Dear Parent,

The weeks have flown by and we are already a month into our new academic year! It has been very satisfying to see how well the children and staff have returned and settled to learning over the past month. I hope that the transition into the new term has been a successful one for you too. Please support your child’s class teacher in maintaining your young learner’s motivation as learning progresses in earnest and the inevitable dark nights start to draw in.

Throughout the early weeks of the school term, time has been spent thinking and reflecting on our School Values - the special ingredients that make a true Reigate Priory learner. This has been woven into the themes of assemblies and then on into our PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) which ultimately supports our responsibilities towards your child’s SMSC (Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural) learning. The children have also participated in our first ‘Friendship Day’ to amplify learning and development in these areas. The theme of the day linked to our values of Caring, Composure and Communication and centred on boosting our message that Reigate Priory is a ‘telling’ school and that ‘We Care… Please Share’. Children explored how the school can help them and they can help themselves if they have worries that are ‘sticking’ and were introduced to our new worry sharing letterboxes to support non-verbal communication as another channel to use. Watch this space for further ‘Friends Re-United’ as the year progresses.

It was great to meet many of our new parents (and some more familiar faces too) at the recent English evening and last night at the FSA ‘New Parent Social’. Thank you to the English staff team and the FSA members who organised and led their respected occasions.

I hope to see everyone at the excellent FSA ‘Firework Extravaganza’ later on this month - a must attend as it is a true Priory community event for all to enjoy.

Mr O. Moses
Headteacher

Thank you to Hamptons
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We are delighted that Hamptons International Estate Agents are continuing their sponsorship of our school for the coming year. Over the past two years, Hamptons’ support of our FSA events has been invaluable. Hamptons have also increased the amount they will contribute to the school from property sales or lettings. For every property they sell or let for Priory School parents, or family and friends of parents, they will donate to the school:

£750 per completed sale / £250 per completed let

If you are considering selling or renting your property, please contact Hamptons Reigate to arrange a free valuation and don’t forget to mention Reigate Priory School!

Reigate Priory School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share in the commitment.
DATA COLLECTION SHEETS
A reminder that Data Collection Sheets MUST be signed and returned to the School Office by Friday 4 October - even if there are no changes!

SCHOOL MEALS
It has come to our attention that a number of parents, new to our school, have yet to pay for their child’s school meal provision. Please note that payment MUST be made in advance of meals being taken, not in arrears, and any family more than two weeks in arrears may have their child’s meals stopped.

Should you believe that your child is entitled to free school meals, please contact Mrs Pledge in the School Office for a form to complete.

NEW TEACHER WELCOME
We are all thrilled to welcome Miss Argyle into the Reigate Priory teaching team. She has several years of experience in both state and the private sector and has recently returned from travelling the globe, experiences from which she is looking forward to using in helping bring learning to life for her new class, 5EA.

Starting in school next week, Monday 7 October, Miss Argyle and Mrs Challis will be working closely with each other alongside the rest of the Year 5 team to ensure a smooth transition. Miss Argyle will be participating in our usual Reigate Priory induction and will be phasing into full teaching and responsibility over 5EA and related Year 5 English and Maths.

Miss Gatward continues to make progress in her recovery and she remains very much in our thoughts.

HARVEST FESTIVAL
Our annual Harvest Festival service is on Monday 21 October. If you are able to donate we would be happy to receive any ‘store cupboard’ items such as tinned food, packets and jars. These will be donated to a charity, the St Matthews Foodbank in Redhill, to help local families with food parcels. Should you wish to donate, please bring your items to the gym on the Friday morning. These can include:

Tinned casseroles, vegetarian tinned meals, tinned cold meat, baked beans, tinned spaghetti, tinned soup, noodles and dried spaghetti, cream crackers, sweet biscuits, coffee (100g jars), tea and hot chocolate, long-life semi-skimmed milk, breakfast cereal, peanut butter, jam and marmalade, pasta and cooking sauces, orange squash, long-life fruit juice, tomato ketchup, cooking oil, tinned potatoes, tinned peas, tinned carrots and sweetcorn, rice pudding and custard.

Washing-up liquid, washing tablets, household cleaners, toilet paper, shower gel, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorants, tampons and nappies would also be appreciated.

PROSPECTIVE PARENTS
If you have, or know anyone who has a child in Year 2, we are planning ‘Open Days’ for prospective parents on the following dates:

⇒ Tuesday 26 November at 9:30am
⇒ Wednesday 27 November at 1:30pm
⇒ Thursday 28 November at 9:30am

Each event will follow the same format and there is no need to book; just come along on whichever day is convenient to you.
BONDING

At the beginning of term, all 20 classes enjoyed their action packed Bonding Day – always a favourite in the school year.

