Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everybody to our new school year and an extra special welcome to all our new children, their parents and families and new members of staff. It is wonderful to have you join our school community and I hope that you will be as ‘Proud to be Priory’ as the rest of us.

It has been great to see and talk to children and their parents over the past week and it has been wonderful hearing about their enjoyable summer holiday adventures and activities. Equally, it was nice to hear how children were looking forward to coming back to school to see their new teacher, friends and embark on their new learning journeys. Thank you to those parents who attended each of the Parent Induction sessions, I hope you found them useful as there is always some new academic year updates on our school, its workings and curriculum. If you were unable to come along then please be sure to read the letter that was emailed out to everybody and also check our website.

I am always excited for the start of a shiny new school year, an excitement shared by every member of staff working to help your child learn. At Reigate Priory we strive to ensure every child is given the opportunity to have their learning brought to life, both inside and out. I can assure you that the staff of Reigate Priory will do everything they can to make this school a safe, happy and engaging place to be so that each little learner is nurtured to achieve their best. I hope you share my feelings and I look forward, along with my staff and governors, to working in partnership with you to help and support your child in the 2019/20 academic year.

This monthly newsletter, along with weekly updates and our school website, www.reigate-priory.co.uk are our three main tools in communicating with you, keeping you up to date with all the news, events and reminders. Over this term, there will be additional opportunities, including Maths and English events that will add further information and explanation.

I look forward to another successful year filled with learning and many exciting opportunities.

Yours sincerely,
Mr O. Moses
Headteacher

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To book a free valuation, please contact Hamptons Reigate on 01737 321714 or reigate@hamptons-int.com quoting 'Priory'.

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Reigate Priory School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share in the commitment.
FRONT DOOR
For the information of new parents and a reminder to parents and children in Years 4, 5 and 6, please can we emphasise that our Front Door (next to Mr Moses’ office) is not the way in for pupils in the morning or out at 3.30pm. The correct way in and out of school for pupils is via the playground using the North Gate (Morrisons’ side). The Front Door is for visitors who need to come to the School Office to sign in.

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS
Data Collection Sheets, showing all the contact details for your child, will be coming home over the next fortnight. Please check these thoroughly, especially mobile telephone numbers and email addresses. Even if there is no alteration, please sign the form and return it to Mrs Pledge in the School Office promptly.

CONGRATULATIONS
You may have noticed that Miss Goldsmith has disappeared from the staff list. Fortunately, she is still with us but under her new and name of Mrs Maestro having got married at the beginning of August. She and her new husband enjoyed a truly amazing day and are happily settling into their new life together.

We are very pleased to share with you that Mr and Mrs Wallington (Miss Keefe) are celebrating the new arrival of their daughter Lyra Wren Wallington, who was born on Friday 2nd August, weighing in at 6lbs 7oz. Mother and baby are doing well and staff had the opportunity to meet Lyra, as she made a special visit with mum on our recent INSET day.

NEW FACES
Miss Trott joins us from an academy school in Kent and will be teaching Maths in both Year 3 and 4. With proven skill and expertise in the classroom and a learning philosophy that matches Reigate Priory’s, she has already thrown herself into her role and has been made to feel very welcome by our pupils and staff.

Having successfully completed her teacher training year with us, Mrs Ewbank is now fulfilling her long held ambition to become a class teacher at Reigate Priory. With much experience, both as a parent of three children all who attended the school, and as a valued member of the support staff, most recently as a High Level Teaching Assistant, Mrs Ewbank is looking forward to her first Year 3 class.

We are pleased to have secured Miss Edmonds in a full-time teaching role going forward. With teaching and coaching experience in a range of schools and across the world, the children will not only continue to benefit from her skill in the classroom but also her passion for PE and all things technological.

On top of these excellent teaching acquisitions, we are also very pleased to welcome to our Higher Level Teaching Assistant Team, Mr Lombardi, who brings further sporting and coaching expertise, Mrs Marlow, who along with being a cub leader has drama interests and Miss Holt-Miller, arriving from another local school with Primary experience.

Our final additions are to the SEND Team who are joined by Mrs Jackson (SEND Administrative Assistant), Mrs Wright (Learning Mentor), Mrs McKeand (Learning Mentor) and Mrs Stock (Learning Mentor).

All our new members of staff demonstrate assured classroom skill and commitment to children and their learning. We are sure they will swiftly become part of our Priory community.

