



Friday 26th February 2010

Celebration Assembly

In our celebration assembly today children were awarded their certificate in Butterflies and Ladybirds for -

- Making a symmetrical painting
- Carefully persevering to improve their handwriting
- Writing a poem using their imagination
- Thinking carefully about their design for a moving picture



In Grasshoppers and Caterpillars children received their certificate for -

- Positive attitude towards their work
- Phonics work in Progression in Phonics
- Presenting a fantastic class assembly to the school and their parents

Finally the children in Dragonflies and Honeybees had their certificate for -

- Concentrating on their writing and thinking about how to improve
- Excellent work in numeracy and multiplication sums
- Reading carefully and demonstrating good understanding

Children also brought in their certificates and awards from the clubs they do outside school. We saw certificates for -

- Skiing, swimming and football



Book Week: 1st - 5th March 2010

Next week is Book Week and to coincide with World Book Day and a book token will be coming home with each child on Monday 1st March. In addition, please remember that the Book Fair will be open in the school hall after school Wednesday 3rd - Friday 5th March from 2.45 pm. Do please come and browse the books and if you would like to donate a book to the school, it would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Library Visit during Book Week

Year 2 are visiting the library as part of Book Week - Honeybees on Thursday 4th March 9.00 am - 10.30 am and Dragonflies on Friday 5th March 9.00 am - 10.30 am. We need a few parent helpers to walk down and back with us. (Sorry it's not possible for parents with younger children to be walkers.) Please see your child's class teacher if you are able to help.



Class Assembly Dates



Please note that the dates for class assemblies for Caterpillars, Honeybees and Ladybirds classes have had to be changed. Unfortunately this has happened because the teachers involved now have to attend courses. So please can you amend your diaries to take account of these changes and accept our apologies for this.



Lining Up

At around this time every year parents are asked not to accompany their child round to their classrooms. We do this because we want the children to become more independent and this is a really easy way for the children to feel more independent. We would like to see the classes walking in on their own by the end of the term so that gives parents lots of time to help their child get used to walking in on their own.

Year 2 Parents

The school is holding an open evening for year 2 parents to come to hear about how the school carries out the national tests that year 2 will do. It is on Tuesday 23rd March at 7pm. A separate letter with more information will be sent out nearer the time. If you are not able to make it then please let your child's teacher know and then they can arrange another time to meet.

Annual Report for Years 1 and 2 and whole school Parent Teacher consultations

You will be interested to know that the annual report for your child in Years 1 and 2, which is written by their class teacher, will be sent home on the last day of term (Wednesday 31st March). This is an opportunity for you to know how your child has progressed since September. Then the parent teacher meetings will be held on **Monday 26th April from 3.10pm - 6.00pm and Wednesday 28th April from 3.30pm - 7.00pm**. Please also remember that Mondays from 3.05pm - 3.30pm is when all teachers are available in their classes should parents want to talk to them.

Questions or Concerns

If you have any concerns about any aspect of the school do come and see me any time. If I am free I will speak to you immediately otherwise an appointment can be made.

Prayer Group

The next prayer group for Reigate Parish parents is on Wednesday 3rd March at 9.00am. We regularly get 4-6 parents as well as representatives from St Mary's Church and the school governors. However, it would be great to see more parents so please come and join us for our regular meeting.



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Macmillan 99 Competition

Thank you to all those children who took the time in the half term to enter the Macmillan 99 Competition. All the entries and donations have been sent off and we wish the children who entered Good Luck!

Analysis of the School Travel Questionnaire

Many thanks to those who completed and returned the questionnaire. We had 44% of families reply. The responses have been looked at for the questions that have been answered.

These are the main findings -

- Of the people who replied the majority live within half a mile of school.



- The majority of people travel to and from school on foot.
- People chose by foot/scooter/bicycle for their choice of coming to school because it improves the environment, helps people feel healthier, is more enjoyable and is close to where they live. The biggest no or maybe responses were because it saves money, enables people to travel in with friends or because it is safer for others.
- For those people who do car-share, there were different options, with the most popular being people sharing with another parent (for some it was regular, for others an occasional agreement), between Reigate Parish and people creating their own park and stride arrangement.



