

Parish Post

The Weekly Newsletter, Friday 14th December 2018

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS:

Church Service

On Tuesday 19th 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.

Christmas Productions

The children's productions have been edited and the digital videos are looking very good. It is not too late for parents / families to place their order.

Thank you for the incredible generosity of parents and relatives for the charities nominated by the children. The final totals are:

- Reception for Great Ormond Street £286.50
- Years 1 and 2 for Christian Aid £496.50
- Years 3 and 4 for Cancer Research and George and the Giant Pledge: £164.50 each

We will let you know the final total for Year 5 for George and the Giant Pledge next Wednesday after the church service.

The year 5 Carol Concert at the Church is being filmed on Tuesday, please your order that day and we aim to get it edited and emailed out to you on Wednesday.

Christmas Party

On the last day of this term, Wednesday 19th 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 19th 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.



BOOK BY BOOK

We would just like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this year and to wish you all a very Merry Christmas from the Book by Book team.

Family Film Library

Don't forget our Family Film library after school today! Whether you are looking for a festive classic or an old family favourite to enjoy with your families over the Christmas holidays, please come along and check out our huge DVD library collection. We would love you to borrow a DVD or two to enjoy with your family. Plus there will be popcorn available for you to buy too at just 50p per bag! Suggested donation amount is £1 per DVD.

Dates for your Diary

14th December – Family Film Library

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

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.

RECEPTION NEWS:

Shoe Boxes

The Reception classes are in need of shoe boxes after Christmas for the dinosaur museum they will be creating. Between both classes they need 15 – 20 boxes so if you have any that you do not want please can you bring them to the Reception classes. Thank you.

The Reception Team

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/>

Parents social – TONIGHT!

We are really looking forward to seeing lots of you tonight.

Please remember we are running a **CASH BAR**, so please remember to bring enough money with you!

Raffle Prizes

Uncollected raffle prizes are awaiting collection in the school office.

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/>

GENERAL NEWS:

Reception applications to start in September 2019

In an effort to reduce the number of late applications received, Surrey County Council has asked us to remind parents about applying for a Reception place for your child to start school in September 2019. The closing date for Reception applications for September 2019 entry is **15 January 2019**.

You are encouraged to make your application online. However, parents can request a paper application form or seek impartial help in completing an application via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004). Full information is available on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.

Applications received after the closing date, without good reason, will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on-time applications have been processed. This may jeopardise the chance of a parent being offered one of their preferred schools for their child.

Holly Run

The Holly Run is on Sunday 16th 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).

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/>

Diary Dates 2018/2019 – new information in red

AUTUMN TERM 2018	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children to wear party clothes • Term ends at 1.15 pm infants and 1.30 pm juniors

Diary Dates 2018/2019 – new information in red

SPRING TERM 2019	
Thursday 3 rd January	Term starts at 8.55 am
Monday 7 th January	Reception Dinosaurs workshop
Wednesday 16 th January	8.00 pm PTA meeting
Thursday 24 th January	2.30 pm Parents' Forum
Wed 30 th January – Friday 1 st February	Year 5 Hooke Court
Monday 4 th February	7.30 pm e-safety meeting for parents
Friday 8 th February	PTA Quiz Night
Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd February	Half term
Tuesday 26 th February	9.00 am Prayer Group
Monday 11 th March	INSET day – school closed
Tuesday 12 th – Friday 15 th March	Science Week
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 20 th March	9.00 am Parents' Forum
Friday 22 nd March	9.30 am Year 5 Easter experience at Reigate Park Church
Tuesday 26 th March	9.00 am Prayer Group
Wednesday 3 rd April	Easter service at St Mary's Church: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.30 pm Key Stage 1 • 2.30 pm Key Stage 2
Friday 5 th April	Term ends at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Stage 1: 1.15 pm • Key Stage 2: 1.30 pm

INSET Days 2018/2019 and school closed:

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

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