PUPIL PREMIUM
With many years of classroom and senior leader experience, we are very pleased that Mrs Fegan will be taking the leadership of Pupil Premium into the new academic year. Having already worked within this area and alongside Mrs Munn, Mrs Fegan is perfectly placed to maintain the continuity, quality and care that has become characteristic of this role.
Whole School News

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

There has been a lot of hustle and bustle in school over the holidays to ensure everything is smart and ready for the start of term. In addition to the usual clean, tidy and classroom preparation, other improvements have included:

- Installation of the green perimeter fence around the Year 6 Block – Somers Court;
- Removal of the demountable classroom, the ‘problem’ green hedge and the restoration of the Friendship Garden;
- Movement of certain Year 4 and Year 5 classrooms to provide more localised Year Group organisation;
- Initial construction of a school allotment area and fire pit;
- Redecoration of several learning and workspaces and the main corridor;
- Provision of new technological hardware to enhance the Computing curriculum, including an additional 30 iPads;
- Refitting of the kitchen and preparations for the new lunch time meal provision;
- A new flat screen, interactive learning board installed into a classroom.

Acknowledgement must go to the teachers and staff for all their efforts but particularly, Mr Church, Site Manager and Mrs Grieco, School Business Manager, for their time and hard work in making all this happen. Huge thank you must also go to the FSA and all those parents who have donated to the school last year, the monies raised have gone a long way to help fund these improvements.

PARENTAL DONATIONS

Reigate Priory offers parents the opportunity to make a voluntary donation to the school fund. The funds are used in support of the Government budget to maintain teaching provision and resources, improve our school facilities, and enable the school to continue to offer some of the activities and experiences which contribute to bringing learning to life for all our Priory pupils.

Donations are completely voluntary and parents are under no obligation. Should you wish to contribute, the suggested amount is £30 per child per term, however larger or smaller donations are equally welcome.

Donations, along with all other school payments including payment for the Breakfast Club can be made via WisePay following these instructions:

- Go to the school website - www.reigate-priory.co.uk
- Scroll down and click on the WisePay logo
- Enter your child’s Username and Password
- Click on the Donations icon followed by Parental Donations
- Select one of the Suggested Amounts or enter your Own Amount you wish to pay
- Click Purchase and remember to Checkout.

School Governors have now created the ‘Reigate Priory School Charity’ to allow Gift Aid to be claimed on eligible donations. This will not only benefit those who donate but also the school, as for every £1, it will receive an extra 25p – making your money go even further!

The option to include Gift Aid is part of the payment process when making a donation through WisePay. More information on this is available on WisePay and will be shared with parents in due course. We appreciate your continued help and support.
**REPORTING CHILD ABSENCES**

**Illness:**
Should you need to report a child absence, please ring the School Office on 01737 245065 and choose option 1. You must ring every day that your child is off school ill.

**Appointments:**
All non-emergency appointments (hospital, doctor, opticians etc.) must be put in writing to the class teacher or School Office giving at least 24 hours notice.

**Other Absence Requests:**
If a family needs to request absence in term-time then an ‘Application for Leave of Absence Form’ must be completed at least two weeks before the leave date and must include an adequate explanation to why the leave is necessary. The Headteacher will not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. No leave will be authorised if the child’s attendance is less than 95%.

Please note that absences for events at sibling’s schools, shopping trips or birthdays are not acceptable. Holidays taken without the permission of the Headteacher and Governing Body may result in legal action being taken against each parent.

**VOMITING AND DIARRHOEA**
Children who have vomiting and/or diarrhoea must remain off school for 48 hours after the last episode to stop the spread of infection to other children and staff. Please refer to the policy for Pupil Health and Medicine on the school website for further information.

**ABSENCE**
When leaving a message on the absence line, please could we ask parents to clearly and simply state the following information:

- Child’s name
- Child’s class
- Specific reason for absence e.g. has been sick / has diarrhoea / has a temperature

**DOGS**
Dogs are not permitted on school grounds. Many children in school are afraid of dogs and they also cause a distraction for children around entrance gates. Consequently, all dogs should be tied well away from all entrances into the school and playground.
SCHOOL MEALS
Payment for school meals is now due via WisePay and prompt payment is essential. Parents who are eligible for Income Support, Income Based Job Seeker’s Allowance and Child Tax Credit (not Working Tax Credit) can claim free school meals. Please contact Mrs Pledge in the School Office if you wish to apply.

The cost of a school dinner is **£2.40 per day**. Please note that any over payments for school meals cannot be reimbursed as this payment is made directly to Surrey County Council via WisePay. Before making a school meals payment, click on Food and Drink followed by School Meals Payment and then click on View Your Dinner Money Report. This will allow you to view your credit. If in any doubt, please call Mrs Pledge in the School Office who can give you an accurate balance.

