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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



We are starting to feel more festive as we approach the last week of term. The Christmas trees are up and decorated. Thank you to Simon's Free Range Eggs for the beautiful trees.

The children looked fantastic yesterday in their Christmas themed clothes. Thank you for all of your donations for Save the Children and Stripey Stork.

Well done to all the children who have reached the final of Reigate Speaks. The final is taking place on Thursday evening and I am looking forward to hearing all of the children's speeches.

Just a reminder that it's an early finish of 12:05pm on Friday 15th.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Alexander



UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday 13th December

Christmas Lunch in the Canteen
8SJO Form Trip, Hampton Court Ice Skating
Year 11 Oxbridge Event, Reigate College
Festive Celebration Concert (Invitation Only)

Thursday 14th December

Reigate Speaks (Invitation Only)

Friday 15th December

END OF TERM

SPOTLIGHT

YEAR 7

Well done to Year 7 in Drama lessons for their well-rehearsed performances of Blood Brothers during assessment week.

YEAR 8

Well done to Ruby Proctor who passed her Grade 3 piano exam.
Hermione Allan-Jones and Cecily Baldwin for their brilliant contributions and dedication to the English reading challenge!

YEAR 9

Aliza Codd for her excellent effort and attitude in Maths. Amber Simmons, James Lee, Hassan Ahmed, Bella Kennedy, Alfie Johnson, Bejna Yildirim, Alexander Ockenden Harvey Hawken, April Allan and Bailey Catling for excellent work in their equations exams.

YEAR 10

Omar Ibrahim and Carla Tarrida Velasco for their excellent contributions to form time this week. Vincent Baldwin for his excellent lino prints in Art this week. Ralph Burke for his continued 100% attendance. Esther Mason for upholding the school values. Zach Paine for fantastic attitude and contributions to Spanish lessons this week.

YEAR 11

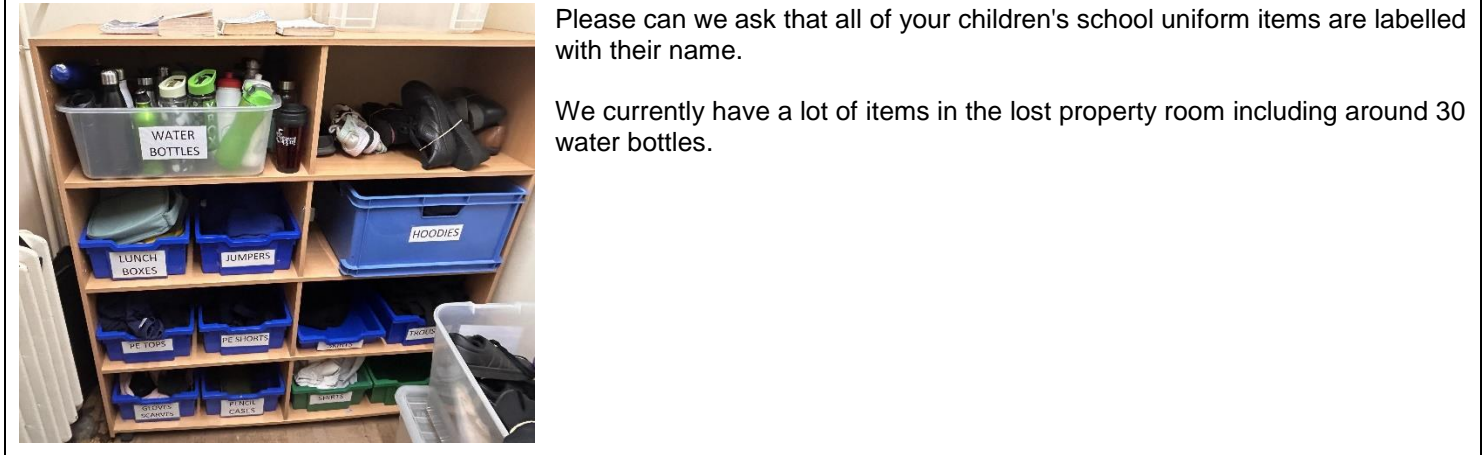
James Kenchington-Miles who has been amazing, attending half an hour of English revision after school every day since the mocks, and working really hard in lesson!



