November 2019 Newsletter No. 3

Dear Parent,

I hope everyone enjoyed a great half term and been able to re-charge their batteries as we head into November, December and the festive conclusion to this term. With the clock change really tipping us into Winter, the days are becoming noticeably chillier so make sure your child is dressed warmly and always has a coat in school.

Since my last newsletter, there has been, and will continue to be, many examples of our C Value “Connection” as we reach out towards others both in our school, local and national community.

I would like to thank all of you who contributed food items for our recent Harvest Festival. All the donations were boxed up and delivered by School Council members to volunteers at the Love Works Charity which operates several food banks in our locality. The food will be circulated to those experiencing difficult times over the winter months.

School Council members have been busy selling red poppies for Remembrance Day. Like in previous years all our boxes of poppies were emptied and the donation tins filled. As always our Remembrance Service was an especially thoughtful and reflective moment with the children responding with the utmost respect. We were fortunate to have Mrs Hills (long standing Holmesdale teacher, whose son attended Reigate Priory and tragically lost his life while serving in Afghanistan) attend our Service and she was full of appreciation and commendation for all our children.

Children and staff alike are looking forward to this year’s Children in Need on Friday 15th November. No doubt plenty of money will be raised for national good causes through children’s donations to come dressed in home clothes. The teachers’ dress code always tends to be a little strange that day so watch and see!

It was fantastic to see so many of you at our recent FSA Firework Event. The evening was really great fun and definitely went off with a BANG! Thank you to the committed FSA volunteers, all the staff and Hamptons that contributed to this successful event, especially those who came early to set up, were busy on the barbecues or helped with the clear up.

Coming home soon will be information relating to your Parent Consultation. It is important that we work in partnership and that there is a connection between home and school so that you are well informed about your child’s successes, progress and next steps. We ultimately hope that this better enables you to support your child’s home learning and understand how you can help them further outside school. We look forward to seeing you all on those evenings to celebrate your child’s learning, the connections they’ve made with others and contribution to our school community.

Mr O. Moses, Headteacher

Thank you to Hamptons International

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.
A reminder that the next ‘Children and Technology’ Parent Information Meeting will take place on Monday 9th December at 6.30pm in 6DW (Somers Court).

Although primarily for those who wish for their children to be granted permission to have a mobile phone in school, any parent from Year 5 or 6 may attend, as the meeting covers information on how to keep any child safe when using technology or being online - this would be particularly relevant for anyone considering buying their children technological devices for Christmas.

To reserve a place at the meeting please log into WisePay and click on ‘Tickets and Event Bookings’.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS
Our Autumn Term Parent Consultations will take place on Tuesday 26th and Thursday 28th November. Parents of siblings can book online through WisePay from 1:30pm on Tuesday 12th November. All remaining families can book from 1:30pm on Thursday 14th November.

TEACHER-LED AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS
A reminder that all Teacher-Led After School Clubs now finish at 4:15pm.

ALL Clubs, both Teacher Led AND Commercial will finish on Friday 22nd November.

FOND FAREWELL
At the end of last half term we said goodbye to Mrs Rogers from the School Office. An ex-pupil herself and mother of two children who have now moved on to Reigate School, Mrs Rogers has been an integral part of our busy Office Team since taking up post as PA to Mr Lellman, Mr Moses predecessor, 6 years ago. Involved in everything from Parentmail to WisePay, First Aid to the unenviable task of organising the professional lives of two Headteachers and other school leaders, we are all very grateful for Mrs Rogers contribution to the whole of Reigate Priory School community.

We are currently in the process of filling the vacancy and will keep you up to date with the outcome.

