



NOTICES FOR ALL PARENTS Week Ending 12th January 2024

Parent Consultation Evenings

You are invited to make a 10-minute appointment with your child's teacher on either **Wednesday 7th (4.30-7.30pm)** or **Thursday 8th February (3.30-6.30pm)** to discuss how your child has settled into their new class. The appointments will be held in school in your child's classroom. Details of how to book your appointment will be emailed to you with the Notices this week. Bookings will close at **3pm on Monday 6th February**.

Woodpeckers Class only – Please note that, as advised earlier, the dates for consultations for Woodpeckers Class will be slightly different on this occasion - **Tuesday 6th February (3.30-6.30pm)** and **Wednesday 7th (4.30-7.30pm)**.

Consultation of the provision of primary school places in Reigate

Surrey County Council's consultation on the provision of primary school places in Reigate closes on 21 January 2024.

Surrey County Council would like to hear your views on two options:

Option 1: Relocate Reigate Priory Junior School to a new site at Woodhatch Place.

Option 2: Set up an education working group to explore re-organisation options for schools in the primary planning area of Reigate.

This consultation could affect people with children of primary school age, future parents, and businesses and residents living close to current Reigate schools and is open to everyone to respond.

You can read full details of the consultation and have your say via a dedicated webpage:

[Consultation on the provision of primary school places in Reigate.](#)

Engagement dates and frequently asked questions are published on a dedicated webpage which is updated regularly: www.surreycc.gov.uk/reigateprimaryschoolsprovision

You can also follow updates via this community Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/reigateprimaryschoolsprovision>

We ask that views and suggestions are shared online via the consultation portal, where possible. If you have any questions, or if you would like a copy of the consultation document in another format, e.g. large print or braille, or another language, please email:

reigateprimaryschools@surreycc.gov.uk

Surrey County Council are hosting three public engagement events in Reigate for members of the public to ask questions about the consultation before it closes on 21 January.

These sessions are informal drop-ins where you can ask questions, they are not formal meetings.

- Reigate Library, Bancroft House, Bancroft Road, Reigate, RH2 7RP on Thursday 11 January from 11.30am to 1pm.
- Woodhatch Community Centre, Whitebeam Drive, Reigate, RH2 7LS on Tuesday 15

January from 2pm to 3.30pm.

- Reigate Community Centre, 53 High Street, Reigate, RH2 9AE on Thursday 18 January from 6.30pm to 8pm

There are also further engagement events at each of the impacted schools for parents and carers of children at that school. The purpose of these sessions are to explain the consultation and potential impact on each of the schools, and for people to ask us questions.

- Reigate Parish Primary School on 12 January at 2.40pm
- Reigate Priory Junior School on 15 January at 8.40am and 2pm

I encourage you to take part in the consultation. All views are extremely important and will be considered as part of Surrey County Council's Cabinet decision making.

Feeling Good Week

It is Children's Mental Health Week on 5th February and to highlight the importance of, and to celebrate, good mental health we will be having a 'Feeling Good' week in school. Last year some parents kindly offered to come in to school to help promote the importance of taking part in enjoyable activities, such as singing, dancing, drama, exercise (indoors or outdoors) and art and craft activities, to enhance our sense of well-being. The children loved taking part in these and it would be fantastic if we could offer similar opportunities again this year. If you have a passion or interest that you would like to share with the children, then please email the school office to let us know by Friday 19th January. It may be that you would like to run a short session / workshop or, perhaps, you would prefer to work with groups. If you were able to do multiple sessions so that a whole year group may be able to take part that would be wonderful.

Thank you for your support with this.

Early Morning Club Safety

A reminder to parents that Early Morning Club parking is allocated in the spaces to the left of the car park gate, alongside the path to the playground gate. Please could parents dropping off at Early Morning Club remember to shut the wooden side gate after you have dropped off your child.

Policies

Please be aware that there are several updated policies, including our Behaviour Policy, on our website. To view please click [this link](#).

NOTICES FOR NURSERY PARENTS

Library

We will be visiting the library on Wednesdays. Please remember to return your child's book before the library session.

Taste Testing

As part of our topic on the senses we will be doing a taste test experiment. The children will be invited to taste lemon, ripe banana and salted crisps. We will be talking about the sour taste of the lemon, the sweet taste of the banana and the salty taste of the crisps. Please could you let Mrs Pesquero know on Monday if there are any problems with any of these food items. Many thanks.

NOTICES FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

Woodland Explorers

Rabbits will be going to the woodland on Wednesday 17th January 2024.

Ducks and Foxes will be going to the woodland on Thursday 18th January 2024.

Please come to school in your school uniform and remember:

Wellington boots or alternative footwear in a **named** bag

Waterproof coat

Named hat/gloves if appropriate

Reading Diary

Please use this book to let us know your thoughts and comments about your child's reading each week. Even a smiley face is appreciated and informs us of how things are going at home.

NOTICES FOR YEAR ONE PARENTS

Victorian Day

This half term we are learning about what it would have been like to have lived in the Victorian period. We will be going back in time for the day on Wednesday 31st January and having a Victorian school day. The children will be sitting in rows and taking part in activities such as drill and PT activities outside; learning poetry by heart; observational drawing, handwriting practice and arithmetic. If your child would like to dress up for the day, then please do! The teachers will be transforming into school masters and mistresses! Your child may like to wear trousers tucked into socks, a shirt, waistcoat and cap, or a dress / pinafore, skirt, plain top, apron, hat.



Leeds Castle Trip

Next half term we will be learning about castles and, to support this, we have arranged for the children to visit Leeds Castle in Kent. A letter will be sent home nearer the time with full details of the day. We will spend the whole day at the castle, returning to school at 3pm; however, please be aware that this is traffic dependent. Leeds Castle and the surrounding grounds are beautiful, and the children will enjoy a guided tour and take part in a workshop. It is a wonderful learning opportunity which enhances the learning that has already taken place in school.

In order for the visit to be able to take place, we will require parent/carers to join us. Following good practice, a parent/carers will not have their own child in their group. If you would be willing to accompany the children on our visit to Leeds Castle, then please complete the [online](#)

[form](#) by **Wednesday 17th January**. All volunteers will need to be DBS checked and have attended a Volunteer Information Meeting. The dates of the next meeting is Tuesday 20th February at 2:30pm. (Please see **Volunteer Information Meetings** above.) Information to apply for a DBS will be provided to you.

Dates of visit:

Hedgehogs and Otters: 19th March

Owls and Dragonflies: 20th March

Thank you very much for your support with this.

Puppet making

We will be designing, making, sewing and evaluating puppets in D.T. and it would be very helpful to have one or two parent volunteers per class to support the children with this. All volunteers must be DBS checked. Please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to help with this – it will be a lot of fun and a lot of needle threading! Hedgehogs and Otters will be spending the morning making puppets on Tuesday 23rd January and Dragonflies and Owls will be making puppets on Wednesday January 24th January. Thank you for your support with this.

NOTICES FOR YEAR TWO PARENTS

There are no Notices for Year Two Parents this week.