

The Rydes Hill Times

... our newsletter keeping parents in touch



Letter from the Headmistress

Dear Parents
What a busy start to the second half of term we had. Form One and Higher Preparatory had an exciting week of abseiling, canoeing, zip wires, archery and much more at PGL. We hope you enjoy the photographs on page 3. Huge thanks to our former Headmistress, Mrs Joan Lenahan for joining the group, together with Mrs Herbert, Mrs Forbes, Miss Boyle and Mrs Rowson. The girls have not stopped talking about their adventure and many parents commented on how the children have matured as a result of the experience.

I was delighted to join Mrs Kelly, Mrs Fernandez and Middle Preparatory on their outing to Arundel Castle and Arundel Cathedral to see the carpet of flowers for Corpus Christi yesterday.

The Friends Clothes Sale this week was a first for Rydes Hill and a great success as everyone went home with something new and thoroughly enjoyed the canapés and refreshments as they selected items for their children and themselves. Special thanks to names removed (who also runs a nearly new shop).

This week Miss Galea has held several Master Classes for her young musicians to show their talents to their parents and Miss Deering also led a performance by her music pupils for parents to enjoy.

Next week is the Golden Boot Challenge when we try to car pool and use less energy. Good luck to everyone!

On **Wednesday** we look forward to the **Pre-Preparatory Sports Day on Our Lady's Lawn from 9:30am-12:30pm with picnic lunches.** On **Thursday** we are holding the **Preparatory Sports Day from 10:00am-12:30pm** by kind permis-

sion of St Joseph's School using their track. There will be picnic lunches and the cups and prizes will be presented after lunch.

All parents are welcome to attend both days. Chef Jane will provide the children with picnic lunches on both days and there will be refreshments for parents. Parents are invited to bring their own picnics if they wish to stay to lunch.

Mrs Jo Smith is still looking for more parent volunteers to give some of their time to help on both Sports days; please send her a note if you can spare any time on either day to help.

Friday 19th is a Mufti Day. All children are allowed to wear home clothes to school incorporating the colour **PURPLE** and our collection is for Bishop Kieran's Charity.

We are delighted to announce that **Harriet** was one of six prize winners nationally in an Essay Competition run by the Association of Catholic Women. This is a tremendous achievement Harriet, well done! Congratulations also to **Ianthe** whose essay was Highly Commended and well done to **Francesca, Eve and Lucy** who all received Certificates of Merit. There will be a formal presentation soon. Wishing you all a happy, restful weekend. God bless

Stephanie Bell

FRHPS

New Nursery Rep -
Emma - Francesca's mummy - has very kindly volunteered (after only being at RH for two weeks!) to take over as one of the nursery reps for the

class staying in Nursery from September. Emma really needs another person to help out with this role, so do either let me know or have a chat with Emma (email/in person) if you feel you can help.

New Kindergarten Rep

For those going onto Kindergarten in September, Becca will still be your rep, and, very kindly, Beatriz, Fabio's mummy, has stepped in to take over my role. I will be taking over as Chairman of the Friends Committee from September. Any new ideas for fun things to do during the school year all welcome - keep your ideas rolling in.

School Uniform etc

For those going on to Kindergarten, Mrs Bell will be writing to you soon with info about the new class etc. One of the things I wanted to stress is that it really is important you purchase your school uniform in the next six weeks - i.e. before the end of term! Either from second hand shop or new. As you know, the second hand uniform shop is open on Monday mornings and has a variety of sizes. If you are going to buy it new, you will have to wait a while so getting your order in sooner rather than later may be helpful and avoid your child starting school with no uniform....:-) If your child is carrying on with ballet, they will also need a ballet uniform - the blue RAD outfit, which can also be purchased in the second hand shop.

Fruit

When children start in Kindergarten they need to have their fruit in small boxes with your child's name on the top.

Welcome to New Pupil

A very warm welcome to Mona and to her family to the community of Rydes Hill. Mona has joined Higher Preparatory.



Debating Club

Week ending 22nd May 2009

Form One

Speaker of the Week:

Shashini

The Motion was:

1. "This House believes children's lives are harder now than when our parents were young."

The motion was defeated.

Higher Preparatory:

Speaker of the Week:

Lucy

The Motion was

1. "This House likes the colour pink."

The motion was defeated.