REIGATE PRIORY FAMILY OPEN MORNING
On Friday 13th December, you are invited into school from 9:15am for our Family Open Morning. You are welcome to spend time with your child in the classroom as well as enjoying our Christmas art work around the school. Your child will act as tour guide and also share their learning with you. The children will also be performing four festive concerts in the Gym with the orchestra and choir providing additional entertainment:

- Orchestra & Choir: 8:50am-9:20am
- Year 3: 9:30am-10:00am
- Year 4: 10:15am-10:45am
- Year 5: 11:00am-11:30am
- Year 6: 11:45am-12:15pm
LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Reigate Priory Junior School firmly believes that all children benefit from regular school attendance. A full and uninterrupted presence gives children the opportunity to fulfill their academic, personal and social potential but also contributes significantly to establishing a positive learning and work ethic.

The school recognizes the importance of school holidays for children to rest, recuperate and enjoy spending quality time together as a family. However, term time is for learning therefore it is not acceptable for children to miss school.

As parents, you have a legal responsibility to ensure your child’s attendance at school. During the academic year, pupils are at school for 190 days and at home for 175 days.

Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013, state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher is also required to determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.

Please complete and submit the ‘Leave of Absence Request’ if you wish the Headteacher to consider your request for your child’s leave of absence for exceptional circumstances. The form is available on the school website and at our Reception.

Unauthorised absence of 5 days or more may result in the issue of a Penalty Notice

Penalty Notices are issued by the Local Authority in accordance with Surrey County Council’s Code of Conduct. The Penalty Notice is £60, per child per parent/carer, if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in the Local Authority considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

The Headteacher will consider the reasons for the request carefully and will notify you of the decision. For further information, please refer to our School Attendance Policy.

Should you wish to make an application for a leave of absence for your child, the appropriate form can be downloaded from the school website or collected from the School Reception.

YEAR 2

PROSPECTIVE PARENT OPEN DAY EVENTS

If you have, or know of anyone who has, a child currently in Year 2, then we invite you to attend one of our Open Day events. There is no need to book a place, just arrive to a warm welcome on one of the following dates:

- Tuesday 26th November at 9.30am
- Wednesday 27th November at 1.30pm
- Thursday 28th November at 9.30am

CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 15th November, children may come to school in home clothes for a minimum £1 donation to this charity. Clothing should be weather appropriate and no sports team shirts please. Should children wish to adopt the ‘spotty theme’ in their dress then they are more than welcome.
YEAR 4 STONE TO ROME DAY

Year 4 travelled back in time nearly 2000 years to meet Platius, a Roman official, and his family who have been posted to Roman Britannia.

All the children took a role in a play, created by The Rainbow Theatre, as Platius and family relocate with the job across Britannia to the very edge of the Empire - Hadrian’s Wall!

This was a wonderful opportunity for our Year 4 children to get involved, hands-on, in discovering about aspects of daily and work life for Romans and some unfortunate Celtic slaves in Roman Britain.

ARTS WEEK

For Arts Week this year we are going to transform the school. It will no longer be Reigate Priory but the house of the Stahlbaum family for the theme this year is the story of The Nutcracker. Each class will be exploring a range of art techniques and skills to bring the main characters of the story to life.

During the week beginning Monday 2nd December, the school will become a hive of artistic creativity. To give time to put all the wonderful efforts on display we will be closing early on Friday 6th December at 2:00pm.

Your child will work with their peers to explore and investigate points of inspiration, the use of different media and how materials can be combined. The end result installations will be available for parents to see during Family morning in December.

As always, your donations of craft materials will be welcome. Your child’s class teacher will let the children know of useful materials and key colours.

If you would like to offer your time during Arts Week, please contact your child’s class teacher.

Please ensure your child has a fully protective and named art overall/apron in school all week.

NEW ARRIVAL

We are very excited to introduce you to Jessica Sophie Challis who was born on Monday 4th November weighing in at 5lbs 10.5oz. Jessica and Mrs Challis are all happy and well with older son thrilled to have a new little sister.
CAULIFLOWER CARDS ART CHALLENGE

Thank you to all those children who demonstrated wonderful creative and artistic ability in producing a fine range of Christmas card designs - there are going to be some fortunate friends and family members who will receive them as the festive period arrives.