- Time implications closely followed by weather and distance were the reasons people gave for not currently walking / cycling/scootering to school.

- Although the majority of people said the scooter/bicycle storage arrangements were satisfactory there were these reasons as to why it wasn't adequate - more space needed for scooters, for it to be covered, preferably not down a slope, more space needed for bicycles.
- 39 people replied said they were not interested in an informal walking bus (some did explain why not) whereas 25 people said they would be interested.

- The most popular routes for the formal volunteer-accompanied walking bus (before and after school) were between Parish and Priory and en-route from home to school.



- Of the people who indicated an interest in the formal volunteer-accompanied walking bus the majority said they would help out on specific days but some parents did say they could not help at all (and some gave specific reasons, such as work commitments).
- Of the people who answered the question regarding organising a car share 20 said they were not interested and 8 people said they were.

- 17 people were interested in off-road parking being negotiated at a site within half a mile of the school.

Once



again thank you for taking the time to complete the questionnaire. It was interesting looking at the different responses.

As

you can see it has raised some interesting issues for the school to look at in the future, so please keep a look out for developments with how people travel to school.

Thank you
Miss Ayres

Mrs Holt Miller

Mrs Holt Miller will be leaving us in a few weeks time to take up a new appointment in St John's in Dorking. She has worked at the school for the last three years and has very much enjoyed her time here. We will miss her. A new appointment will be made to cover Mrs Holt Miller's hours.

Reigate Parish winning £1000

A reporter from the Surrey Mirror joined the school in our celebration assembly and awarded us with a certificate, a trophy and the cheque for £1000. Nick Wilkes and a governor were also in the assembly. We will be in the Surrey Mirror next week with a photo of some of our children in front of our garden.



Diary Dates 2009/2010: - New dates have been added, highlighted in red

SPRING TERM 2010	
Monday 1 st - Friday 5 th March	Book Week
Wednesday 3 rd March	9.00 am Parish Prayer Group in staffroom
Thursday 4 th March World Book Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.00 am Butterflies' assembly. Butterflies' parents welcome. 9.00 am - 10.30 am Honeybees visiting Reigate Library 10.30 am - 11.00 noon Ladybirds visiting Reigate Library
Friday 5 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.00 am - 10.30 am Dragonflies visiting Reigate Library 10.30 am - 11.00 noon Butterflies visiting Reigate Library
Monday 8 th March	School Closed - INSET training
Tuesday 9 th - Friday 12 th March	French Week at Breakfast Club
Friday 12 th March	Red Nose Day - Red Nose news next week
Wednesday 17 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caterpillars' class assembly. Caterpillars' parents welcome. 2.15 pm Parents' Forum
Friday 19 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.00 am Dragonflies' assembly. Dragonflies' parents welcome. PTA Cake sale at the end of school. Dragonflies class providing cakes.
Tuesday 23 rd March	7.00 pm SATS information evening for Year 2.
Thursday 25 th March	9.00 am Ladybirds' assembly. Ladybirds' parents welcome.
Friday 26 th March	9.00 am Honeybees' assembly. Honeybees' parents welcome.
Monday 29 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Teacher consultation sheets available first thing for signing for a date and time to see your child's teacher on 26th or 29th April. All day Music Workshop for the whole school.
Tuesday 30 th March	2.00 pm Easter service at St Mary's Church
Wednesday 31 st March	Terms ends at 1.30 pm
SUMMER TERM 2010	
Monday 19 th April	Term at 8.55 am
Monday 26 th April	3.10 pm - 6.00 pm Parent Teacher consultations
Wednesday 28 th April	3.30 pm - 7.00 pm Parent Teacher consultations
Wednesday 5 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 2 singing in Redhill and Reigate Music Festival 7.30 pm PTA meeting
Saturday 15 th May	May Ball - Please note change of date
Thursday 20 th May	Tempest class photographs
31 st May - 4 th June	Half term
Saturday 12 th June	Summer Fair
Thursday 24 th and Friday 25 th June	School Closed - INSET training
Thursday 8 th July	PTA Quiz Night
Friday 23 rd July	12.15 pm - 1.15 pm - end of year picnic and term ends at 1.30 pm



