



# REIGATE ST MARY'S

PREPARATORY AND CHOIR SCHOOL

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**WEEKLY BULLETIN**

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**The Headmaster**

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Dear Parents

I hope you have all had a fantastic holiday and you are well rested rather than exhausted having had the children around so much. It was lovely to feel the 'buzz' and share in the excitement as children and parents gathered on the playground this morning. A lot of parents commented on how much their children were looking forward to coming back to school, and that makes me very happy. I heard that one of our 4 year olds, starting in Reception, had spoken with her father before bed yesterday evening explaining that he needed to be quiet tonight, because she needed a good night's sleep before starting school. What a sensible girl.

During the course of the holidays we had various improvement around the school including the total rewiring of Sunnyside, artificial grass placed around the Green Rooms to replace the bark chippings which were forever clogging drains and being kicked onto the paths and a redecoration of the lobby and entrance hall in Sunnyside. Improvements to the Kindergarten play area, including decking and artificial grass, to make outdoor learning and play even more flexible, all year round.



Kindergarten Play Area Improvements



Mrs Freeman



Miss Sqibb



Miss Bell



Mr Makroum



Mrs Christodoulou

We are delighted to welcome five new members of staff this term, plus two who have helped at RSM before. Mrs Amanda Freeman joins us as Head of English and 5F Form Teacher. Miss Helen Squibb joins us in the Early Years as Reception S Teacher. Miss Danielle Bell and Mr Daniel Makroum join us as GAP students. Mrs Gillian Christodoulou joins us as a Teaching Assistant.

We are excited to have Mrs Lynn Lobb, on secondment from RGS, teaching Drama and Dance this year. Mrs Rachel Winterhalder has been working as a supply teacher at RSM for several years, but joins us part time this year while Mrs Van Pelt is on maternity leave.

We are also pleased to have 45 new pupils starting spread across the school from Year 6 to Kindergarten. The majority of children now join us at the bottom end of the school as most year groups are full with waiting lists - a position we are delighted with.

Fifteen prefects have been appointed at the start of this new academic year and we congratulate them all.

Adam Taylor and Yasmin Herbert have been appointed as Head Boy and Head Girl.

Additional prefects are:

- Bryony Sheridan
- Anya Patel
- Rachel Richards
- Daniel Muir
- Charlotte Hart
- Ethan Horsfall
- Tomos Nutt
- Daanish Smellie
- Joshua Packham
- Luke Morris
- Lilly Pinggera

As Mrs Ford has now taken up her new post at Notting Hill Preparatory School, Mrs Trundle has been appointed as Deputy Head (Pastoral). As always if you have concerns about your child's social or emotional welfare please speak to their Form Teacher in the first instance. Mrs Trundle is available to speak to if any additional support needs to be given

to resolve a problem. Mrs Trundle also has responsibility for the smooth running of the school on a daily basis and again if you have any queries in this regard please direct them to her.

A number of other staff have taken on specific roles in the absence of an Academic Deputy Head and I must specifically mention Mrs Harper who has taken on the role of Assessment and Curriculum Coordinator. She may well be involved in discussions regarding pupils academic progress during the course of the year, as and when it is necessary to involve a senior member of staff. Mrs Gibb has taken over the role of Special Needs Coordinator for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Those of you with children who have additional support will be in communication with Mrs Gibb during the course of the year.

I am delighted that we have once again been awarded the Gold Standard for being a Litter Free School. This is the 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that we have received an award and it bears testimony to the great team of caretaking staff that we have and also to the children's awareness and concern for their environment.

I am looking forward to another successful year with all sorts of activities and fun in the mix. The sun is shining, the children are bubbling and the staff are raring to go. Fantastic!

Finally, you will be receiving a parent mail about an event which the school is running in a fortnight's time. It will be extremely worthwhile and I encourage you all to read the details when it arrives and attend if you possibly can

Marcus Culverwell

### **SPORTING AND AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS**

Please note, if you are collecting your child from a sporting afterschool club or from a sports fixture, you will need to collect them from the sports hall foyer.

Swimming starts week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010. This is for the whole school Reception – Year 6. Upper school swimming will take place during P.E. Lessons.

### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

All clubs will start the week commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September, with the exception of Judo which will start on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September and Coerver Coaching on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

### **SCHOOL MILK**

**School milk is available free of charge for this school year 2010 - 2011 to all children under 5.** Should you wish to order milk for children who are older, the cost for the term will be £20. This sum will be added to the school fees termly. Please return the slip below to the Form Teacher a.s.a.p. Please inform the School Office if, during the year, the child does not require milk any more.

### **SCHOOL MILK**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Form \_\_\_\_\_

My child would like school milk for this school year 2010 - 2011.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_