

Headteacher's Headline

11th November 2009 - No 2



The start to the second half of the Autumn Term has been serene and purposeful. I hope that everyone, children and adults, have settled in calmly to school and that any "teething" problems have been addressed. Remember to talk to class teachers, Helen Kelsey or myself if there are any matters that we can help or advise you with.

We all play a crucial role in helping our children to learn and children will always achieve more when schools and parents/carers work together. A major contributing factor to the high standards at Reigate Parish Church School is the trusting partnership that is forged between families and the school. The value of this partnership should never be underestimated.

Dave Cole

New Interim Headteacher and Parent Governor

The Governors are delighted to welcome Miss Frances Ayres as the interim Headteacher for the next two terms and look forward to working closely with her. In addition, they would like to welcome Mr David Littlemore as the new parent governor. He is father of Lucy in Dragonflies and Ned in Butterflies and he will be joining the Resources Committee.

Fireworks

Another spectacular evening! The display does seem to get better each year and this year we have raised a massive £2,800 profit. Huge thanks go to Claire Neville and Claire Shackleton for leading the evening and all their helpers. The firework-lighting team also deserves a massive thank you as without them it would not be possible. They spend hours setting up the fireworks and then clearing the Grammar School grounds the following morning. Their dedication is really appreciated. A big thank you also goes to Chris Wield who, although no longer a parent here, came back yet again to give us the music that adds so much to the atmosphere of the evening.



Midday Supervisors

Could you spare three lunchtimes a week? We need a midday supervisor to work on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 12.00 noon - 1.15 pm. If you could help or know someone who could, then please contact the school.

Prayer Group

Just a reminder about the Reigate Parish School Prayer Group. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 18th November between 9.05 am and 9.30 am in the staff room. Everyone is welcome.

Parents' Forum

Every half term Parents' Forum meets to discuss a variety of topics; some school-led and others brought forward by parents. It is crucial that the school continues to develop and move forward and this can only happen if we are self-evaluative and listen to and act upon the views of all of our stakeholders. Representative governors also try and attend the meetings usually held at 2.15pm in school. Parents are welcome to attend and have their say. Thank you for your attendance at the last Parents' Forum. Your feedback is invaluable and is crucial for school development planning. In response to your suggestions we have ensured that this Parents' Forum is not on the same day as September's Forum. Furthermore, for those parents who are unable to attend, there will be a suggestions box left out in which you can leave your feedback. Please also feel free to bring along your children. The second meeting this term will be on Tuesday 17th November at 2:15pm.

Christmas Greetings

At Reigate Parish we do not have a Christmas post box for cards. Instead we encourage the children to make or bring one card for the whole class that will be displayed on the Christmas message board in each classroom. This is more environmentally-friendly, encourages creativity and reduces the expense and stress (for parents) of writing loads of cards. Please support us in this Christmas tradition by not bringing cards into the school or playground.



Christmas Making Day Tuesday 1st December

For those of you new to the school, Christmas making day is when we spend a whole day creating Christmas decorations and displays. It is a very busy day and it works best with lots of adult support! If you are able to help for part of the day please fill in the reply slip below and return it to your child's class teacher. Please can Class Reps speak to their Class Teacher about organising a rota for the day. To allow staff to display all the Christmas creations we will be finishing

at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 1st December. Part-time children are invited to stay until 2.30 pm also.

Christmas Making Day Tuesday 1st December

I am able to help on Christmas Making Day:

9.00—10.15 10.30—12.00 noon 1.30—2.30 pm

Name: Child's name and class.....

Christmas Lunch

All the children are invited to have a school Christmas lunch on 15th December. If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like a traditional Christmas meal then please return this slip enclosing £1.90 (exact money only) by 4th December.

Child's name: Class
..... would like a school Christmas lunch on
Tuesday 15th December. I enclose £1.90.

Signed:



Gardening Club



Reigate Garden Centre is still generously donating compost and we are looking to enlarge the vegetable patch in the playground in order to let pupils pick more food for lunch next year. The governors are liaising with Nick Wilkes in relation to developing our playground project and we will keep you up-dated with all latest developments. Gardening Club is going well with a bumper harvest of mammoth parsnips. Recently we have made fresh salad with microleaves and are eating Cape Gooseberries which are very sweet. We are also building minibeast shelters for the winter. Reception Classes have been finding worms, sleeping millipedes, slugs, woodlice, planting broadbeans and "Knee Hi" sweetpeas.