SPIRITUAL, MORAL, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL EDUCATION	
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In tutor time this week the children have been receiving their 2nd of 6 Safeguarding Updates. These focus on key areas that help your children stay safe online and offline. In this update, children were reminded of who the school's Designated Safeguarding Team are, and discussed their Digital Footprints alongside exploring some of the online risks posed to young people. The understanding of each child around this update was checked in a quiz later in the week.

LOST PROPERTY	



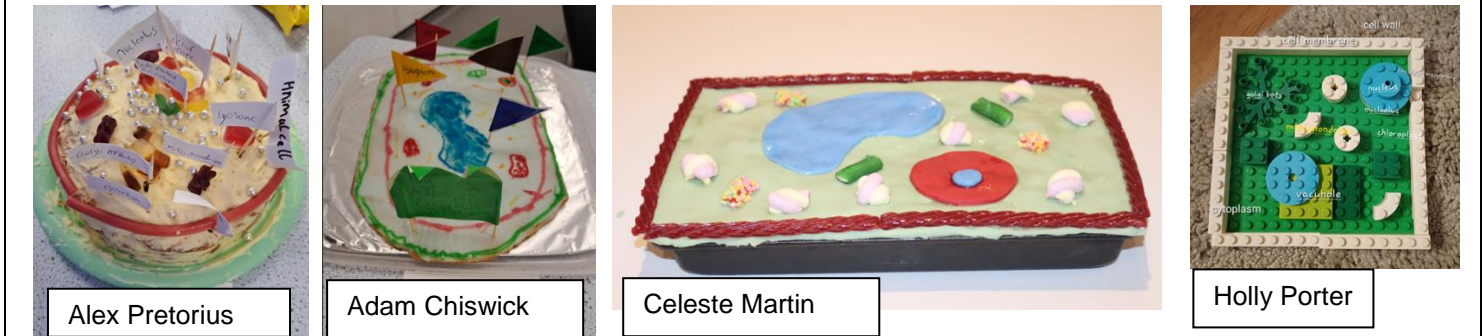
We currently have a lot of items in the lost property room including around 30 water bottles.

YEAR 7 MODEL CELL COMPETITION

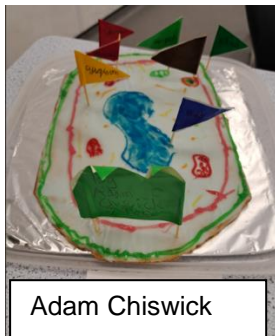
Well done to all the Year 7s that took part in the model cell competition. The standard was extremely high and it was very hard to judge the winners.

You should all be very proud of yourselves. The winners are listed below. Thank you so much.

Mrs Hudson



Alex Pretorius



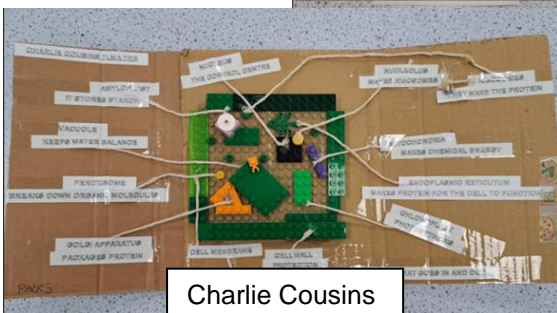
Adam Chiswick



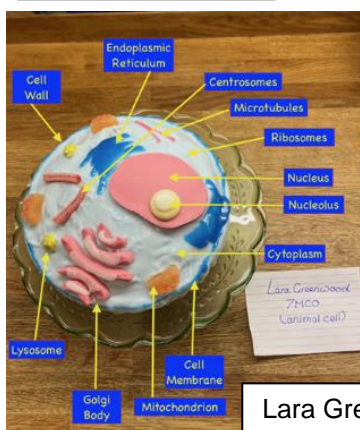
Celeste Martin



Holly Porter



Charlie Cousins



Lara Greenwood



Lizzy Preedy



Harry Maquire and Jakub Kugaczewski

Darcy Johns

YEAR 7 MODEL CELL COMPETITION (CONT.)



