

# Parish Post

The Weekly Newsletter, Friday 30th November 2018

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## CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS:

### Christmas Cards

It is our tradition at Reigate Parish for children only to make one Christmas card for their class and not to give everyone a card. This will help save the trees and so we should be grateful if you could help us with this. Thank you.

### Christmas Productions DVD

Once again, Marc Ashdown (an ex parent) is filming the Christmas performances. We ask parents not to film the productions and please look out for the order forms to purchase an official film which will be emailed to you. We sensitively ask that you do not share the film on social media.

### Christmas Lunch

If your child normally has a packed lunch, we invite them to have a Christmas lunch at school on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. The menu on this day is roast turkey, roast potatoes, vegetables followed by festive biscuit. In addition, they all receive a cracker and festive music is played. Please let us know by email to [office@reigate-parish.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@reigate-parish.surrey.sch.uk) if you would like your child to have this special lunch. As you know, **for infant children this is free** and for junior children the cost will be £2.30 each.

### Christmas Party

On the last day of this term, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, the children will be having a Christmas party. The kitchen will be supplying party food and the children can come to school in party clothes on that day.

If your child usually brings a packed lunch and you would like them to have school Christmas party food on 19<sup>th</sup> December, please let us know by email if you would like your child to have this party lunch. Again it is **free for infant children** and costs £2.30 for junior children. Please remember that school finishes at 1.15 pm for Key Stage 1 and 1.30 pm for Key Stage 2 on the last day of term.

### Church Service

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December we will be holding our Christmas end-of-term services at St Mary's Church. The Key Stage 1 service is at 1.30 pm and the children will be walked back to school for collection at 3.05 pm. Key Stage 2 parents can collect Key Stage 1 children at 2 pm from the church to stay for the Key Stage 2 concert and will sit with their parents.

The Key Stage 2 service is at 2.30 pm. 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. All other clubs will have finished by then.

All parents are warmly invited to celebrate Christmas with us for these services on that Tuesday afternoon. During the services the children will be singing and sharing with us parts of their nativity performances and carols. These are wonderful opportunities for us to come together as a school family.

Year 2 is leading the Key Stage 1 church service and Year 5 are leading the Key Stage 2 service.

### **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 2 NEWS:**

#### **Sparkfish: A Christmas Journey**

Year 2 is looking forward to walking to Reigate Park URC (United Reform Church) on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December to take part in 'Sparkfish: A Christmas Journey'. The children will have two 30-minute sessions where they will be walked through the Christmas Story, and then complete a craft activity. We will need parents to help walk the children to and from the church, so if you are able to help with this, please speak to your class rep. Thank you.

### **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/>

**Please don't forget to support the fair tomorrow! 12 noon - 3pm**

#### **Bikes / scooters**

Please remove any bikes / scooters from the racks outside the junior hall on Friday as this is where the Christmas trees will be stored. Any bikes/ scooters left will be moved to the unsecured area at the front of school.

Thank you.

#### **Christmas social – 14<sup>th</sup> December – PLEASE RETURN FORMS BY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

Tickets are selling well for this event, and we are keen to make it a real success. Please return your forms and cheques ASAP. If you need a new form please get in touch.

#### **Christmas shopping**

When doing your Christmas shopping, please sign up with charity cashback site The Giving Machine – this is a super simple way to raise funds for us.

<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/>

#### **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.

#### **Save the date**

**Christmas social** – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 7.30 pm -11.30 pm

### **GENERAL NEWS:**

#### **Christmas Campaign in Reigate & Banstead**

Voluntary Action Reigate & Banstead is promoting a campaign to "Give local people a Christmas". They are working with four local charities to co-ordinate donations and please see the attached flyer which gives you information about what to donate and where. Please help support this wonderful initiative to bring Christmas to those in need.

#### **Holly Run**

The Holly Run is on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December and we would encourage as many people as possible to come and support our runners. Please meet at the starting line in Priory Park on the grass side of the tennis courts, near the skate park at 10.30am for two races (finishing by 11am).

## Run Reigate

Message from Run Reigate:

“Once again all the support from you and other local schools helped make the Run Reigate Kids Race a sell out for the third year running. We have been nominated for the Running Awards and we need to ask for a little help to get this great event recognised for the impact it has had for local children. To help us get shortlisted for the next round of voting please could you take less than minute to vote for us following this link below?

Please go to: <https://therunningawards.com/>

You'll find us under **Running Events > Fun Run > Canon Kids Race**

Hopefully we will be back in touch soon if we are lucky enough to be shortlisted! :)

Thank you!!! And see you at Run Reigate Kids Race 2019 :)"



### **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/>

### **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.ymcaeastssurrey.org.uk/santa-run/>

## Diary Dates 2018/2019 – new information in red

<b>AUTUMN TERM 2018</b>	
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8.30 am Holly Run practice in Priory Park</li> <li>• PTA Christmas Fair 12.00 noon – 3.00 pm</li> </ul>
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Book Fair in junior hall after school – details to follow
W/b 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Teacher-led clubs end this week
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Book Fair in junior hall after school – details to follow
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school nasal flu vaccinations
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Book Fair in junior hall after school – details to follow
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Harlequin Pantomime trip
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	7.00 pm – 8.00 pm: Years 3 and 4 Christmas Concert – children to wear school uniform – in junior hall
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.15 am – 10.00 am: Reception Christmas production</li> <li>• 10.30 am – 11.30 am: Years 1 and 2 Christmas production</li> <li>• 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm: Years 3 and 4 Christmas Concert</li> </ul>
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9.15 am – 10.00 am: Reception Christmas production</li> <li>• 10.30 am–11.30 am: Years 1 and 2 Christmas production</li> </ul>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PTA Family Film Hire</li> <li>• Children's Christmas meal</li> <li>• 7.30 pm – 11.30 pm PTA Christmas Social</li> </ul>
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Holly Run from 10.00 am
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00 am Prayer group – all welcome
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Term ends at 1.15 pm infants and 1.30 pm juniors

### INSET Days 2018/2019 and school closed:

- **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019**
- **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019**
- **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

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