Changes to lunch arrangements must be made to the School Office, in writing, giving at least **one week’s notice**. Without written notification, where children change from school meals to packed lunches, parents will be charged for the interim period, as meals have to be ordered in advance from Commercial Services.

All playtime snacks should be as healthy as possible and must not contain chocolate, sweets or crisps. Also, we are a **NUT FREE** school due to the increasing number of children susceptible to allergic reactions.

PARKING PERMITS
A reminder that all parking permits must be collected from the school reception by **3.30pm on Monday 16 September** and clearly displayed in your windscreen as normal parking restrictions will resume from this date. Please note that after this date, any uncollected permits will be reissued to WisePay.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Tempest Photography will be in school on **Tuesday 22nd October** taking sibling and individual photographs. Proofs will be sent home in early November allowing you to place orders online directly with the photographic company.
A MESSAGE FROM 
OUTGOING 
HOLMESDALE 
HEADTEACHER 
MRS BEASLEY

Please find below a message to all former Holmesdale families from outgoing Headteacher, Mrs Beasley:

I would like to thank all former Holmesdale families for their kindness, generosity and best wishes last term. I really felt overwhelmed by the send off I had. I have bought my iPad, sat in my steamer chair and planted my rose bush! I want to wish you all the very best in the future - keep enjoying learning and making the most of all the opportunities Reigate Priory gives you.

With best wishes
Sarah Beasley

VOLUNTEERING

Reigate Priory is a busy learning community so there are many ways to lend a helping hand. This can include listening to children read, supporting Year Group cooking sessions, being a librarian to keep the library tidy and organised or even helping outside to maintain our playground and green spaces. Maybe you have a skill or interest that could contribute to the learning or even a new club? Should you wish to help at Reigate Priory you will need to:

Have a conversation with your child’s class teacher to offer your help and discuss if this is possible and if it will be regular commitment. (The class teacher may direct you to another member of staff if your offer is more relevant to their area of responsibility).

For regular volunteering (weekly or 3 or more times in a month) you will need to attend one of the ‘Introductory Teas’ arranged throughout the academic year.

The dates and times for the Introductory Teas in the Autumn Term are:

> Tuesday 24th September: 9.00-10.00am
> Wednesday 25th September: 2.30-3.30pm
> Tuesday 22nd October: 2.30-3.30pm
> Thursday 24th October: 9.00-10.00am
> Thursday 21st November: 9.00-10.00am

Places for the tea are available to book on WisePay at no charge by clicking on ‘Ticket and Event Bookings’ and completing the ‘Purchase’ transaction. At the tea information will be provided on volunteering at Reigate Priory including safeguarding training, how to obtain DBS (Disclosure Barring System) clearance applicable to our school that is required to regularly volunteer, and next steps to making your offer of help happen. A contribution of £8.75 will need to be paid to cover the costs of the DBS clearance.

Parents with valid DBS clearance from last year are politely asked to attend an Introductory Tea before initiating volunteering going forward.

For occasional or one off volunteering, including helping in Arts Week, this can include going on a day trip, a one off visit to help cooking or accompany children in their walk to go swimming. Requests for help will be provided in communications sent to families prior to the activity or event. Details of how to offer your support will be included in these.

Thank you in advance for any and all assistance – it is greatly appreciated.

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LEAVERS ASSEMBLY
On the final day of term, we had our Leavers’ Assembly which was a moving occasion as we said farewell to staff and children. We presented cups to the following pupils:

Hibdige Cup - James Jerome
Awarded to the child who has, over four years, made an exceptional contribution to all aspects of school life consisting fulfilling all our school values (Mr Hibdige was a young teacher at our school who passed away after suffering from a severe form of leukaemia).

Cox Cup - Elsie Bowers (Y6) Sam Baldoc (Y5) Aizah Khan (Y4) Josephine Coventry (Y3)
Awarded to a child in each year group who has fulfilled the school values and been a good example to the other children in this academic year (Mrs Cox, a previous Reigate Priory Headteacher, introduced this award on her retirement).

Baker/Burton Cups - Jonathan Wylie & Daisy Wells
Awarded to a girl and boy who have shown caring and kindness (Mrs Baker, a previous Reigate Priory Deputy Headteacher, and Mrs Burton, a retired teacher).

Weller Cup - Orla McNally
Awarded to the child who has shown an adventurous spirit with curiosity and courage, who has taken risks with their learning and really thought ‘outside the box’ (Andrew Weller, an ex-pupil who tragically passed away whilst teaching abroad. The Weller family have asked that we should commemorate their son’s adventurous spirit and thirst for knowledge).