Charlie Cousins 7LMA - Parks - Best Lego
Lizzy Preedy - 7MCO - Parks- Most Scientific
Darcy Johns - 7MOW- Curie- Most visually Stunning

STRIPEY STORK APPEAL



Thank you for all of the donations to Stripey Stork. We managed to donate a vast amount of chocolate for their stocking filler appeal and a large number of coats for their children's coat appeal.

Yesterday we also raised £809.18 for Save the Children from donations on the Christmas non-uniform day.



ARTIST OF THE WEEK

SOPHIE MOORE

A superb 3D painting, well done Sophie, fantastic work!



CCF TRIP TO WELLINGTON BARRACKS

Another busy week for the CCF this week - Cadets from the RAF section competed at RAF Halton on Sunday in the RAF Squadron Trophy, coming 2nd out of 19 schools in the Command Leadership Task and respectable placings in Drill, Shooting and First Aid.

Monday 4th December saw the majority of the Army section take a trip to Central London to Wellington Barracks. We saw the Irish Guards perform their duties 'mounting the guard' in preparation for taking over their shift in the front of Buckingham Palace, a real privilege to be on the inside whilst the general public were watching from outside the fence! We visited the Guards Chapel and heard some moving stories from the Chaplain about how the Church originally got involved with the military, and how the bombing of the Chapel in the Second World War affected not only the building itself but also the local community. After lunch in the cookhouse with the soldiers, we took a tour round some local military landmarks, ending with a Q&A session with some of the guardsmen, and trying on some tunics and bearskins (which are not as heavy as you think, and not actually made out of bearskin anymore!).

Finally, it was promotions parade on Tuesday, an opportunity for cadets who have made a particular impression this term to be awarded new ranks – take a bow Able Cadet (1*) Alfred, Able Cadet (1*) Logan (Navy Section) and Lance Corporal Marc (Army Section). Special mention to Able Cadet (1*) Tilly who was awarded Best Cadet in the Navy Section. All our cadets have had a fantastic term and are working towards their first promotions. We are very proud of them all and they represent the very best of us at Reigate School.

Mrs Parsons



FESTIVE CHOCOLATE LOGS

For the last two weeks the Year 7's have been enjoying festivities in Food Technology! Our annual chocolate log decorating competition has been taking place. The children have been amazing producing some fantastic creations. It has been lovely to see different ideas and homemade swiss rolls and handmade decorations. At the end of the practical the chocolate logs were judged by a member of the senior leadership team!



FRENCH COOKERY SESSION

On Thursday 7th December, as part of our French cookery enrichment session, Ruby, Hermione, Tilly, Honor and Humaira had a great time making crêpes. They followed the recipe in French and flipped their crêpes like French chefs – Well done!

Mrs Bowman



HOUSE EVENT – CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN

Well done to all the children and staff that entered the Christmas Card Design competition. We had some fantastic entries.

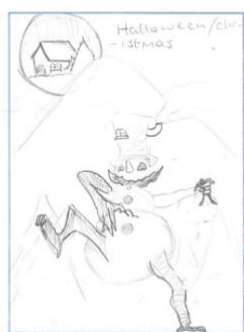
Evelyn Smith Year 7
Parks



Honor Turner-Potter year 8
Parks



Henry Martin Year 7 Curie



Lilia Diggins Year 10
Curie



Ella Sampey Year 7
Curie



Emilia Stock Year 7
Curie



Vermilion Allan-Jones Year 10
Curie



Evie Jackson Year 7
Curie



HOUSE EVENT – CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN (CONT.)

