Dear Parents and Carers

It was great to welcome everyone back after half term. Despite the particularly inclement and wet weather of late outside of school, a real spring bounce is being encouraged inside, with learning getting off to an engaging and productive start.

Believe it or not we have passed the half way mark of this academic year! This is always a significant milestone for our learning community as we reflect on your children’s and our collective successes to date but also because, starting to appear on the horizon is the next school year. This can be particularly exciting for our Year 6 children who have recently discovered which Secondary school will be lucky enough to welcome them come September.

With only four weeks left this term, the Easter holidays will soon be upon us. But there is plenty that still needs to fit into this few number of weeks. Keep up to speed with the various goings on by reading this newsletter and checking ParentMail for updates.

School was a strange and wonderful place yesterday as we all celebrated World Book Day. I would like to thank you and the children not only for the range of characters that arrived for registration but for the donations that were made. Approaching £500 was raised which will quickly turn into new books for your children to enjoy from our Library.

Arriving just before the Spring Term closes out will be the second round of Parent Consultations (Tuesday 31st March and Thursday 2nd April). Please check your ParentMail for details of how to make your appointments which will arrive in due course. WisePay will open for siblings on Monday 16 March and for all on Friday, 20 March. As for earlier in the year, you will be able to have a formal, face to face discussion with your child’s class teacher and hear about your Priory learner’s achievements so far, along with their next steps for the remaining half of this year’s learning journey. Despite the half-way milestone being reached, there is still plenty of learning for them to engage with and benefit from, both of which will be enhanced by us communicating and working in partnership - the platform for which these consultations will provide.

Regards, Mr Moses

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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!
Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to update you on the school’s current position and response to Coronavirus. I appreciate with the large amount of media coverage you may have worries and I want to reassure you that we are taking the situation seriously whilst trying to prevent any undue alarm. It is important for the children that we remain calm and work together as a school community to follow the national guidance.

**Update**

For your information:

- In addition to the usual cleaning routine, an extra disinfecting schedule has been put in place for all high contact areas including door handles, light switches, handrails, keyboards and touch screens etc.
- All classrooms with sinks have anti-bacterial soap and paper towels, those without have sanitiser gel available.
- Through class teaching, year group and whole school assemblies, children are being taught about and reminded of the need for regular handwashing and good personal and inter-personal hygiene, including avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Tissues are available for children with ‘Catch it, Bin it, Kill it’ posters visible throughout the school.
- As this is an evolving matter, the school remains in contact with Surrey County Council and Public Health England to ensure its response meets current guidance – we will endeavour to keep you up to date should any changes arise.

The advice to us from Public Health England and Surrey County Council remains the same and is as follows:

1) Should a suspected case be confirmed in a childcare or educational setting, **there is no need to close the setting or send other learners or staff home.**

2) Even if there is a confirmed case in a childcare or educational setting, **in most cases, closure of the childcare or education setting will be unnecessary and advice would be provided by Public Health England.**

**Residentials**

At this time, both the Year 4 PGL Windmill Hill residential and the Year 5 Eschweiler Exchange will happen as planned. This has been confirmed by Surrey County Council but can change as this is a constantly evolving situation. We will of course, keep those families involved in these residentials up to date should this current position change.

**How You Can Help**

- If your child demonstrates flu like symptoms and you are concerned, please keep them at home and contact NHS 111.
- Talk to your child about their personal and inter-personal hygiene and the importance of maintaining it at school.
- Communicate with the school if your child as recently visited an area highlighted by Public Health England as high risk.
- Please advise the school if your child has any known allergies to either soap or hand sanitisers.
- Be mindful of media and news and their appropriateness for children’s level of understanding this will help ensure your child does not become unduly worried.
- If you are able to provide your own child with a pocket pack of tissues or hand sanitiser AND/OR donate a box or two of tissues, then that would be greatly appreciated. Any donations can be brought into class by your child or handed to Mrs Blay at School Reception.

**Further Assistance/Guidance**

Remember, if you have any direct medical concerns, to contact NHS 111

For further information, please see [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

I would be very grateful of your understanding and support of the above measures – cooperating as a whole school community will benefit all of us not just from Coronavirus but all other typical ailments that appear in this seasonally sniffly time of year.

Regards

Mr Moses
PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Parent Consultation appointments will shortly be available to book online through WisePay for Tuesday 31 March and Thursday 2 April. Further information on when and how to book will be sent out via ParentMail.

