

Parish Post

The Weekly Newsletter, Friday 9th November 2018



BOOK BY BOOK

Christmas Fair Second Hand Book Stall

Thank you so much for all of your kind book donations. We have been overwhelmed by the response and are no longer in need of any books for adults. We are still collecting baby and children's books so if you have any looking for a new home, please leave them in the box in the reception area.

Harlequin Pantomime Trip

Thank you to everyone who has supported the pantomime trip by purchasing tickets. These are now available for collection from the school office. Please would you kindly collect them ASAP.

Family Film Hire

Our next Family Film Hire will be taking place on **Friday 14th December**. We are still collecting DVDs and would especially welcome any Christmas Classics, please leave these in the box in reception.

Dates for your Diary

30th November – Toddler Stories 'Stick Man' – Last remaining Spaces available

1st December – Christmas Fair Second Hand Book Stall & Silent Auction

9th December - Harlequin Pantomime Trip

14th December – Family Film Hire

If you would like to be involved in any capacity with the library fundraiser or want to contact the Book by Book team, please email us on:- rpbookbybook@gmail.com

Medical and Dental Appointments

If your child needs a routine medical or dental appointment, please can you arrange these, wherever possible, out of school hours so that there is a minimum impact on your child's learning. We do understand that in an emergency, or a hospital booked appointment, you may have to take them out of class. Thank you.

Operation Christmas Child Shoe boxes

Thank you to everyone who brought in a shoe box for Operation Christmas Child. They were collected this morning and we were told there were 90 boxes in all.

Reminder for things to be returned to the school office

All years	Flu vaccination form	ASAP
All years	Frazer Portraits Photo proof card id	By 23 rd November
Reception – Year 4	Christmas Production	ASAP
Year 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hooke Court consent form • £5 payment for Victorian day and Planetarium 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By 30th November • ASAP

Leprosy Mission - Stamps

Christmas is coming – and that includes Christmas cards! Please remember to donate your used stamps for the Leprosy Mission. The collection box is in the foyer. The Leprosy Mission sell used stamps as part of their efforts to raise money for their important work. Last year we collected a huge amount of used stamps, and it was really great to be able to send them to the Leprosy Mission and know they were being used to help transform the life of people affected by leprosy.

The Leprosy Mission is an international Christian development organisation that diagnoses, treats and offers specialist care, including reconstructive surgery, to leprosy patients. Widely believed to be the world's oldest disease, leprosy is also one of the world's most stigmatised. World Health Organisation figures reveal there are more than 200,000 new cases of leprosy diagnosed globally each year. Globally, there are more than three million people living with irreversible disabilities, including blindness, as a result of the late treatment of leprosy.

Please contact Karen Best (Emma, Honeybees, 07817 929 155) for details.

YEAR 5 NEWS:

Christmas Making Day

Please can you send in a clean mason jar/ jam jar as we will need these for Thursday 29th November for Christmas Making Day. Your child will only need one, but if you do have a spare, we would love to make sure everyone has the opportunity to make this.

PTA NEWS:

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/>

Supporting events – a thank you.

I know how busy we all are, especially in the run up to Christmas. I also know how much is asked of you, as parents and members of the school community; and well aware that the constant PTA demands can be overwhelming sometimes.

However, none of the fundraising is possible without you – your donations for, volunteer time and attendance at events means that we are able to raise funds, that go directly towards helping your child(ren). A single jam jar, an hour on a stall, buying a book of raffle tickets, attending the Christmas social event for a drink or two – it all helps.

Whether your child has 2 or 7 years left at the school, we promise that they will benefit from the resources the PTA is able to provide.

So, a big thank you in advance for your support over this half term. We will not pester you so much come Spring Term!

Film Night

Thanks to the organisers and all who attended. The event raised £460, which is a fabulous total.

Christmas Fair

Christmas fair packs will be in book bags on Friday.

We need additional volunteers who would be able to volunteer for face painting. If keen please email clairerandall76@googlemail.com

Christmas Grotto tickets

These will be sold in the playground next week.

There is limited availability for the time slots, so please get your tickets early to avoid disappointment. Tickets will be £4 per child to include a gift

Christmas cards

These should be in your child's book bag by Friday 23rd November.

Muffi Day – 23rd November

Please send your child to school in their own clothes, in exchange for items for the Christmas Fair – please see the letter being sent home in book bags by the Christmas Fair organisers with all the important dates and info.

Christmas social – 14th December – PLEASE RETURN FORMS

Please make a note in your diary for the parents' social!

We have organised a DJ, who is happy to take requests; and will be running a well-stocked bar. This is a great opportunity to see your "classmates" and raise some funds for the PTA. We will be finishing up at 11.30pm, leaving plenty of time to get a cab to town for those who want to carry on!

We really hope that you will consider making this your class social event for this term. If you've got a glass in your hand, your friends around you and some cheesy music then you won't notice you are in the school hall, we promise! Plus you'll get a warm glow from knowing your money has gone to a worthy cause.

Christmas Productions

This year we are delighted to be offering electronic copies of the Christmas productions. This means that you will be able to share the production with family easily. There are 4 productions this year: Reception, Years 1 & 2, Years 3 & 4 and Year 5. Prices will be £9.50 for one production, £13 for two or £18 for 3. Please see attached order form.

Christmas Trees – PLEASE RETURN FORMS

Please see attached order form for Christmas trees, to be collected from school on Saturday 1st December, the date of the Christmas Fair. These are excellent quality, non-drop Nordmann Fir trees, available from school for less than you would pay at the garden centre. Place your order form in the white box by 21st November.

Co-treasurer role

An opportunity has arisen to join the PTA as a co-treasurer from January 2019. Please email ptacochairs@gmail.com if you would like more information or are interested in the role. It is a vital position within the PTA and we would love to have you on board.