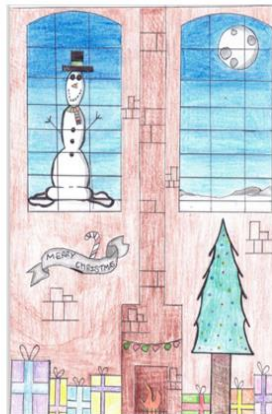
Darcy Johns Year 7
Curie



Ms Burrows-Peakin Staff
Attenborough



Lacey Rose Year 8
Curie



Fatima Tul Zahra Year 7
Turing



April Allan Year 9
Curie



Phoenix Canino-Hayes Year 7
Curie



Holly Porter Year 7
Turing



Mrs Fox Staff
Parks



Lily Dunlop Year 10
Curie



Jessica Ford Year 7
Attenborough



Mrs Fox Staff
Parks



Hermione Allan- Jones Year 8
Curie



Lucca Weids Year 7
Curie



Archie Hawkes Year 7
Attenborough



Manish Castro Year 8
Turing



James Jenkins Year 10
Turing

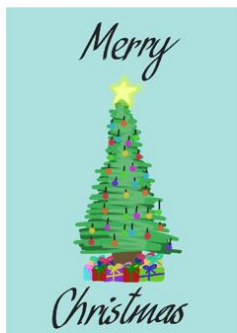


HOUSE EVENT – CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN (CONT.)

Neve Ewington Year 8
Turing



Izzy Miles Year 8
Turing



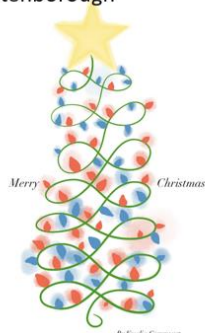
Annabel Larcombe Year 7
Turing



Francesca Worthington Year 7
Attenborough



Emelia Cserenyecz Year 8
Attenborough



Mabel Peters Year 7
Turing



Ava Smith Year 7
Turing



Olivia Grêlé Year 7
Turing



MFL COMPETITION

Sing a song in French or Spanish

Things we will really appreciate and will get you extra chances to win:

- Memorizing the song (you can read but it will definitely be better if you can learn the song)
- You can submit a video of you singing or you can come to present to your teachers,
- And they will film you performing, so it is a fair competition

You can present by yourself or in pairs. Make sure the lyrics are 'clean'.

Good songs to look at would be Disney songs, nursery rhymes or Christmas carols

**Deadline
6th of February**

1st place £10 amazon voucher
2nd + 3rd places
£5 amazon voucher



MFL Department

HOUSE RESULTS – WEEK ENDING 8TH DECEMBER

Attenborough	35261	4TH
Curie	36558	1ST
Parkes	35389	3RD
Turing	35714	2ND

YEAR 8 CRICKET

On Thursday 30th November, The Year 8 boys travelled over to Dunottar School for a 6-aside indoor cricket tournament.

Game 1

Reigate faced Merstham Park School. Freddie won the toss and opted to bowl first. There was some great bowling from Freddie, Sonnie and Toby to take 6 wickets in the first 3 overs. Reigate batted well and chased their score down in 3 overs, winning the first game 38-35.

Game 2

This was more challenging as we came up against a strong Dunottar team. Again Freddie won the toss and decided to bowl first. However, Reigate struggled to take many wickets and fielding was not great. Lots of missed catches and missed fielding. Dunottar scored 87 runs in 6 overs. With Reigate only taking 3 wickets. Reigate knew this would be tough to chase however we gave it a good go but only managed 38 runs before everyone was out in 5 overs.

Game 3

This was extremely tough against a strong Lingfield School. Reigate decided to bat first for the first time. However, after some poor communication we quickly found ourselves struggling with Freddie, Toby, Jonah and Muhammad all being bowled out in 2 overs. Alex came in to get us through to the 6th over but only scoring sporadically. We finished with 27 runs. Lingfield quickly chased this down in 3 overs.

It was a fun afternoon and a great experience.

Team: Freddie, Toby, Jonah, Muhammad, Alex, Sonnie

Mr Price

GIRLS' FOOTBALL TEAM

In challenging weather conditions, the U15 Reigate School girls' football team showcased an outstanding performance in their inaugural league match against the Royal Alexandra and Albert School (RAAS). The game kicked off with an impressive start, as Tilly netted the first of her three goals within the first 10 minutes, courtesy of a skilful long ball from Felicity.