Led by Miss Edmonds and the class teachers, each class participated in a range of games, challenges and activities aimed at reintroducing each child to our school values.

MR MOSES CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE

All children are invited to participate but there is no expectation that they do. However, to those that take on the challenge, commendation will surely follow and maybe a prize or two as well. Tasks will link to our mission of ‘bringing learning to life, both inside and out’ and our school ‘C’ Values, but also allow children to use and apply their knowledge, understanding and skills.

The Challenge:

This month’s challenge is to create and submit a Christmas Card design to our annual Cauliflower Cards fundraiser (further information will be sent home shortly). The most festive design will be chosen by Mr Moses to represent our school this year.

The deadline for all designs to be submitted is Friday 25 October so get creating!
**TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR**

Did you know that a child is 5 times more likely to read a book that they have chosen themselves? All the more reason to visit our Travelling Book Fair next week!

The ‘Travelling Book Fair’ will be visiting Reigate Priory School from **Wednesday 9th October - Friday 11th October** and it will be open in the **Holbein Hall from 3:30pm until 4:00pm** on each day.

We are really excited to welcome the Book Fair for the first time this year and greatly appreciate your support. 60% of the money spent at the Book Fair is given to the school as credit which we can use to purchase new books for our School Library so, by attending, you are not only helping to build a love of reading in your children but also helping our library to become even better.

Not only can you come with your child after school, but your child will also have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair with their class teacher on the following days:

◊ **Year 3:** Wednesday 9th October (3CR, 3PF, 3JS) Thursday 10th October (3VS, 3JE)
◊ **Year 4:** Wednesday 9th October
◊ **Year 5:** Wednesday 9th October (5HM, 5EP) Friday 11th October (5EG, 5JC, 5JL)
◊ **Year 6:** Friday 11th October

Book prices range from £3 to £12, with most books being £6 or £7. Your child can pay with cash or a Travelling Book Fair voucher (more details below) and we would really appreciate you sending in money in coins where possible as we often run out of change. All money should be in a named wallet or purse – class teachers will inform the children where to keep them in the classroom.

If attending with your child after school, you can pay in cash, with a Travelling Book Fair voucher or with a credit/debit card by phoning the number and inputting our School Book Fair number (displayed in the Holbein Hall).

**Travelling Book Fair Vouchers**

Travelling Book Fair vouchers are available from the link below and are a great deal as you get an extra 20% free. For example, if you spend £10 on a voucher, your child will receive a £12 voucher to spend at the Book Fair. Change from the vouchers is possible. If you do purchase a voucher, please print it out and send it into school with your child, making sure that their name is clearly written on it: [https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/parents](https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/parents)

If the book you want is not available at the Book Fair it can be ordered from Scholastic and will be delivered to school by the 18th October.

**Other Information**

There are also a number of competitions on the Scholastic website to win prizes for your child and for school, including a Nintendo Switch, camera, box sets of books and much more. Please click on the link blow for further details: [https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/competitions](https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/competitions)

If you would like to purchase books directly from Scholastic, please enter our school **ID (18004499)** and 60% of your order cost will be credited to the school for purchasing books.

Alternatively, you can enter our school name on ‘The Book People’ website to have 10% of your order cost credited to us, or select ‘Reigate Priory School’ as the charitable organisation to support when ordering on ‘Amazon’. All of these great initiatives help us to keep our library and school full of fantastic books at no extra cost to you.

Thank you very much for all of your support and I look forward to seeing lots of new books being eagerly read around school!
YEAR 4 VISIT TO BUTSER
As part of the Stone to Rome topic, Year 4 visited Butser Ancient Farm near Petersfield. This is an archaeological reconstruction of a number of Iron Age roundhouses set in open country. The children enjoyed fabulous weather and learned how Iron Age people lived in Britain before the Romans. As well as studying how our ancestors constructed buildings, the children were able to learn about and gain hands on experience of ancient skills used by Iron Age Britains including wattling, clunching and spinning.

YEAR 5 VISIT TO HERSTMONCEUX
Year 5 visited Herstmonceux, which is an observatory on the South Downs, as part of our learning about Earth and Beyond. We had a jammed packed day full of activities that included:

- Controlling robotic arms to pick up shapes like the Canadarm on the ISS.
- Explored different scientific concepts in the Discovery Park.
- Went inside a telescope dome and saw some enormous telescopes!
- Listened to a presentation about Tim Peake’s time on the ISS and got to participate in some really cool demonstrations.

