildlife Garden Trust in March 2018 for some money to develop this strip of land and were successful in receiving £200. The PTA have also supported this project by generously donating money to buy the wonderful array of plants. Bulbs will be planted soon so we'll have more surprises in Spring! The idea behind the concept is to help the children recognise the different climates that are found around the world and that in different climates different plants grow. Children can then, according to their age, research the plants found in the topics, sub-tropical areas, the warm and the cold regions in the world. Going up soon will be a fact sheet to help the children understand the theme behind the planting.



Deep Purple flowers represent plants growing in the tropical regions around the world.



Pinks plants signify the sub-tropical areas in the world.

The orange and yellow plants represent the warm climates around the world.



The white plants and flowers show the cold areas in our world.

KEY STAGE 2 NEWS:

Break-Time Snacks

Please can we remind parents that break-time snacks for Key Stage 2 children should only be fruit or vegetables. Please do not send them to school with any other snack. Thank you.

YEAR 5

Secondary School

Please find below a BBC link about what to look for when visiting secondary schools:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-41469041>

GOVERNORS' NEWS:

The Governors met on the 20th September for the first time in this new academic year. They started off with a tour around the newly decorated Infant Block and were delighted with the improvement it has made for both the staff and pupils. The Governors welcomed two new Governors, Richard Wilson (ex-officio Governor) and Jill Day (Staff Governor). The Governors ensured that all their statutory duties were fulfilled and received an update from Frances about the start of term. Governors have organised the monitoring schedule and are looking forward to seeing the hard work of staff and pupils over the coming year.

OTHER NEWS:

It's time to clear the air

Simple steps you can take to improve air quality around schools:

Traffic fumes are the main source of air pollution in Surrey. This can affect children's lung-growth, increase symptoms in those with asthma and contribute to chronic illnesses later in life. Surprisingly, you may not be protected from air pollution when travelling in a car. This is because you're in a confined space collecting pollution from vehicles around you.

So it's really worth considering how else you could get to school each day and leave the car at home if you can. Why not try walking, cycling or scooting to school instead? It's great for you and your child's health and wellbeing. And, if you have to drive, try to park further away and walk the rest, or turn the engine off while you wait. If you can change how you travel to school just a few times a week, you will help children breathe cleaner air. To find out more visit

www.healthysurrey.org.uk/airquality

Reigate Parish Playgroup

Job Advertisement – Level 3 Early Years Practitioner. Salary: Dependent on experience. Hours: Monday and Friday, 8.30am to 3.45pm. Term Time only (38 weeks per year) but salary paid throughout the year. Start date: 29th October 2018

For more information visit <http://www.reigateparishplaygroup.org.uk>

PTA NEWS

Thank you to everyone that came to what was, sadly, my last AGM as PTA Chair. To that end, I would like to thank everyone in the school community for their support and kindness during my time in the role, it has certainly made my experience as Chair an enjoyable one and I would encourage anyone that is thinking about getting involved to DO IT!! Thank you also to everyone for my generous leaving gift, it was totally unexpected but very much appreciated.

Finally, I would like to wish the PTA team for this year every success; if they have the same level of support I did, it will be another great year for Parish.

Best wishes

Claire Shaw

Most information about the PTA can be found on the school website, so please so take a look: <http://reigate-parish.org.uk/pta/what-is-the-pta/>

PTA AGM

Thank you so much to everybody who attended this week's PTA AGM. We are delighted to welcome Amy Dickson as the new PTA co-chair and Suzy Baker-Hedge as vice-chair. Your class reps will be able to circulate the minutes of the meeting, and they are available to view on the website. Please do take a look and see all the lovely things the PTA provided for the school in the last twelve months and also what the PTA is raising money for this year.

FIREWORK SPECTACULAR 2018 – Saturday 3rd November

Everyone is welcome to our fantastic and family friendly **Firework Spectacular** on **Saturday 3rd November**, where gates will be open from 5pm onwards and the firework display will start at 6.30pm promptly.

The firework display will be suitable for children of all ages. There will be a quiet area for those who want to stay away from the bangs as well as more grown up activities for the juniors. Glow sticks and cakes will be sold on the night for the kids as well as the more important mulled wine, craft beer and prosecco for the adults!

Your child would have bought home a ticket order form and flyer in their school bag on Wednesday. Spare forms can be collected from the school office. All completed forms and payment must be returned by **Monday 15th October** and posted in the white box outside the school office. Family and friends are welcome, please direct them to www.reigate-parish.org.uk/PTA/firework-spectacular where order forms can be printed out.