Bella swiftly followed suit with a well-deserved goal right from the kick-off, setting the tone for the match. The goals continued to pour in, with Sophia connecting with Tilly for two more goals, bringing the score to 4-0. Bella added another goal before half-time, concluding the first half with a commanding 5-0 lead.

The second half commenced with Annabelle's clever touch, leading to a beautiful cross from Lola to Sophia, securing the team's sixth goal. Bella's hat-trick unfolded, capitalizing on a goalie fumble, and our eighth and final goal came from another precise pass from Lola to Sophia.

The Reigate School girls' solid defense prevented RAAS from making any shots throughout the game. Special recognition goes to Elissia, who exhibited relentless efforts by sprinting back from midfield to defend, restricting RAAS's offensive opportunities. The match not only displayed excellent football skills but also provided the girls with the chance to explore various positions.

A collective well-done to the entire team, with a particular shout out to Player of the Match Elissia for her outstanding Contributions.

Mrs Corder



BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

On Thursday 7th December, Reigate travelled to St Bede's School to compete in a local U15s basketball tournament. The tournament was set out with six teams in total, which were: Carrington School, Lingfield School, Warlingham School and St Bede's School A and B team.

We began our first match against a strong Carrington team. Our boys put up a great fight but unfortunately, Carrington proved too strong with some excellent plays. This game resulted in Reigate 0 – 25 Carrington.

In game two we found ourselves facing St Bede's A team. After a strong start, and some good passing and movement from the Reigate boys, we managed to produce some good plays. However, St Bede's were another strong team and the game ended Reigate 7- 23 St Bede's.

Onto the next, we were up against St Bede's B team with more optimism about this game. This was the best game that we played, with some excellent plays, and some brilliant shooting from Lucas and Tyler. Unfortunately, St Bede's had some great counter attacks which killed off the game. The score in this game was Reigate 7- 14 St Bede's.

Our final game was against Warlingham, the boys again put up a great effort to get a win in our final game, however Warlingham managed to score some good baskets which took the game away from us. This game resulted in Reigate 4 – 15 Warlingham.

Overall, it was a great experience for the U15s to compete in a tournament even though it didn't end in the way we wanted. The boys showed excellent resilience and didn't give up in any of the games. That is something to be proud of.

Mr Stewart



MFL LINGUISTS OF THE WEEK



Matilda Burrell for incredible resilience and always going above and beyond in her French work.

Phoenix Canino-Hayes for outstanding effort in his Spanish lessons.

Samuel Isted for his great improvement and amazing effort in Spanish this week.

5 Achievement points to all our linguists. Well done!

EDUCAKE

Congratulations to the following children who have answered the most questions on Educake.



1st December – 8th December

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Charlie Cousins Lexie Rheinberg Emilia Stock Freya Harrison Emma Tarrida Velasco Lizzy Preedy Ella Sampey Florence Collins Jakub Kugaczewski Ava Smith	Millie Haacke Amiee Day Lacey Rose Olivia Stone Eyad Moharrum Freya Ketley Emily Dixon Katie Perrett Romeesa Zulfiqar Rehan Boodhun	Dylan Glover Tobias Houghton Gabe Martin Nel Konczyk Aron Bushi Dorsa Nasekhian Loretta White Annabel Catling Esme Young Kai Fenton	Eilidh Milne Evie Waite Oliver Littlefield Jamie Riley Lily Dunlop Eliza Murray Freddie Fifield Shaun Adams Hannah Butterfield Jack Zangel	Elliott Kerivel-Brown Zoe Canessa Isabella Cserenyecz Laila Lineker Beth Perrett Joe Skinner Harry Peters Frankie Lynn Onima Uddin Adam Smith

COMING UP IN CAREERS

Coming up in Careers

17th January - Year 9 - Employability Workshop
 24th January - Year 10 - Post 16 and 18 Pathways (University of Surrey)
 31st January - Year 9 - East Surrey College T-Levels and Merrist Wood/Guildford College presentations
 5th – 9th February - All years – National Apprenticeship Week (assemblies and tutor time activities)
 4th - 8th March - All years – National Careers Week (assemblies and tutor time activities)
 Every Wednesday lunchtime – Careers drop in with Mrs Grew, Careers Officer



CAREERS

There is a comprehensive careers section on the Reigate School website. Go to www.reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk our school/careers.

