



Welcome to the new school year. We are looking forward to what will no doubt be an exciting and busy term. As well as all the new Ladybirds and Butterflies, I would like to welcome Maya and Evie who have joined year two and Joanna and Archie who have joined year one. I am sure they will settle in and make lots of new friends quickly.

Breakfast club

Our breakfast club started on 4th September and already is proving very popular. We have a limit of 16 children per session and all children attending must have been registered two days before their first session. Children can be dropped from 8am. See Juanita Collman, breakfast club supervisor, for more information.

Parents Forum

Every half term Parents Forum meets to discuss a variety of topics some school lead and others brought forward by parents. Representative governors also try and attend the meetings usually held at 2.15pm in school. Parents are welcome to attend and have their say. The first meeting this term will be on Thursday 25th at 7pm. It will be your chance to meet the governing body and ask them questions about their role in school. The PTA annual general meeting will follow at 8pm. Refreshments will be available.

Curriculum Evenings

These evenings are designed to give you information about what and how your child is learning in school. We run one for reception parents about the Foundation Stage Curriculum and one for parents of years one and two children about Key Stage 1 of the National Curriculum. The dates are on the calendar attached.

Parent Consultations

These follow the curriculum evenings in the autumn and focus on how your child has settled into their new class and looking forward to their next steps of learning. Books/work are not put out on this occasion. They are available later in the academic year for the second parent consultation evening. If you are unable to make other arrangements for child care, Mrs Wombwell is available to supervise children during parents evening. Dates are on the calendar and the appointment lists are displayed the week before, for you to sign.

Safe Journeys and Parking

As you know parking is difficult in this area and I have listed below some of Reigate Parish's parking rules, particularly for new parents. Please make sure other people collecting and dropping off to school, eg grandparents and au pairs, know them too.

- Only park in designated bays
- **NO DOUBLE PARKING**
- Look for spaces from the turning circle. **DO NOT DRIVE IN AND REVERSE OUT.**
- Remind all the children that it is a car park and they shouldn't run out between the cars.

Police advice re parking around the school remains the same:

- Leave a big enough gap—wide enough for a double buggy to get by (1.2m)
- Only park on one side of the road
- Do not obstruct driveways
- Do not park on zigzag lines
- Do not park within 10m of a junction
- Do not park on corners

While the sun is shining why not scoot, walk or park and stride: it gives the children a good start to the day.

Emailing

Many of you have agreed to receive letters via email. So far it has proved successful for most families and the office staff. If you change your email address then please let the office know as soon as possible. A file of hard copies of all the letters can be found in the main reception area and each class will display recent letters too. The headteacher's head line will also be posted on the school's website www.reigate-parish.org.uk.

Sickness

If your child has had sickness or diarrhoea they must not return to school until 24 hours after the last symptoms and they are eating and sleeping normally.

Nut and Strawberries

Just a reminder that the school is a nut and strawberry-free zone. We have children and staff who are severely allergic to nuts and strawberries and so we ask children not to bring them into school in their lunch boxes. This includes strawberry yoghurts and fruit snacks containing strawberries. Thank you.

Lining Up

The children have been reminded that no-one is allowed to line up before their whistle goes (1 blast reception, 2 blasts other classes). This has proven to reduce congestion and make it easier for the children to find their lines. Please do not take buggies into the line as there is not enough space. Ideally the children should say goodbye and then go and line up. Parents are discouraged from taking children into class as again their just isn't enough space. Years 1 and 2 children are able to be independent and children in reception have additional adults to help them.

Class teachers aim to come into the playground before the whistle goes, but if you need to give them a message eg can't find book bag, granny picking up, etc—please put it in a note for your child to give in. We trialled this last year and it did help the crush around the teacher. Teachers are usually available at pick up time for a quick chat and can always be contacted to make an appointment.

Monday Drop-Ins

Between 3.05 pm and 3.30 pm on a Monday teachers are in class to see you and for children to show you work on the walls etc. If they wish to show you something in a book, please ask the teachers to see it. If you have a younger child at Reigate Parish or playgroup, you have got time to collect them then and pop in before 3.30 pm when we start out staff meeting. As discussed at the Parents' Forum, we are going to try and advertise the drop-ins when there are particular displays etc in a class.

Celebration Assemblies—every Friday

Every Friday we celebrate the children's achievement in and out of school. The class teachers choose three children from their class who have worked hard, this may be a piece of work but it could also be for attitude and perseverance or personal and social skills. Each child is given a certificate that is displayed outside the head teacher's office for a week before it is taken home. Their names are also included in the next head teacher's headline.

We encourage children to show the rest of the school their certificates and awards from out-of-school activities for example swimming and gym badges, rainbows or beaver badges. We also celebrate birthdays during Celebration Assembly.

Celebration assembly:

Caterpillars Poppy Oliver Edward Hookway Elizabeth Coveney	Grasshoppers Stella Gold Archie Walker-Merison Jenica Davis	Honeybees Evie Walker-Merison Isobel Smithson Alistair Reid	Dragonflies Joe Sackett Jack Seward Keela McCullen
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Diary Dates:

Autumn Term 2008	
Wednesday 24 th September	Yr 2 to Brighton Sealife Centre
Thursday 25 th September	7.00 pm Parents' Forum and 8.00 pm PTA AGM
Tuesday 30 th September	7.30 pm Key Stage 1 Curriculum evening
Thursday 2 nd October	Prayer Group 9.00 am - 9.25 am in school 7.30 pm Foundation Stage curriculum evening
Monday 13 th October	2.30pm to 6pm Parent/teacher consultation meetings
Wednesday 15 th October	3.30pm to 7pm Parent/teacher consultation meetings
Tuesday 21 st October	Yr 1 to Brighton Toy and Model Museum
27 th - 31 st October	Half Term
Wednesday 5 th November	Tempest Photographer in school - individual photographs
Saturday 8 th November	School Fireworks
Tuesday 11 th November	School Closed - INSET training
Tuesday 18 th November	Parents' Forum 2.15pm
Tuesday 2 nd December	Christmas making day - school finishes at 2.30pm
Tuesday 9 th December	Nativity Play— 1.45pm dress rehearsal for grandparents and pre-schoolers, doors open at 1.30pm
Wednesday 10 th and Thursday 11 th December	Nativity Play - 1.45pm, doors open at 1.30pm
Saturday 13 th December	School Fair
Tuesday 16 th December	2pm Church service at St Mary's Church, collection from church at 2.45pm
Friday 19 th December	Christmas parties and last day of term. School finishes at 1.30pm
SPRING TERM 2009	
Monday 5 th January	Term starts at 8.55am
Monday 16 th to Friday 20 th February	HALF TERM
Monday 9 th March	School Closed - INSET training
SUMMER TERM 2009	
Thursday 25 th and Friday 26 th June	School Closed - INSET training