YEAR 3 TRADITIONAL TALES
As part of the Year 3 immersion into their Traditional Tales English topic, the children went to the woods to explore the settings for these tales. They were all really surprised to find themselves watching the story unfold before their eyes as Red Riding Hood appeared from out of the woods, closely followed by a wolf! Luckily the woodcutter saved the day and they all lived happily ever after. The children will certainly be remembering their English immersion for some time to come!

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS
A reminder that Year 6 applications for secondary school must be completed by Thursday 31 October.
For further details click HERE
Please remember to apply even if you are considering independent schools for your child.

Connection
Connecting with others, respecting diversity and taking part in their wider community.
Making connections in their learning and applying it across a range of experiences.
YEAR 6 NATIONAL CHILD MEASUREMENT PROGRAMME (NCMP)
The 0-19 National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) Screening Team will be in school on Thursday 7 November 2019 to undertake height and weight measurements for all children in Year 6. Please read the NCMP parent pre-measurement information attached.

If you do not wish your child to take part please return the opt-out slip to the school by Wednesday 6 November 2019.

WHOLE SCHOOL FLU VACCINE
All children are due to receive the Flu vaccination on Monday 25 November 2019 and further information including an e-consent link is attached HERE.

Please ensure that you complete and submit your child's consent form promptly, whether you wish your child to be immunised or not.

YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4 MATHS PARENT 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 Maths at Reigate Priory, and how you can support them in their learning. The evening will also provide parents and carers with information about the Multiplication Tables Check which all Year 4 children will be sitting in June 2020.

The workshop will be held in the School Gym on Monday 7 October. 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.

YEAR 6 END OF KEY STAGE 2 ASSESSMENT MEETING
We will be hosting an information meeting for Year 6 parents and carers on Wednesday 16 October from 6.30pm to 7.30pm in the Gym, to hear the latest information regarding Year 6 end of Key Stage 2 assessment arrangements for 2019-20 and how you can best work with the school to support your child through this exciting and important year. There is no charge to attend this meeting, 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. The presentation from the meeting will be available afterwards on our school website.

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING
Advertise your business on the back page of our school newsletter from as little as £30. Please contact the School Office for more details.
YEAR 4 WINDMILL HILL INFORMATION MEETING

Year 4 parents and carers are invited to attend the information meeting for the Windmill Hill residential which will take place in the Spring Term.

This is the second visit in the Priory’s residential trip programme and builds on the activities and experiences gained on the Year 3 trip to High Ashurst, while providing a springboard to those awaiting them in Year 5. It is a three-day, two-night visit to a purpose-built site set within the 21 acre grounds of a Grade II listed country house, near Hailsham on the Sussex Downs. Your child will participate in team-building activities and adventure challenges.

The visit will run from Monday 16 March 2020 - Wednesday 18 March 2020.

The meeting will be at 3:45pm on Thursday 3 October in the Holbein Hall. The full information letter and kit list will be made available on WisePay. We would encourage all parents/Carers to attend. A crèche for children will be available in 3JS.

YEAR 5 BOWLES INFORMATION MEETING

Year 5 parents and carers are invited to attend the information meeting for the residential to Bowles Activity Centre.

This is the third visit in the Priory’s residential programme and builds on the activities and experiences gained in previous years, whilst providing a springboard to those awaiting them in Year 6. It is a three-day, two-night visit to a purpose-built activity centre set in Tunbridge Wells.

The visit will run during the week beginning 11 May 2020 and involve two groups of approximately 75 children staying either from Monday to Wednesday or from Wednesday to Friday.

The meeting will be at 3:45pm on Wednesday 2 October in the Holbein Hall. The full information letter and kit list will be made available on WisePay. We would encourage all parents/Carers to attend. A crèche for children will be available in 3JS.
THE FUN STARTS HERE FOR THE YEAR

We have a great programme of events planned for the year to help us meet our £23,000 fundraising target and already have coordinators in place for most activities. At our first meeting last month, we agreed to repeat the 2018 summer discos given they were such a success celebrating the school’s 70th anniversary.

This month we’re gearing up for one of our largest events of the year – our Fireworks Extravaganza – which parent, Emily Barton and a small team are leading and promises to be as spectacular as ever. We are asking all parents who are coming to find and fill a slot on the rota and help make it a special event for everyone. We are particularly looking for lots of volunteers to help with clear up to make light work of this task. And don’t worry - anyone working on the BBQ or stalls will see the full display as we shut them a few minutes before the fireworks start, so you won’t miss out.