Commendation to the following children who were selected by Mr Moses as finalists in his challenge to produce this year’s Reigate Priory Christmas card.

From top left to right...Cicily (4AP), Freddie (6FC), Lily (6OM), Evie (4LY), Jemima (3VS), Alice (3CR).

Congratulations to the following four children who will have their cards printed and used by the school this Christmas.

From left to right...Lucy (5JC), Toby (4LY), Oliver (6FC) and Charlie (3JC).

Thank you to Mrs Richardson (Betsy 4) who has organised this opportunity on behalf of the FSA.
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

While the children were away over half term the school was anything but quiet inside and out. The playground was filled with vans and lorries as a whole army of tradespeople and support crew descended to complete various projects.

The one most visible to everyone on the outside is the new border fence around our Friendship Garden and picnic bench area. This goes someway to smartening the appearance of this space and is the next step in the plans we have to enhance playtimes for our children. Over the next few weeks you will see the disappearance of the trim trail on the field. Sadly, time, use and weather has got the better of this structure so its day is done. Its departure will not only open up more space for PE and club sessions, but also make way for further development of our school allotment that is beginning to take shape at the back right of the field.

We are currently gathering quotes for a new play structure in the Friendship Garden that we aim to have in place for the Spring.

Inside the building and not so obvious to all, was the renovation and refurbishment of the school kitchen AND the creation, decoration and installation of a NEW storage and preparation area in the room at the back of the Holbein Hall. Although this part was completed in a week, the process has taken sometime due to the significant historic building we inhabit and thanks must go to Mrs Grieco, School Business Manger and Steve, our Site Manager for persevering.

For the first time since Reigate Priory became a school for Primary children, on Wednesday 6th November, all the food served at lunchtime was freshly prepped and made onsite - this is a significant achievement and worthy of recognition!

The hot meal offer has consistently been a feature identified by parents as an area of improvement. We hope this investment and the continuing establishment of the new service resolves this and demonstrates the school’s commitment to not only improving its lunchtime offer for children but becoming increasingly sustainable due to greatly reduced transport usage and costs.
Whole School News

SUCCESTIVAL

On 24th and 25th October, Reigate Priory was abuzz with excitement as we held our fourth annual English Successstival! This was a wonderful opportunity for children to share their learning from across the first half term with pupils from other year groups as they hosted visiting children before going ‘on tour’ themselves.

The children were given the opportunity to inform their guests about their writing journeys which involved immersing themselves in excellent examples of the text type, followed by imitating a successful example and finally inventing their own piece of writing.

An overwhelming sense of pride radiated around the school as the children shared their learning with confidence and enthusiasm. We have had some wonderful feedback from pupils such as: ‘it was my best day ever!’ ‘Please can we do it again’ ‘I really enjoyed reading my writing to other children in the school’ ‘I felt proud of my learning and really enjoyed sharing it’

Each class has created an anthology of their writing which will be available for you to enjoy at parents’ evening. Well done Reigate Priory Authors!

LET’S SING TOGETHER CONCERT

On Friday 8th November some of our Year 6 singers performed at this annual event, led by Reigate School.

Reigate Priory joined seven other Infant and Junior schools to create a collaborative charity concert, with Disney through the Ages as the theme.

Reigate Priory were given the privilege of being the first school to perform. We sang Love is a Song, unaccompanied in two part harmony – a risk – but one that was worth taking, as our singers gave a beautiful rendition of this classic song. We followed this with a jazzy version of When You Wish upon a Star.

Our singers can be extremely proud of themselves. They sang confidently and with clarity. They engaged with the audience, stood confidently with wonderful Reigate Priory smiles.

I know I felt incredibly proud of them all and want to thank them for their hard work and commitment to the preparations for this event. Well done! Mrs Burns
EVERYONE A READER!

With the arrival of the wintery weather and shorter days setting in it is the perfect time for your child to snuggle up with a good book.