SURREY’S SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS SEPTEMBER 2021

The admission arrangements for Surrey's community and voluntary controlled schools for 2021 admission and Surrey's primary and secondary coordinated schemes for 2021 have now been determined. Full details are available on the school admissions pages of Surrey County Council website under ‘Admission arrangements and outcomes’ - www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions

As part of the determination the following changes have been applied:

All community and voluntary controlled schools - priority for children of staff where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years and/or the member of staff has been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.

Any person or body who considers that any aspect of these admission arrangements are unlawful or not in compliance with the School Admissions Code or relevant law relating to admissions, can make an objection to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator.

Objections must be referred by 15 May 2020 and further information on how to make an objection can be obtained from the Office of the Schools Adjudicator website.

SCOOTERS

Any scooters left behind were gathered up over half term. If you are missing a scooter, please contact the school office.

VACANCY FOR LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR

We currently have an advertisement for a lunchtime supervisor advertised on e-teach. If you are interested or know someone else who may be, please contact the School Office for further information.

We were really pleased with our cake sale, and we would like to thank everyone for their support, starting off with the school kitchen and Morrisons for their kind donations.

We would also like to thank everyone who came along in the bad weather and bought a cake. We were doing this for Cancer Research and we managed to raise... £170.56!!

Edith, Amelie and Kitty (5JL)

Composure

‘We maintain composure in the face of challenge and opportunity.'
ARRIVING LATE
If your child is late you must bring them into the school and sign them in at reception. Do not leave them in the car park to come in alone.

Please be aware that a late mark will be recorded for children who do not arrive in time for registration and that this is monitored by the Education Welfare Officer.

REPORTING AN ABSENCE
When calling the School to report an absence please do not leave a message stating your child is “ill”, “unwell” or “sick”. Please ensure you specify the reason for absence, for example “cough”, “cold”, “migraine”, “vomiting”…

EASTER HOLIDAYS
School breaks up on Friday 3 April at 1.00pm and will re-open again on Monday 20 April at 8.40am.

T-CLUB-6
Please remember that there will be no T-Club-6 on Friday 3 April.

SOME FACTS ABOUT SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
Did you know that….

Most children should routinely have attendance rates of 97% or more. This is the equivalent of 6 days absence a year. But 100% is achieved by many pupils every year in primary schools.

90% attendance is like having a day off every two weeks,
80% attendance is the same as having a day off every week.

The Government regard 95% as the minimum satisfactory attendance for a primary school pupil.

Remember, the only legally accepted reasons for not being in school are illness, absence approved by school or a day of religious observance.
BOOK FAIR
In the lead-up to World Book Day, we were able to welcome back the Book Fair for the second time this year. Through all of the purchases, we have been able to raise just over £1,000 in book vouchers. This money will go towards buying new books for our school and updating our library collection with books for your children to take out and enjoy. Thank you very much to all who visited the Book Fair or supported their children to make purchases.

TISSUE DONATIONS
As you can imagine, we get through a large number of tissues on a daily basis, particularly at this time of the year. We would be very grateful for any donations.

MATHS DETECTIVE DAY
This year, the focus of our Maths Detectives Day was around children solving problems using a variety of different methods, including using concrete resources and pictorial representations, and developing their reasoning skills. On Thursday, all year groups were tasked with solving problems set for them by their teacher.

In Year 3, children used multiplication to work out the size of a giant’s skeleton by scaling up the measurements of a human skeleton. Each class were given a different part of the giant’s skeleton to calculate and were then tasked with creating it out of cardboard.

The whole skeleton was put together on the Friday, much to the children’s enjoyment.

On Thursday morning, the Year 4 children received a concerning letter from a mysterious person claiming they had stolen an object from the school which, if not found, would cause chaos for the school. Every class was tasked with solving a series of problems which, when solved, provided them with a clue about the identity of the person, the item that had been stolen and the location of the item. Thankfully, Year 4 were successful in unmasking the culprit and locating the missing item.

Each class in Year 5 were tasked with escaping from a different Viking realm by solving a series of problems. Once the children had escaped from their given realm, they were challenged on the Friday with escaping from as many different realms as possible by solving questions which the other classes had been set.

Over in Year 6, the children were focusing on solving problems linked to fractions. Children were given codes to crack, mysteries to solve and some children had to earn money from the bank of Mr Morris.

On Friday, we handed the responsibility over to the children to deliver their problem to another class or group and support them through the problems they solved. There was a fantastic buzz around the school throughout the day as the detectives solved problems and supported their peers.
Learning Update

Year 4 - Diary Writing

Our most recent learning journey in writing was diary writing. We planned and drafted personal diaries of our experiences of travelling down the Amazon River in a kayak. This provided an excellent link to our current topic – Amazon. The children applied their learning of the animals and forest of the Amazon into these accounts.