We do hope that all the new Year 3 parents enjoyed the social last night – it would be great to have your feedback. Our next meeting is Thursday 7 November at 7pm. As a result of feedback from parents, we will, however, be moving the start time for future evening meetings to 7.45pm.

FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday 19th October
Gates open: 5.30pm
Display: 7.30pm

It’s time for our Annual Fireworks Extravaganza, a professional display guaranteed to impress, so bring your extended family and friends to enjoy one of our biggest events of the year. Expect music, BBQ, bar, churros van, tuck shop, glowing novelties, face painting and more!

Tickets: Entry is via wristband, which can be bought in advance on WisePay from now until 1pm on Friday 18th October. Tickets are prices at £5 for adults (£6 on the door) and £3 for children (£4 on the door). Wristbands can be collected in the playground at pick-up time in the week leading up to the event as well as on the evening.

SAVE THE DATE!

We have been asked to give as much notice as possible of our great social events, so pop these in your real or virtual diaries now:

⇒ Fireworks Extravaganza (family): Saturday 19 October
⇒ Film Night (kids): Friday 15 November (Y6 parent helpers)
⇒ The Wizard of Oz (family): Wednesday 11 December
⇒ Film Night (kids): Friday 31 January (Y3 parent helpers)
⇒ The Big Quiz (adults): Friday 13 March
⇒ Film Night (kids): Friday 24 April (Y4 parent helpers)
⇒ Summer Soirée (adults): Friday 12 June
⇒ Priory Rocks Festival (family): Saturday 4 July

Here are just some of the things we are raising money for:

More smart interactive TV screens for classrooms
Teacher grants for classroom environment
Curriculum learning apps
Minibus running costs
SELL-OUT SUCCESS
A massive thank you to Kelly Kennedy and Vicky Bamforth and all the Year 5 teachers and parent helpers who looked after a packed audience at ‘Lego Movie 2’ last Friday. We are already planning the next one on Friday 15 November which will definitely be ‘The Secret Life of Pets 2’. Year 6 parents do please get in touch with Kelly or Vicky to offer your help - we need 8 of you to run the evening.

CELLAR SHOUT-OUT
Many thanks to all those who turned out to sift and sort through all FSA stock and clear out the school cellar. Shout-outs must go to Steve, the school Site Manager, for getting it all upstairs for us and to de-cluttering expert and Year 6 parent Nancy Hoogervorst who created an inventory and helped us work out what could be kept, recycled, rehomed or binned. Job done - Marie Kondo would be proud!

LOVING IT
We are still counting up the cash from yesterday’s Preloved Uniform Sale but thanks must go to Jo and Vicky and their helpers for making it happen. Our Spring Term Preloved Uniform Sale will take place on Wednesday 11 March.

SPREAD A LITTLE CHRISTMAS CHEER
Natalie Richardson will be coordinating the FSA’s Design-a-Christmas-Card fundraiser this year. Once again, Mr Moses is running a competition to choose one card as the official Reigate Priory Christmas card for 2019. Your child will shortly bring home an A3 sheet of paper:

• Side 1 is the artwork order form. This has information on how to place your order (please note that all orders must be made online). To do this you will need the unique code shown in the top left-hand corner of the A3 sheet.

• Side 2 is the designing space. Your child can do this straight onto the page or use a piece of A4 paper and attach it.

The sheet gives tips and hints on what works best and the kind of materials to avoid. Do take the opportunity to personalise your card and support the school’s vital fundraising activities. The school reception has a book of designs to view if your child needs a few ideas to get going.

Important:
1) Both the artwork and the form will need to be returned to school once you have paid online.
2) All artwork must be returned to your child’s class teacher by Tuesday 5 November.
3) Please do read the artwork guidelines on the order form carefully.

YOUR FSA: WHO’S WHO AND HOW TO GET IN TOUCH
To get in touch about FSA meetings, events or to offer your help, find us through ‘FSA Committee Group 2019/2020’ on Classlist or email us on reigateprioryfsa@outlook.com

Co-Chairs:
Simon Kitchen
VACANT

Vice Secretaries:
Kate Oake
Jennifer Wright

Treasurer:
Alice Catling

Vice Treasurers:
Ben Jefferys
Jane Mirfenderesky
Madeleine Speke

CLASSLIST
There is also a Classlist group for all those coordinating or jointly leading FSA events and activities called ‘Community Reps for Events and Key Projects’.

To find class reps for your year group, use the ‘Year [X] Class Reps 2019/2020’ group.

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