In the CEIAG - Careers, Education, Information, Advice and Guidance section you will find our termly career plan which details what CEIAG each year group receives throughout the academic year. Our careers policy can be found in the same section.

The careers section also includes information on the labour market, apprenticeships and apprenticeship vacancies. The section for parents and carers contains guides to post 16 options, the new T level qualifications and apprenticeships.

In the “Options at post 16” section, there are links to the local colleges where you can register for their open events.

<https://www.reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Careers/2023-2024/FURTHER%20EDUCATION%20COLLEGES%20OPEN%20EVENTS%2023-24.pdf>

The website contains much information, which I hope you and your children will find useful.

CAREERS

Our Reigate School website has a Careers Section which contains lots of useful information regarding college open events, up and coming careers events at School, details regarding apprenticeships and how to search and apply for them along with links to useful websites. Below are some other very useful websites which have plenty of information regarding further education, apprenticeships and careers choices plus interview techniques and many other tips. The library also has lots of Careers Resources and books for the children to use. When using the Morrisby platform please use the Reigate School Code when signing up: MC94232M



www.barclayslifeskills.com

www.apprenticeships.org.uk

www.allaboutschooleavers.co.uk

www.icould.com



SAFEGUARDING AT REIGATE SCHOOL

We recognise our moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children. Reigate School makes every effort to provide a Ready, Respectful and Safe environment in which children feel secure, valued and respected. If a child has any worries or needs some support at any time, we encourage them to speak to their pastoral team or any member of the safeguarding team in the first instance.



Please visit the school website <https://www.reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk/> to access our safeguarding pages for guidance, support and signposting information. We have a comprehensive outline of our Reigate School Early Help offer, which is designed to help families access key services when support is first needed.

If you have any concerns, questions or would like advice surrounding any aspect of safeguarding please contact the school and ask to speak to a member of the safeguarding team or email dsl@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk

SAFEGUARDING – ONLINE SAFETY

The internet is a wonderful resource, however ensuring children know how to use the internet safely is vitally important. Please visit the school website E-Safety page using the link below to access important signposting information designed to inform parents and carers about online safety and how to best support your child at home.



Education from
the National
Crime Agency

E-Safety: <https://www.reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk/safeguarding/esafety>

The following resource from Childnet has been created to help a parent/ carer and child to have a conversation together about life online. <https://www.childnet.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/My-Life-Online.pdf>

ONLINE SAFETY – SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDANCE

As we enter the festive season it is important for children to be reminded about their online safety and for families to have robust security and privacy settings surrounding social media and following on from last week's information on "Oversharing Information" and "Sharing a location" - this week the focus is on:

Talking to unknown people:

Some social networking such as Omegle and Kidschat.net promote connecting you to chat with people you don't know. This puts young people at risk of grooming or online forms of abuse, along with the risk of moving the conversation to other platforms or meeting up offline.

Parents/Carers should be aware of this across all social media and discuss the dangers of this with your child (see the school safeguarding online safety page for signposting support)

Sending or receiving inappropriate content:

Young people can feel pressured into sharing content that could be harmful to themselves or others. This could be in the form of sexting or sharing nudes, or it might be sharing memes and images of others without their consent – which can be a form of cyberbullying.

DMs (direct messages) can be used to share very quickly and they have no control over how the image is shared further. Some social platforms have features such as disappearing messages – where an image or text will only show for a certain amount of time for the recipient before deleting. This might make users feel they can share more, but the recipient can still screenshot and forward the content to others.

If you are worried about your child's online safety please access signposting advice via the school website and contact your child's pastoral team. You can also share your concerns with the school's safeguarding team who can advise on any additional safeguarding actions and support.

