



NOTICES FOR ALL PARENTS Week Ending 20th September 2024

Open Mornings

We will be holding our next round of open mornings on the following dates

- Wednesday 9th October 2024 at 9.30am
- Thursday 17th October 2024 at 9.30am
- Tuesday 22nd October 2024 at 9.30am
- Friday 15th November 2024 at 9.30am
- Thursday 28th November 2024 at 9.30am

This is for prospective parents to visit us and find out more about the school and nursery. If you know anyone who will be applying for a school or nursery place for next year, please let them know. You can [follow this link to](#) register your interest.

Coats

The weather is changeable at the moment, so please help us to continue to do our learning outside of the classroom by sending your child to school each day with a raincoat/jacket.

Labelling

Please help us to return lost items to you by labelling all items of clothing, bookbags and water bottles etc.

Spare Clothing for Nursery

Our stocks are running low so we would be grateful for any spare pants, T-shirts, leggings or trousers. Non-uniform items are welcome.

Safety

We would like to kindly remind you that, for the safety and well-being of all children, it is essential that you notify the school in advance if someone other than yourself will be picking up your child. This ensures that we are aware of any changes and can properly verify who is authorised to collect your child.

Please inform the school office as early as possible, either by phone or email, with the name of the person responsible for pick-up. Without prior notification, we will not be able to release your child until we receive confirmation from you. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe environment for everyone.

Author of the Month

Our children often share how much they love reading, both at school and at home. They take delight in exploring our wonderful library and listening to stories that fuel their imagination and inspire their creative writing. To nurture this passion, we will be spotlighting a renowned author each month, alongside introducing some lesser-known writers and illustrators. To launch this exciting initiative, we've chosen David McKee, the author and artist behind the *Elmer the Elephant* series. As we explore the theme of friendship this September, Elmer's stories beautifully convey messages of compassion, encouraging children worldwide to embrace and celebrate their unique identities. A soft and cuddly patchwork Elmer has been plodding around the school looking for Wilbur and their friends... Can you spot them all?

Here are some Elmer-inspired activities which your children may enjoy. Please share your wonderful creations with your class teacher!

Can you write your own **ELMER** story?



Colour in an Elmer poster and put it in your class window!



Can you weave your own patchwork Elmer blanket?



Library Volunteers

We are seeking volunteers to assist with tidying and organising our school library. If you are available and would like to contribute, your help would be greatly appreciated. We want to establish a regular volunteer schedule, so if you are interested in offering your support, which could be an hour or two each week or fortnight, please tell us. This will ensure that the library remains a welcoming and well-maintained space for all our students to enjoy.

If you can help, please let Mr Charles or Mrs Hill know by speaking to them directly or via email through the office.

School Photographs

The school photographer will be in on Monday 23rd September and Tuesday 24th September – to avoid any confusion please could all **Year 1 and Year 2 children** come into school in school uniform and **not** PE kit on these days – even if it is a PE day. Sibling, Nursery and Reception photographs will all be taken on Monday 23rd September. Thank you for your cooperation.

Reigate Priory School Prospective Parent and Carer Events

If you have, or know anyone who has a child in Year 2, Reigate Priory School are planning 'Open Days' for prospective parents and carers on the following dates at 9.30am:

- ▷ Tuesday 19th November
- ▷ Wednesday 20th November
- ▷ Thursday 21st November

Tours last approximately one and a half hours.

To register your interest please submit your details via the [LINK HERE](#). Further information for new parents and carers can be found on the Reigate Priory website under Parents and Carers/New Parent and Carer Information [LINK HERE](#).

Greensand Job Opportunities

We are currently looking for an Early Morning Club playworker four/five days a week. Holmesdale staff are entitled for their children to attend Early Morning Club free of charge.

Please [click here](#) for current opportunities within Greensand MAT.

NOTICES FOR NURSERY PARENTS

Change of Clothes

Please wash and return any clothing items that your child may have borrowed from the Nursery. We are running very low on stock so any donations of spare pants, T-shirts, leggings or trousers are most welcome.

Learning Journeys

Thank you to those who have already returned the decorated learning journeys. They look brilliant. If you have not returned these yet, please can you do so next week.

Library Books

We will be visiting the school library next week to choose a book to enjoy at home. As **you read the book to your** child, we would like you to draw your child's attention to the author, illustrator and demonstrate that we read left to right, carefully turning pages. You could also discuss how we care for books.

Please return all library books on Tuesdays.

Can you help?

We hope to replant our woodland and EYFS garden area. If you can donate herb plants/seeds or spring bulbs, it would be appreciated. Please give any contributions to your child's teacher.

NOTICES FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

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Please return all library books on Mondays.

Super Me' Day

Just a reminder that Reception will be celebrating 'Super Me' day on **Tuesday 24th September**. Children are invited to come to school dressed as a superhero in an outfit that reflects their 'Superpower' e.g., kindness, humour, strength, bravery, friendship, love etc. Please do not purchase an outfit. We **strongly encourage** a home-made costume - cape, pants over trousers/shorts and a home-made mask (if applicable).

NOTICES FOR YEAR ONE PARENTS

Toys from the Past Workshop

On Wednesday the children will be taking part in a workshop to learn about toys from the past. They will hear stories about much-loved toys, learn about what they are made from and do observational drawings of their favourite toys. Over this half term, the children will have time to build on this learning and will have the opportunity to handle artefacts that we have borrowed from Dorking Museum. To support this learning at home, you may like to show your child pictures of the types of toys you, and their grandparents, used to play with as a child and compare them to the toys we have today.

Thank you.

Socks!

We are planning to use socks to make our own toys. Please send in an old clean sock (or pair of socks) that you no longer need, during the week beginning 30th September. If you do not have an old sock, please do not worry, we will have a few spare ones at school. Thank you.

School Council

Next week we will be electing our school council members ready for the autumn term. Children may put themselves forward for the position, explaining to their peers why they feel they would be suitable for the role. The children will then elect two members to represent their class. The elected members will take part in meetings, representing their peers; this is a great opportunity for children to develop their self-confidence, responsibility and speaking and listening skills. If you feel your child would benefit from taking part, please do encourage them to apply for the role. Thank you.

NumBots - Maths Home Learning

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 and we are excited about the impact NumBots is having on our children's number work.

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](#)'.

Uniform

Please ensure that uniform is clearly and correctly named, especially jumpers and coats. Thank you.

NOTICES FOR YEAR TWO PARENTS

Weaving & wool

This term, all children will be learning the skill of weaving and will create a bookmark for themselves. Donations of wool, any colour or size, would be appreciated. If you have spare wool that you could donate to Year 2 please pass this on to your child's class teacher.

Thank you very much.

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