

The Rydes Hill Times

... our weekly newsletter keeping parents in touch



Letter from the Headmistress

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back to school for the new academic year and we are all so delighted to welcome all the new pupils and families, listed to the right, who are starting at Rydes Hill this term! I look forward to getting to know you all as the year progresses.

All the teachers, staff, and I hope that you had a very happy summer and we have enjoyed hearing the news from your children. Special congratulations to those of you who have had babies over the summer, shown on p2. Please let me know if you have other baby news for next week's newsletter!

Following the departure of Mrs Anne Hill and Mrs Lorraine Price at the end of the summer term, we welcome two new teachers in Lower Preparatory, Mrs Gill Strang and Mrs Angela Barnes. Both come with outstanding references and are eager to meet you all in due course.

A version of this newsletter will also be posted in the school website in colour each week, but all names will be removed. If you would like another copy of this or any future newsletter with names, please ask Mrs Carol Smith in the School Office. Please write or email if you have any news you would like me to include in the newsletter.

I am looking forward to meeting you at the Parent Welcome Evening including the Friends AGM, which is next Thursday

17th September. The evening starts at 7pm, at which time you are invited to visit your child's class/es and meet the teacher/s. At 7.30pm you are invited for refreshments in the Dining Hall, followed by the Friends AGM.

Thank you to those of you who have volunteered to be one of the two class representatives on the Friends Committee. Your support and involvement greatly enhances what we can offer as a community at Rydes Hill. The Friends have already been busy and our new Chairman Mrs Chapman has made some super tote bags with the school picture and name on, which are on sale at just £2 each.

On Monday you will receive the new term's Calendar of Events. This will also be available on the school website.

To further enhance communication with parents, we have recently joined Clarion Call, which is a system by which we can text and email you last-minute changes to scheduling or important news. If you would like to be included in these updates please make sure that Mrs Carol Smith has your contact details and that you have signed the permission form.

Wishing you a happy weekend, God bless,

Stephanie Bell

Mrs Stephanie Bell M.A. (Oxon)
Headmistress

Welcome!

To all our wonderful new students!

In Nursery we are joined by:

- * Margaux
- * Jessica
- * Amie
- * Francesca
- * Daniela
- * Chloe
- * Iain
- * Sofia
- * Rory
- * Alicia
- * Sienna
- * Avni

And in Kindergarten:

- * Maisy
- * Georgia
- * Amelia
- * Isabella
- * Serra

Coming into Lower Trans we have:

- * Giovanna
- * Georgia

In Upper Trans we greet:

- * Madeline

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Next week	
Mon 14th Sept	Individual music lessons begin
	Junior choir begins
	Speech and Drama lessons begin
Weds 16th Sept	Ballet lessons begin
Thurs 17th Sept	7pm: Parents' welcome evening and Friends' AGM
Future Events	
Friday 4th Dec	11am: Nursery Nativity
Weds 9th Dec	1.30pm: Christmas Play (Kindergarten—Lower Prep)
Thurs 10th Dec	6.30pm: Christmas Play (Kindergarten—Lower Prep)
Mon 14th Dec	6.30pm: Christmas Carol Service at St. Mary's Church
Weds 16th Dec	End of term

Congratulations

On the births of:

- ◇ Emma Katherine on the 29th July 2009, a sister for Erin
- ◇ Callum Oliver on the 4th August 2009, a brother for Lauren



CHILDREN'S SECTION



Welcomes (cont'd)

Lower Prep give a big welcome to:

- * Thrinethra

While joining Middle Prep are:

- * Jesse
- * Elodie
- *

And in Higher Prep a warm hello to:

- * Cecilia

We hope you have all enjoyed your first few days here and that it is the start of what will be a great school year!

Prep Class Locations

Prep will be held in the following classrooms on each day:

- Monday:** *Form One Classroom*
- Tuesday:** *Middle Prep Classroom*
- Wednesday:** *Middle Prep Classroom*
- Thursday:** *Computer Suite*
- Friday:** *Higher Prep Classroom*

Thought for the Week

A Meditation
by *Cardinal Newman*

God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission—I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.

I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good, I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place while not intending it—if I do but keep His Commandments.

Therefore I will trust Him. Whatever, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him; in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him; if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends, He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me—still He knows what He is about.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Georgia	1st
Sofia	2nd
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Sophie	3rd
Danielle	5th
Giada	5th
Alicija	6th
Abby	7th
Amie	8th