Partnership with Parent event news

The Lucy Rayner foundation will be holding a joint parenting workshop for parents/carers of students at St Bede's School, Reigate School and Royal Alexandra and Albert School on **Tuesday 16 January 2024 at St Bede's School, 7.00-8.30pm**. This session promotes an inclusive and welcoming atmosphere and helps break down barriers encouraging parents to seek advice, support and learn about supporting their children's and own mental well-being. To book your free space, please click on the link below and complete the brief Google Form.

[The Lucy Rayner Foundation parenting workshop - book your space here](#)

Within this workshop we will:

- Increase Parents/carers understanding of mental health and some of the different mental health issues that their children may face.
- Allow the participants' time to identify and reflect on their own family's mental health and well-being in a safe supportive environment.
- Educate parents on how to spot the signs and symptoms of mental ill health in themselves and their children.
- Reduce the stigma attached to mental health for parents.

There will be a 45 minute Q&A session, where parents will have the opportunity to ask anonymous questions to our panel of experts including a qualified counsellor.



WORKSHOP

SUPPORTING YOUR FAMILY'S MENTAL HEALTH

SIGN UP TODAY!

Join us at **St Bede's School** to discuss signs and symptoms of ill mental health and learn what you can do to ensure your child feels supported through mental struggle and stress. The event will also involve a Q and A with an experienced and highly informative panel.

DETAILS
Date: Tuesday 16th January
Venue: St Bede's School
Time: 7.00-8.30pm

MAIN TOPICS COVERED



SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS
What to look out for when attempting to notice signs of ill mental health in your child.



SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD
What you can do to support your child in times of struggle, so that they don't push you away.

To secure your place please use the link emailed from your school

The canteen will be serving Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 13th December. Tickets cost £2.75 and can be purchased via ScoPay. There will be both meat and vegetarian options available. Please see the menu for the day below. Your child will receive their ticket in form time on the morning of the 13th December.

Twelve15

Christmas Menu December 2023

MAINS

Roast British Turkey with Chipolata Sausage
Or
Quorn Sausage Christmas Cracker
Served with Cranberry Sauce, Sage and Onion Stuffing
Roast Potatoes with Thyme, Peas, Baby Carrots, Brussel
Sprouts and Gravy

DESSERT

Festive Shortbread



Don't miss out on Christmas Dinner
- reserve your child's meal now.

TEAM TWELVE15 WISHES YOU
A MERRY CHRISTMAS



Week 2

Morning Break Menu, Autumn/Winter 2023/24



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1 Chilli Beef, Rice & Tortilla Chips £2.50	Option 1 Fish Finger Wrap £2.75	Option 1 Chicken Burrito £2.55	Option 1 Chicken Tika Brochette Flatbread £2.95	Option 1 Pulled Pork Burger £2.50
Option 2 Veggie Mince Chilli, Rice & Tortilla Chips £2.20	Option 2 Sweet Chilli Veg with Noodles £2.20	Option 2 Dirty Wedges with Salsa £1.95	Option 2 Vegetable Brochette, Pitta, Houmous £3.00	Option 2 Vegan Shawarma Folded Bread £3.00
Option 3 Whole Chicken Thighs Pitta Pocket with Lettuce and Onion Marmalade £2.60	Option 3 Chicken Goujons Wrap £2.35	Option 3 Jumbo Sausage Sub £2.45	Option 3 Chicken Korma £2.40	Option 3 Double Bacon Baguette £2.40
Option 4 Falafel and Houmous Pitta Pocket £1.95	Option 4 Sweet Chilli Chicken with Noodles £2.40	Option 4 Quarter Pounder Cheese Burger £2.85	Option 4 Quorn Korma £2.20	Option 4 Pepperoni Pizza £2.20