To encourage children to maintain their reading momentum, Mr Moses has set the challenge of getting a snap shot of them reading in their favourite place or whatever location they may find themselves immersed in a good book – on the sofa, in bed, in a reading corner or den, in the car, on the bus the list is endless.

The snapshot can either be printed or emailed into school for display to show everyone here is a reader. There maybe even a few reading related prizes for a lucky few.

Thankyou to all those children (some shown below) who have already offered their picture - Keep reading all!

Top left to bottom right: Caitlyn (5EA), Mia (3PF), Luca (3VS), Daniel (3JE), Sam (3PF),Jonty (4AP) and Tim (6DW)
ELECTIONS AND MORE...

The elections for the School Council 2019-20 have been taking place during October and we now have two representatives from Year 4, two from Year 5 and ten from Year 6. Children in Year 3 are currently in the process of voting for two Year 3 representatives, having had a half term to settle and get to know each other.

The School Council roles were applied for and following successful presentations, the members voted to have joint Chairs, Ava 6OM and Boris 6ST, a Vice Chair, Evie 6LP, a Secretary, Elsie 6FC and a Treasurer, Lana 6DW.

The first job of the School Council was to organise the Harvest donations. It was decided by last year’s School Council that a Reigate based food bank should be supported and Love Works was contacted. The children loaded the mini bus with the items donated and took them to the storage container in Merstham where it would be sorted and delivered. In total 87 very full bags were unloaded which will support approximately 40 local families.

The School Council have also been selling poppies in the playground to ensure that children have the opportunity to support and participate in the remembrance service.

CAPTION COMPETITION

The first School Council competition has been run where children were asked to think of a suitable caption for the picture shown.

Congratulations Jessica in 3JE for winning the first prize of a £5 gift WH Smith voucher.

WHOLE SCHOOL FLU VACCINE

All children are due to receive the Flu vaccination on Monday 25 November 2019

Please complete the e-consent form for your child’s flu vaccination at: www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk (your school’s unique code/URN number is SR125070 which you will need to enter on to the flu consent form)

Please complete the e-consent form by 21 November 2019.

UNIFORM

Although we love to see our children wearing their Reigate Priory red fleeces, it must be noted that these are an outdoor item of clothing and not a substitute for their Reigate Priory red jumper. As such, all fleeces must be removed once in the school building and hung in the cloakroom.
Well, our October went with a bang, with a packed crowd at the Fireworks Extravaganza. This, together with our Uniform Sale, Film Night and Easyfundraising income, has brought in over £7,000 this term. That’s got the school year off to a great start. So, huge thanks once again to everyone involved in the fireworks event organisation as well as anyone who filled a slot on a stall. Every single effort and contribution made a massive difference to the success of the night.

Thanks to those who came along to the FSA meeting on Thursday evening – we’ll get the minutes out as soon as possible if you couldn’t make it. Our next meeting is on Weds 15 January at 9am and we look forward to seeing you there.

While Christmas is still a little way off, we’ve stepped up the planning for this half term and there are some great treats in store. And with Christmas in mind, do take a read below at how you can help our children and raise money while you shop.

**CAULIFLOWER CARDS**

Thank you to everyone who designed a Christmas card for this year’s Cauliflower Cards fundraiser. Funds raised to date total £427.50 which is tremendous amount and our best ever!

**OPENING UP FOR CHRISTMAS**

Don’t forget to highlight the morning of Friday 13 December in your diary – it’s your chance to see the brilliant Arts Week exhibition and to enjoy the Christmas concerts for your child’s year group. Once again, to make this a special and festive occasion, we will run Christmassy refreshments stalls in the Holbein Hall throughout the morning.

We’re really grateful to Jo Pettipher (3PF) for volunteering to coordinate this event. She’ll be asking for helpers from all year groups - volunteers will be able to skip the long concert queue and will benefit from a reserved seat in the first few rows.