We focused on adding a personal touch to our diaries through attention to the senses and emotions of the writer.

We also paid particular attention to adding interest and chronology to our work through the use of fronted adverbials.

Here is an excellent example written by Elliot in 4LW

Dear Diary,

It was early in the morning, precisely 3am, it was freezing and dark but excitement filled my bones. As I knew I had just arrived at the Amazon Rainforest Colourful and exotic species of animals filled my eyelids. I decided to set up camp as I could not wait to start my journey. Once I had set up camp, I had a quick rest and had some jam and toast. Then I smiled spread across my face as I stepped into my tent. I looked back at the trees and I could see some birds eyes beeping up at me. I thought I heard some music in it, so as I realized, it was a Jaguar.

Suddenly, my hands started to move light to right with my paddles right in my grip as shock seeped into my brain. I just forgot about when I saw a beautiful raccoon, it ran blithely and I realized why. Cold and brown leaves were dropping from the rain, and it was near me. I had arrived on the Amazon Rainforest! I was now closer to the end than the start. Till this time, I was repeating a Jaguar. Was it the same one? Was it following me? Creepy.
Year 5

In Year 5 this half term, we have been reading about the tales and challenges of Beowulf. We grimaced and squirmed at the language used to describe the epic battle between Beowulf and Grendel (a monster from Hell). This week, we have been analysing how the main characters' personalities are developed through their actions, reactions and speech with others. These planning documents (as seen in the photo) are going to help us when we plan our own version under the title of 'Beowulf and the Death Dragon of the Deep'. Watch this space for extracts for our historical legends.

Year 6

This term we have been using the novel 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell as the inspiration for our story writing. It is an exciting and riveting story about a group of children stranded in the Amazon rainforest and their attempts to survive the harsh conditions.

We fully immersed ourselves in the story - looking at the author's use of language and punctuation.

Dulcie, 6ST

We then imitated the author's style, particularly how a character's personality can be shown through speech.

Finally, we had the opportunity to invent our own chapter that would fit seamlessly in to the story. By carefully planning, drafting and then editing our writing we were ready to present our missing chapters - some extracts of which you can see in the photographs.
YEAR 5 EASTER CANTATA
As part of their Easter celebrations, Year 5 has put together, along with Mrs Burns, an Easter Cantata service. Year 5 parents are invited to watch the performance on Wednesday 1 April at 2:00pm in the Gym. The performance will last approximately 1 hour and we would politely ask you to book your seats via WisePay from Wednesday, 11 March. Please note that although this is a free event, tickets are limited to two per family.

REMINDER FOR YR3 PARENTS
Please ensure that payment and consent have been made on WisePay for the Year 3 activities - Greek Day on 25 and 26 March 25 is just around the corner!
BOOK EXCHANGE

Our first Book Exchange on 27 February was really busy and there were lots of children exchanging books.

We now have a great selection to choose from and we hope lots more children will take part again.

Bring your pre-read books for children aged 7-11 to our next Book Exchange on the 26 March. All you have to do is bring your books and exchange them for more exciting books ...so please come!

Harrison
School’s Council

Future Dates
Thursday, 30 April
Thursday, 21 May
Thursday, 18 June

ECO CHARTER

This month in our School’s Council meetings we have been working on a list of promises that will help our school become more environmentally friendly. This will be called our Eco charter, which is an environmental mission statement demonstrating Reigate Priory’s commitment to being sustainable. We will provide further updates when our charter is finalised.

Boris and Mrs Francis
School’s Council

BUDDY BUS STOP

The buddy bus stop is a place where children can go if they don’t have a friend to play with, who are maybe feeling lonely or just want to find a new friend to play games with. School’s council have agreed on a design and have had it especially made, then we hand painted it.

The Yr 6 playtime monitors will be around it to entertain, comfort and make lonely children feel happy. We thought that by creating a bus stop it would be very clear where the buddy bench is in the inner courtyard and children would use it more.

Phoenix and Ava
School’s Council

LOVEWORKS DONATION DAY

The first Donation Day on Monday 10 February was very successful, we managed to fill 2 whole shopping trolleys! Thank you! We sent the donations to Loveworks food bank.

There is now also a donation box in the reception for you to put donations in at any time but the next donation day is 30 March.