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Vegetarian



Week 2

Lunch Menu, Autumn/Winter 2023/24



Monday Traditional Favourites	Tuesday Street Food Market	Wednesday Great British Roast	Thursday World Food Cuisine	Friday Fantastic Fish Friday
Option 1 Toad in the Hole	Option 1 Beef Biryani	Option 1 Roast Beef	Option 1 Red Thai Chicken Curry	Option 1 Harry Ramsden Fish
Vegetarian Leek and Courgette Crumble	Vegetarian Quorn Biryani	Vegetarian Cauliflower Cheese	Vegetarian Sweet and Sour Quorn Stir Fry	Vegetarian Roasted Vegetable Quiche
Sides Roasted New Potatoes, Peas, Sweetcorn	Sides Onion Bhaji, Naan Bread, Carrot and Coconut Sambal	Sides Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Farmhouse Veg	Sides Steamed Rice, Green Beans	Sides Chips, Beans, Mushy Peas
Dessert Waffle with Fresh Fruit	Dessert Mandarin Cheesecake	Dessert Chocolate Fudge Pudding	Dessert Pineapple Kebab	Dessert Chocolate Brownie

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Vegetarian

VACANCIES



Are you looking for a fulfilling volunteer role in a local organisation serving children in our local community?
Do you have expertise and experience in any of the following areas?:

- Education
- Business Management
- HR
- Legal
- Finance
- Marketing
- IT
- Risk

Greensand Multi-Academy Trust is a locally based trust consisting of six schools in Redhill, Reigate & Crawley. Our governance community have a common goal to enrich the lives of every child in our Trust by providing inspiring and transformational learning, cultural and life experiences.

We are currently looking to recruit individuals to sit on our dynamic Trust & Members' Boards. This is an exciting time to be joining the Trust, as we are in the process of growing.

We want to create diverse and fully inclusive Boards which reflect the communities that the Trust and our schools serve. Please see the Governance Vacancies page on our website for details about the Trustee & Member roles, responsibilities and time commitment: <https://www.greensandacademytrust.co.uk/page/?title=Governance+vacancies&pid=24>

If you have any questions, or would like to explore the role further, please contact Emma Salisbury, the Trust's Lead Governance Professional (Email: e.salisbury@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk, Tel: 01737 948186) who would be happy to assist you.

NOTICES

Surrey County Council encourages residents to offer Supported Lodgings/foster

Supported Lodgings, and Fostering are both incredibly rewarding experiences that can transform the lives of both the children/young people being supported and the carers' themselves. Children and young people who enter the care system have often experienced trauma and instability in their lives, and a stable and supportive carer family can make a significant difference in their wellbeing and development.



Nationally, there are currently over 70,000 children living with carer families in the UK. However, there is still a significant shortage of Supported Lodgings and foster carers, with around 9,265 new carer families needed in the next year alone. In Surrey, there are over 1,000 children in care and Surrey County Council have just under 400 carer families.

Supported Lodgings is targeted at young adults aged 16-21 to help them build their independence skills ready to live independently in the future, from the security of a caring, stable home environment.

Supported Lodgings Carers and Foster carers come from all walks of life and backgrounds, and there is no one-size-fits-all approach to caring. Whether you are single or married, young or old, own your own home or rent, you can still become a carer. The most important thing is a willingness to provide a safe and loving home for a child in need.

This is the message that Surrey County Council is promoting in national recruitment film 'Any of Us'. The short film has been jointly funded by over 80 councils across England and aims to raise awareness about fostering, particularly among those people who may not have previously considered themselves suited to caring for vulnerable children and young people. The film looks at the potential of three people from different backgrounds to become carers, and the potential of children they care for to grow and thrive. 'Any of Us' is available to watch from the 26th September.

If you have ever thought about fostering, or offering Supported Lodgings, now is the time to take that first step and find out more. The more people who consider caring, the greater the chance of finding loving, stable homes for children in Surrey who desperately need them.

You can contact Surrey County Council Fostering Service on 0300 123 1620 (this is the General Fostering Duty telephone, please ask for the Supported Lodgings worker, when connected), via email at supportedlodgings@surreycc.gov.uk or by visiting the website; www.surreycc.gov.uk/fostering

You can watch 'Any of Us' via [Any of Us - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AnyofUs) and connect with the Fostering Service on social media via @surreyfostering"