Children in Need

Each year since 1980, the BBC has set aside one evening of programming on its flagship television channel, BBC One, to show events aimed at raising money exclusively destined for charities working with children in the UK. In 2007, the charity raised over £37 million, of which £13 million was raised on the broadcasted evening. This year the Appeal is on Friday **20 November 2009** and at Reigate Parish we will be helping all our children feel part of the Pudsey-tastic fundraising fun so that we can help to make a difference to the lives of children and young people. Yet again, this year's theme is 'Do something different'. Last year, Pudsey was delighted to see that many children wore his spotty bandana to show their support and of course to look cool like him! So this year, we're hoping you'll get even more creative and come to school dressed from head to toe in spotty clothing. We would ask that you make a minimum fundraising donation of £1. The children will also be making bandanas with their class teachers on Thursday 19th November and will be wearing them throughout the day on the 20th November. From Monday to Friday on week commencing 16th November Mr. Cole will be on the playground before and after school with a fundraising bucket. If we can raise £300 the children will get to see a special pantomime performance on Friday morning in which all the teachers will dress up in 'special' costumes!!!! There will be a cameo appearance from our very own Mr Sears who will be supporting Mr. Cole in his role ...



Celebration assembly:

<p>Caterpillars Harvey Wood Amber Labanya Archie Adams Alfie Jenkins Holly Boys-Guest Patrick Brown Lottie Roessler Hannah Corlett Teddy Sidir Oliver Tarrant Adam Alexander Eleanor Milne</p> <p>Ladybirds Ethan Crouch Thomas Bull Katie Day Jacob Dewar Tabitha Marlow Tom Wright Mia Koraltan Holly Cresswell</p>	<p>Grasshoppers Roman Binedell Meghan Young Calum Jordan Anuja Stehrenberger Alice Calvert Dan Statham Alexander Salmon Millie Jones Jamie Cowhig Joshua Golliker Esme Cowan Sam Parker</p> <p>Dragonflies Matthew Hills Jenica Davis Molly Stevens Toby Ford Toby Hooper Jack Ives Abbie Williams Sam Wagstaff Jack Stracey Anabel Morgan Micah Sarkar Samuel Smith</p>	<p>Honeybees Finlay Trevor Grace Walker Miles Fisher Millie Hitchcock Kinshuk Tandon Jonathan Davis Evie Pettitt Jed Davis Poppy Oliver Zak Hammond Sam Ives Alex Nunn</p> <p>Butterflies Leah Chitty Eloise Zander Jonny Long Joel Smith Holly Burrows Catrin Frost Emma McDowell Harrison Lewis Zoe Hooper Max Blenkiron Nathan Toyn Fred Oliver</p>
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Diary Dates 2009/2010:

AUTUMN TERM 2009	
Tuesday 17 th November	Parents' Forum 2.15 pm
Tuesday 1 st December	Christmas making day - school finishes at 2.30pm
Wednesday 9 th December	Nativity Play— 1.45pm dress rehearsal for grandparents and pre-schoolers, doors open at 1.30pm
Thursday 10 th and Friday 11 th December	Nativity Play - 1.45pm, doors open at 1.30pm
Saturday 12 th December	1.30 - 4.00 pm School Christmas Fair
Tuesday 15 th December	2pm Church service at St Mary's Church, collection from church at 2.45pm
Wednesday 16 th December	Design Technology day - Years 1 and 2
Friday 18 th December	Christmas parties and last day of term. School finishes at 1.30pm
SPRING TERM 2010	
Monday 4 th January	Term starts at 8.55am
Monday 1 st February	School Closed - INSET training
Monday 15 th to Friday 19 th February	HALF TERM
Monday 8 th March	School Closed - INSET training
Wednesday 31 st March	Terms ends at 1.30 pm
SUMMER TERM 2010	
Monday 19 th April	Term starts at 8.55 am
31 st May - 4 th June	Half term
Thursday 24 th and Friday 25 th June	School Closed - INSET training
Friday 23 rd July	Term ends at 1.30 pm