It’s also the morning of our Christmas Hamper raffle, with 10 seasonal hampers kindly donated by classes in years 5 & 6, so please support your rep’s requests for help in the coming weeks. We still need one volunteer to coordinate the overall raffle, so please let us know if you can help.
**FILM NIGHT**

Book now on Wisepay for a menagerie of mayhem with the lovable *The Secret Life of Pets 2* on Friday 15 November at 6.30pm. Kelly Kennedy and Vicky

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**The Wizard of Oz**

Cat’s Grin Theatre Company  
**Wednesday 11 December**  
**Performances at 4.15 & 6.30pm in the School Gym**

A fantastic pre-Christmas treat for family and friends, and incredible value at just £5 a ticket. Join Dorothy and her travelling companions as they skip along the Yellow Brick Road in this well-known tale…

**Tickets:** Must be bought in advance on WisePay – **on sale now at £5 each.**

Our wonderful coordinators Debbie Pelekani and Clare Harvey will need 32 helpers (that’s less than 2 per class!) for the event. Please let them know if you can help (online rota to sign up also coming to you soon…)

- 2.30-3.30 Help set up (6 helpers)
- 3.30-5.45 Sell drinks and tuck at Show 1 (10 helpers)
- 6.00-8.15 Sell drinks and tuck at Show 2 (10 helpers)
- 8.15-9pm Help clear up (6 helpers)

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**Raise funds for:**

**REIGATE PRIORY SCHOOL FSA**  
[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/reigateprioryfsa/](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/reigateprioryfsa/)

You don’t need to shop any more than you already do, just use the ‘fundraiser reminder’ to divert the online commissions to our school.

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Just click [HERE](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/reigateprioryfsa/) to link to our page

The FSA code is RH2 7RL but if you use the link you don’t need the code!
SAVE THE DATE

FSA-run social events:

- Film Night (kids): Fri 15 Nov - Y6 helpers
- Christmas wreath-making: Tues 3 Dec
- The Wizard of Oz (family): Wed 11 Dec
- Film Night (kids): Fri 31 Jan - Y3 helpers
- The Big Quiz (adults): Fri 13 Mar
- Film Night (kids): Fri 24 Apr - Y4 helpers
- Summer soirée (adults): Fri 12 Jun
- Priory Rocks festival (family): Sat 4 Jul

YOUR SUPPORT COUNTS

Here are just some of the ways your support for FSA events will help our children this year:

- Materials for the triumph that is Arts Week
- Cooking in HealthyKidz sessions
- Installing interactive whiteboards into more classrooms
- Getting children to and from sports matches and school trips

We've made a great start to the year so please help us to stay on track and meet this year's fundraising target of £23,000. Thank you!

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.

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For every property that we sell or let for the parents or family and friends of parents of a child at Reigate Priory School, we will donate £750 per completed sale or £250 per completed let to the school.*

To qualify, present this flyer when you instruct Hamptons Reigate to be sole selling or lettings agent for your home. The donation to the school is to be made upon completion. For more information please contact us.

* The promotion runs from 1 May 2018 to 30 April 2020. For full terms & conditions ask in branch or visit hamptons.co.uk/terms-conditions.

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ROUNDTABLE
Redhill & Reigate No. 119

WE NEED NEW MEMBERS
Want to socialise, get involved in the community and have some fun?

Round Table is an organisation for young men between the ages of 18 - 45.

CHARITY
We raise over £10,000 each year for LOCAL causes through Santa Runs and other events including the Santa Landing in Reigate Priory Park.

SOCIAL
We meet on a Tuesday every fortnight for fun events. Go karting, comedy nights, clay pigeon shooting, pub quizzes, paintballing, top golf to name a few!

GET INVOLVED!
It’s not some mystery organisation with secret rituals. Our members simply want to make friends in their area, have some fun, and give a bit back to the local community at the same time.

DO MORE

- Local Charities We Support -

Loveworks
Stripedy Stork
PSDS
Harrison's

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Have a look at our website www.rt119.org.uk or email Simon at membership@rt119.org.uk