This is an **advance ticket only event** and tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis. No tickets will be sold on the night. This event was a sell out in 2017 so hand in your order forms early and make it one not to miss!

Any enquiries, please email parishfireworks@gmail.com.

The Firework Team

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NIGHT

We have some fabulous stallholders already lined up for this festive occasion, but we have a few stalls remaining. If you or anyone you know would be interested in running a stall, please contact Claire on clairejohnstone.747@hotmail.com. The stall cost for school parents is £10 and for anyone else it is £20.

IKEA TRIP?

We need more large boxes to store the donations of school uniform. If anybody is going to IKEA and would be willing to pick up some boxes for us (which you would then expense of course!) please do let us know.

SAVE THE DATE

Christmas Shopping Night – Wednesday 14th November from 8–10pm

Christmas Fair – Saturday 1st December from 12–3pm

Diary Dates 2018/2019 – new information in red

AUTUMN TERM 2018	
Wednesday 3 rd – Friday 5 th October	Year 4 residential to Grosvenor Hall
Tuesday 2 nd October	Year 2 trip to Brighton – details to follow
Wednesday 3 rd October	Reception children bring picture of something they like to do with their family
Thursday 11 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for receipt of Parent Governor ballot papers • 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm: Year 4 Grosvenor Hall Soirée • Year 1 DT day
Friday 12 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 am Year 3 parents invited to Harvest assembly • Notification of Parent Governor election
Saturday 13 th October	PTA Auction of Promises – details to follow
Week of 15 th October	No teacher-led clubs because parents' evenings this week
Monday 15 th October	Year 3 Forces trip to Priory Park
Tuesday 16 th October	4.30 pm - 8.00 pm – Parents' Evening
Wednesday 17 th October	3.40 pm – 7.00 pm – Parents' Evening
Thursday 18 th October	Year 2 DT making day – Lighthouses
Friday 19 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go Green for Buddy day: children to wear school uniform with something green and bring £1 donation for NSPCC • Book-by-Book Weighing In station
Monday 22 nd – Friday 26 th October	Half term
Monday 29 th October	KS2 presentation in junior hall for Year 3 parents for 2019/2020
Tuesday 30 th October	9 am Prayer Group – all welcome
Wednesday 31 st October	Fraser Portraits: individual and sibling photos
Saturday 3 rd November	PTA Firework night
Monday 5 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm Read, Write Inc presentation in infant hall • 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm Spelling programme in junior hall • Year 4 Egypt day – details to follow
Thursday 8 th November	Year 5 Planetarium in junior hall
Wednesday 14 th November	PTA shopping event – details to follow
Friday 16 th November	Children in Need – details to follow
Monday 19 th - Wednesday 21 st November	Year 3 residential to Ufton Court – more details to follow
Thursday 22 nd November	9.00 am Parents' Forum – all welcome
Tuesday 27 th November	9.00 am Prayer group – all welcome
Wednesday 28 th November	Ufton Court soirée – details to follow
Thursday 29 th November	Christmas making day – details to follow
Friday 30 th November	Toddlers Stories

Saturday 1 st December	PTA Christmas Fair 12.00 noon – 3.00 pm
W/b 3 rd December	Teacher-led clubs end this week
Wednesday 5 th December	Whole school nasal flu vaccinations – details to follow
Sunday 9 th December	Harlequin Pantomime trip – details to follow
Monday 10 th December	7.00 pm – 8.00 pm: Years 3 and 4 Christmas Concert
Tuesday 11 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.15 am – 10.00 am: Reception Christmas production • 10.30 am – 11.30 am: Years 1 and 2 Christmas production • 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm: Years 3 and 4 Christmas Concert
Thursday 13 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9.15 am – 10.00 am: Reception Christmas production • 10.30 am – 11.30 am: Years 1 and 2 Christmas production
Monday 17 th December	9.00 am Prayer group – all welcome
Tuesday 18 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.30 – 2.00 pm: KS1 Christmas story led by Year 2 at St Mary's Church. Children walked back to school for collection at 3.05 pm. KS2 parents can collect KS1 children at 2pm from church to stay for KS2 concert and will sit with their parent. • 2.30 pm – 3.15 pm: KS2 Christmas story led by Year 5 at St Mary's Church. Children can be collected from the church. Those not collected, or going to Tea Club, will be walked back to school to be picked up from there.
Wednesday 19 th December	Term ends at 1.15 pm infants and 1.30 pm juniors

INSET Days 2018/2019 and school closed:

- **Monday 11th March 2019**
- **Monday 3rd June 2019**
- **Friday 28th June 2019**

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