Lellman Cup - Henry Catling
Awarded to the child who has showed a really artistic and creative flair (Mr Lellman, our previous Headteacher, introduced this award on his retirement).

All of the above trophies, with the exception of the Cox Cup, are awarded to Year 6 children. Thank you to the PTA for providing the gift of an engraved pen for each Year 6 pupil.

Cottrill Cup - Hajrah Qureshi
Awarded to the child who has consistently demonstrated composure in the face of challenge and opportunity. (Mrs Cottrill, previous member of staff of 28 years, instigated this award on her retirement).
YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Please note that if your child was born between 1st September 2008 and 31st August 2009 you will need to apply for a secondary school place by 31st October 2019. Further information can be found on the admissions page of Surrey County Council’s website.

CURRICULUM PLANNERS

A reminder that curriculum planners for the Autumn Term can now be found on our school website under Learning and then selecting the relevant Year Group page. Parent Induction letters, residential trip information and termly activities can also be found on these pages.

SCHOOL CLUBS

All Commercial (fee paying) and Teacher Led (free of charge) clubs will begin on Monday 16th September and finish on Friday 22nd November. The Commercial and Teacher Led Clubs Newsletters are now available to download from the school website. Please ensure that you read the newsletters carefully as the details for applying and making payments will differ from club to club. If required, the Commercial Clubs Post Box is located by the front door in the main reception. All reply slips for Teacher Led clubs must be returned to the teacher leading the club.

YEAR 3 & 4 ENGLISH WORKSHOP

We would like to offer the parents and carers of Year 3 & 4 children the opportunity to attend a workshop to share information about how we teach English at Reigate Priory, and how you can support them in their learning. If you attended the workshop last year, there is no requirement to attend again unless you would like a refresher.

The workshop will be held in the School Gym on Monday 23rd September. We will begin promptly at 6.30pm (so please be seated and settled before this time) and will be finished by 8.30pm.

There is no charge to attend the workshop, however, if you would like to attend, then please access your child’s WisePay account, click on ‘Ticket and Event Bookings’ and complete the ‘Purchase’ transaction. This will ensure enough resources for everyone attending. A Maths workshop will be held on Monday 7th October - further details to follow shortly.

CHARITY FUNDRAISING

Matilda (4PE) has been busy growing her hair since she was 3 years old to donate to The Little Princess Trust, a charity specialising in making real hair wigs for children undergoing treatment for cancer. As well as donating 15 inches of her hair to the charity, she also raised in excess of £1000 for the Teenage Cancer Trust - well done Matilda on such a tremendous effort!
OUR GOALS

Like all school PTAs, the FSA has two main aims:

◊ Support and enhance the school offering through providing activities and raising funds.
◊ Arrange social events for the school community to enjoy and develop relationships.

Everyone's included. It's your FSA so get involved and enjoy the fun.

FSA COMMITTEE 2019-20

> Co-Chair: Simon Kitchen
> Co-Chair: VACANT
> Vice Secretary: Jennifer Wright
> Vice Secretary: Kate Oake
> Treasurer: Alice Catling
> Vice Treasurer: Madeleine Speke
> Vice Treasurer: Ben Jefferys
> Vice Treasurer: Jane Mirfenderesky

Vice Treasurer: Can you help us? We would love to hear from you. Please contact us via email: reigateprioryfsa@outlook.com

FSA MEETING - FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

Our first FSA meeting of the term will take place on Friday 20th September at 9.00am in Mr Moses' office. Please come along. There is only one meeting per half term and this is a great chance to meet your FSA committee and get involved with the discussions. Everyone is welcome, particularly class reps and anyone interested in being one, and those who can help discuss the role and give helpful information. We will discuss ways we can best support the school this term and also some of the exciting social and fundraising events coming up including film nights, fireworks and Year 3 new parent social evening. Please come along and have your say!

COMMUNICATION FROM THE FSA VIA CLASSLIST.COM

ClassList is a very useful tool to keep parents, families and carers of the school up to date with the FSA events. There are 80% of us enrolled already, but ideally we would like everybody on board. We post updates and event information, you can also communicate as classes, groups or individuals without the need to share or hold anybody's data. To register, simply go to www.classlist.com and enter our school name. This makes life easy for class reps, event organisers and everyone associated with the FSA. All your details are secure - share only the info you want to.

Further information about the FSA is available on the Reigate Priory School Website under the 'Parent' tab. There is also a noticeboard in the playground with dates and details of all upcoming events.
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