Elsie
School’s Council

Future Donation Days
Monday, 18 May
Monday, 20 July
SPORT RELIEF

On Friday 13 March we will be celebrating and raising money for Sport Relief, one of our designated charities. For a minimum donation of £1, children may come to school dressed in their choice of sporting or athletic attire OR the kit or clothing of the team or club they play for. This could be their weekend football or cricket team, or maybe the tracksuit of their swimming or gymnastic club. Our usual policy of no adult, professional football or rugby shirts will still apply. On the day there will be a Sport Relief Assembly in the afternoon and throughout the week there will be other sporting activities to participate in. All money raised will go to Sport Relief. We look forward to a fun and enjoyable day supporting a worthwhile event!

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY PRACTICE RACE

The runners certainly came up against some heavy rain during the cross country practice on Tuesday 25 February. We had over 90 children take part in the event which saw some impressive stamina in a muddy Priory Park!

All of the children should be exceptionally proud of themselves for showing composure and confidence in the build up to and including the event.

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who came to show their support for the team and stood and watched in the cold conditions, true cross country running attitude!
Next week we look forward to welcoming everyone who has booked for this year’s sell-out Big Quiz A Night At The Movies - don’t forget to dress-up for your chance to win the Best Dressed Table award!

We’ve done the sums for our last Film Night and the team raised an incredible £1,019.68, so many thanks to Vicky and Kelly once more, as well as everyone who booked a ticket, bought tuck and helped make the night such a success; it really does make a difference. Some glitches with the last film freezing are being resolved in advance of the next film night, which runs on Friday 24 April. Watch this space for the choice of film....

SAVE THE DATE!

It's back....

Reigate Priory Summer Soiree

When? Friday 12 June

More details after the Easter break on how to book for this gorgeous, relaxed evening social for adults in the Courtyard and Holbein Hall.

Think music, dancing, food and drinks to chill with.
Reigate Priory FSA Annual General Meeting and Social Evening

When? Weds 22 April 7.45—9.00pm followed by a social

- Everyone is welcome
- Please could all class reps attend or send a named sub as we will vote in the new Committee for 2020/2021
- Have your say on how we are doing as an FSA
- Give your feedback for next year’s planning - what would you like to keep? What could be better? Do you have new ideas?

There are two co-secretary vacancies from September, so please get in touch with Kate Oake (6ST) if you are interested in finding out more about the role. The rest of the committee is standing again, but they need your votes, so please do come along!
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

Find out who is leading an FSA event/activity on the ‘Community reps for events and key projects’ Classlist group


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- Survival skills
- Storytelling
- Wild art
- Killer frisbee
- Craft skills
- Did we mention dens?

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GP’s Name & Address...

Tel Number...

Will your child attend all 4 days? Yes/No

If not, please state which days he/she will attend:

Password (see information sheet)...

Some of the activities will be in small groups. Is there a particular friend your child would like to be with? (We will endeavour to arrange this but cannot guarantee it.)

I confirm that the details provided on this form are complete to the best of my knowledge. In the unlikely event of illness or accident, I give permission for any necessary medical treatment to be given by the nominated first- aider. In an emergency and if I cannot be contacted, I am willing for my child to receive hospital treatment, including anaesthetic or a blood transfusion, if necessary. I understand that every effort will be made to contact me as soon as possible.

I give permission for:

- photographs to be taken of my child and used for church purposes such as on the website and in the church magazine and may be submitted for inclusion in the local press. This is on the understanding that my child will not be named.

- these details to be entered onto a database to be used only for future Church events your child may be interested in.

Parent(s) / Guardian’s name ...

(please print)

Signed....

Date....

Going for Gold

Easter Workshop

HOLIDAY CLUB

Exploring the life of King David as he runs the race for God

Activities include crafts, games and singing

6th – 9th April 2020

9.30 am – noon

for Primary School Children (Reception – Year 6)

Suggested donation £20 per child for 4 days to cover costs

Reigate Park Church
Going for Gold
Easter Workshop 6-9 April 2020
Registration & Consent Form

The information on this form is for the use of Reigate Park Church only
Please complete all sections

Child’s Full Name...

Sex: M / F

Date of Birth...

School...

Address...

Home Tel. No....

Mobile....

Email

Please provide at least two alternative contact names and numbers

Contact Name...

Contact Number...

1.

2.

Any known allergies, conditions & medication

Yes / No

(If yes please give details. Please note leaders cannot administer medication.)

Any learning or behavioural concerns

Yes / No

(If yes, please give details, in confidence, so that we can provide additional support or ask Angela Bolton to phone you.)
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