



NOTICES FOR ALL PARENTS

Week Ending 29th September 2023

School Photographs

On **Wednesday 4th October and Thursday 12th October**, the school photographer will be in school to take individual pupil photographs. Reception and Nursery (and all siblings) will be on Wednesday 4th October and Year 1 and Year 2 on Thursday 12th October. If your class has PE that day, please send them in school uniform – PE will be music and movement. Proofs will be sent home allowing you to place orders. Siblings will have their photos taken together unless you contact the school office in writing.

Volunteer Information Meetings

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 5th October at 2:30pm**. We would like *every volunteer* to attend one of the meetings if you have not already done so. If you are thinking about volunteering and want to know more, please feel free to come along, too. Please complete the [online form](#) to advise us of your attendance.

Lost and Found

If your child has mislaid any reading glasses, please ask at the school office as we have found two pairs recently.

For anything else, please check the lost property box located outside the school office. If items are named, we will return these to your child's class.

School Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for staff to join our fantastic lunchtime supervisor team. Please see the [eteach website](#) for full details and to apply.



School Bins

We have seen that some dog waste bags have been put into our school bins. Please could we ask parents not to use these for dog waste, as our contractors will not take away the contents with dog waste present. Thank you.

NOTICES FOR NURSERY PARENTS

There are no Notices for Nursery Parents this week.

NOTICES FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

Word and Sound Books

We use the phonics programme, Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised to teach phonics. Please [click here](#) for more information about Little Wandle and an overview of phonics for the year.

This week your our child will bring home a 'Word and Sound Book' with the graphemes that we have learnt thus far. Please encourage your child to recognise the grapheme and say the phoneme catch phrase. Little Wandle have recorded clips on how to say each phoneme to support parents.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Moving forward, please keep your child's 'Word and Sound Book' at home and stick in the new phonemes for the week when they are sent home on a Thursday. A note explaining how to use this book to support your child is stuck into the inside cover.

Baseline Assessment

Reception will be completing statutory Baseline Assessments soon. Please [click here](#) for more information. If you have any further questions, please ask your child's teacher.

NOTICES FOR YEAR ONE PARENTS

NumBots

Please do encourage your child to continue to use NumBots at home to help support their number fact fluency. Your child's log in details remain the same as in Reception and Year 1. If you are having difficulty logging in, your child's class teacher is able to help remind you of their log in information.

NumBots is an online game and playing little and often will significantly improve your child's recall and understanding of number bonds and addition and subtraction facts. These are critical foundations in maths so we are excited by the impact NumBots will have.

Little and often

In order to get the best out of NumBots children should regularly play for short bursts so we would ask you to give them at least 3 minutes, four or five times a week.

Game Types

1. Story Mode – the emphasis is on learning the ideas and concepts behind addition and subtraction so it features more diagrams, shapes and question styles.
2. Challenge Mode – the emphasis is more on speed of recall of key facts, like number bonds to 10, doubling small numbers or adding & taking away in your head

For more information about how to use NumBots and how to support your child please click on '[Parent help guide](#)' and '[Maths help guide](#)'.

Socks – thank you!

Thank you for all the socks you sent in this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed making their

own bunnies to support them in re-telling and acting out the story of 'Knuffle Bunny'.

Launderette Role Play

Next week we will be developing a Launderette Role Play Area. Please send in old, clean washing detergent bottles / boxes or similar.

Thank you.

Christmas Cards

During the week beginning 9th October we will be making Christmas cards to raise money for the PSA. If you have an up-to-date DBS check and would like to come into class to help with this activity, please let your child's class teacher know.

NOTICES FOR YEAR TWO PARENTS

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Reigate Priory Open Days

Please see the following information from Reigate Priory:

Reigate Priory's next open days for parents and carers of Year 2 children will take place at 9:30am on Tuesday 21st November, Wednesday 22nd November and Thursday 23rd November. To book a place, please complete the google form [LINK HERE](#).

These meetings are focused at prospective parents and carers and children are not expected to attend, however, you may bring along your pre-school children. The tours and meetings last approximately one and half hours. Further information will be sent to you nearer the time of the event using the email address you provide on the google form.

We look forward to welcoming you to Reigate Priory School!