Save the date

Mufti day - Friday 23rd November

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

Christmas social – Friday 14th December 7.30-11.30pm

GENERAL NEWS:

Thoroughly Modern Millie at the Harlequin

A few pupils from year 4 and 5 are participating in the show on Saturday and Sunday this weekend. This has been organised by Reigate dance centre and Reigate school of Ballet. The children have been rehearsing very hard every Sunday afternoon since September so if you are free this weekend it would be great to go to watch and support them.

Surrey County Council Online Consultation – Surrey Arts/Cultural Services

Surrey County Council has recently launched an online public consultation about Transforming Libraries and Cultural Services in Surrey. Surrey Arts is included in the consultation as one of the Council's Cultural Services so this is a very important opportunity for you to share your ideas and comments about Surrey Arts as well as other cultural services.

In Section 2.1 – You can share your ideas. Please name Surrey Arts if you are specifically referring to the service.

In Section 3.8 - Please give the venue where you or your children engage in activities provided by Surrey Arts Teachers e.g. music lessons, bands, ensembles, arts activities.

In Section 4.3 – You can provide additional comments. Please make sure that you name Surrey Arts if you want to comment about the value of this particular service. You can find the online consultation at:

<https://www.surreysays.co.uk/legal-and-democratic-services/libraries/consultation/intro/>

The online form should not take long to complete, but your responses will be very valuable as the Council considers its future strategy for Libraries and Cultural Services. **Please note that the online consultation will close on 4th January 2019.**

Thank you very much in anticipation of your valued contribution.

Surrey County Council Public Consultation – Children's Centres

Surrey County Council has launched many public consultations including one on the future of Children's Centres. Surrey are looking to close 37 of their 58 centres and in Redhill and Reigate it is Steppingstones at Earlswood Infant School and the one at Dovers Green that are affected. Attached is the link to the consultation and if you are able to complete it then the link is below

If the closures go ahead then the children's centres are open until August 2019.

<https://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/family-resilience-childrens-centres/consultation/subpage.2018-10-25.4188735121/>

Cycle Safety Competition

First4Lawyers is running a nationwide competition which launched this week and is running until Tuesday 23rd November for KS2 students to design a new Cycle Safety Helmet. They are aiming to help raise awareness about the importance of wearing a helmet when cycling, while having a little fun along the way. The competition is backed by Huddersfield University, Brake - The road safety charity & Lee White Design.

Competition winners (one boy and one girl from each year group) will receive their helmet design 3D printed by the 3M Buckley Innovation Centre, part of Huddersfield University. But that's not all! Each winner will not only receive this amazing prize, but they will also receive a brand-new bike in time for Christmas, supplied by [First4Lawyers](#).

Entries can either be posted back to them at:
First4Lawyers – Cycle Safety Competition,
Permanent House,
Dundas Street,
Huddersfield,
West Yorkshire,
HD1 2HE.

Alternatively, scanned images can be uploaded via their website online at
<https://cyclesafety.first4lawyers.com/submit-your-entry/>

Entries must be received by First4Lawyers no later than the 27th November - So make sure you post them in time.

Holly Run

Is your child going to be 8 years or older by Sunday 16th December 2018?

Exciting news... we'd love to see Reigate Parish represented in The Holly Run again and any child within this age bracket, is warmly invited to participate. It is competitive cross-country races in Priory Park, organised by Reigate Priory Athletics Club on **Sunday 16th December from 10am**. A chance to push themselves, perhaps try something new and undoubtedly get muddy! The children will also have the opportunity to walk the course on Saturday 1st December at 8.30am with Mrs Saunders. As The Holly Run is an external event, **parents are responsible for their children and a small fee of £5** will be expected by the club, however the school community will be there to cheer children on! Children in Year 4 & 5 (and any older children in year 3) were given the opportunity to bring home a detailed letter and form on Monday 29th October. Please return the signed form and cash payment to the white box at the office ASAP, but by 28th November and no later. Mrs Saunders will then be in touch via email to confirm details.

YMCA Santa Run

The **YMCA Santa Run** is returning to Priory Park on Sunday 9 December 2018.

Santas of all ages and abilities are invited to join in the festive fun. £12.50 per person – includes a free Santa suit, snack, drink and medal. Please book early as this event sold out last year.

Please use the link below for further information and bookings

<https://www.ymcaeastsurrey.org.uk/santa-run/>

Diary Dates 2018/2019 – new information in red

AUTUMN TERM 2018	
Monday 19 th - Wednesday 21 st November	Year 3 residential to Ufton Court
Thursday 22 nd November	9.00 am Parents' Forum – all welcome
Friday 23 rd November	Muffin day for Christmas Fair
Monday 26 th November	Ufton Court soirée
Tuesday 27 th November	9.00 am Prayer group – all welcome
Wednesday 28 th November	Closing date for Holly Run entries
Thursday 29 th November	Christmas making day – details to follow
Friday 30 th November	Toddlers Stories – Stick Man
Saturday 1 st December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8.30 am Holly Run practice walk in Priory Park • PTA Christmas Fair 12.00 noon – 3.00 pm
W/b 3 rd December	Teacher-led clubs end this week
Tuesday 4 th December	Year 2 visit Sparkfish Christmas Journey
Wednesday 5 th December	Whole school nasal flu vaccinations
Sunday 9 th December	Harlequin Pantomime trip
Monday 10 th December	7.00 pm – 8.00 pm: Years 3 and 4 Christmas Concert – children to wear school uniform
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
Friday 14 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTA Family Film Hire • Children's Christmas meal – details to follow • 7.30 pm – 11.30 pm PTA Christmas Social
Sunday 16 th December	Holly Run from 10.00 am
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**

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