Week ending 15th May 2009

Form One

Speaker of the Week: Shriya

The Motion was:

1. "This House would rather not grow up."

The motion was defeated.

Higher Preparatory:

Speaker of the Week: Georgina

The Motion was

1. "This House believes we have too many tests."

The motion was carried.

Stroke Association Sponsored Bike Ride

My friend and I are taking part in The Stroke Association's Summer Solstice Bike Ride on 21st June to raise money for The Stroke Association by riding from Glastonbury Tor to Stonehenge, a huge distance (at least to us very amateur cyclists) of 125 km (78 miles) and we'd really appreciate your support.

Thank to all who have sponsored us so far. At the time I'm writing this we're up to £270, only a further £980 to go!

It's easy to sponsor us online by credit or debit card - just go to our Justgiving page: <http://www.justgiving.com/2-blokes-on-spokes>

Justgiving sends your donation straight to The Stroke Association and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you're a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more. I hope you'll join us in supporting The Stroke Association.

Mr Mark (name removed)

Tissues & Hand-Washing

Reports are that the current Swine Flu may become more serious in the Autumn Term; bearing this is in mind, we are trying to encourage really good habits of hygiene with the children. Please send your child to school with his/her own pack of tissues for blowing noses. We have bought new anti bacterial liquid soap hand wash for all the bathrooms.

Please reinforce these good habits at home so that all the children use paper tissues to blow their noses, throw them away and wash their hands regularly. Thank you.

Mrs Bell

DANGER! LIVE CHILDREN!

Please remember that the maximum speed to drive in the school grounds is **5 mph** ie **walking pace**.

Please do not park at the front door of the school **blocking the turning circle as this causes cars to have to make dangerous reversing manoeuvres putting children's safety at risk.**

Please do not park on **double yellow lines** as this also causes traffic flow problems.

Finally, your children cannot be seen crossing behind the bigger cars, so please do not allow them to cross the turning circle on their own to go to the adventure playground. **Children should be with you at all times before and after school for their safety.**

Thank you
Mrs Bell

Summer Musical Production

Form One, Higher Preparatory and Middle Preparatory present "Dream On". A sparkling musical adaptation of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by William Shakespeare on Thursday 2nd July and Friday 3rd July

Dream On

Miss Boyle, our Wardrobe Mistress, would be delighted to hear from any parents who can help with sewing costumes. We are also looking for large beanbags and a substantial amount of plain green material – would anyone have any throws/curtains they could lend us? Please let us know as a soon as possible! Many thanks.

Mrs Forbes

Guildford Summer Project

In association with The Electric Theatre the Guildford Summer Youth Project 2009 presents "Annie Jr."



Are you between 8 and 16 years old?

Do you have a passion for dance, drama and singing?

Your chance to be the star of tomorrow ...
AND PUT ON A SHOW IN A WEEK!

Monday 27th–Friday 31st July 2009
10:00am–5:00pm

Performance
Friday 31st July at 6:00pm

You can sign up for the project at: www.electrictheatre.co.uk Scroll down to "more information" Click on "online booking" a new window opens and on the left hand side there is a box "Choose Show" click on this and scroll down to "Guildford Summer Youth Project" Cost: First child £100, siblings £85 for entire week.

You will work under the guidance of a highly skilled professional creative team on this one week course. Tread the boards at The Electric Theatre, master the dance routines, perfect the harmonies and learn the lines.

The Electric Theatre, Onslow Street,
Guildford GU1 4SZ. Tel: 01483 444789

Photographs of Higher Preparatory and Form One Residential Trip to Windmill Hill



The little ones waiting to wave goodbye to the girls



The girls stretch their legs en-route to Windmill Hill and enjoy the lovely weather and scenery



L to R: Mrs Forbes, Mrs Herbert, Mrs Lenahan (former Headmistress), Miss Boyle and Mrs Rowson



The girls were able to try a number of activities; we have shown a few here



Thought for the Week

Teach us, good Lord, to serve You as You deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do Your will.

Amen.

Prayer of Saint Ignatius.

Class Photographs

Class and Team Photographs are available for purchase in school. Please see main notice board.

Prize Competition

The winner of the competition was Danielle , (Lower Transition)

Well done, Danielle!—the answers are below.

Someone once re**MARK**ed upon the hidden books of the Bible (merely a **FLUKE**). It kept some people **look**ING So hard for the **FACTS** and for others it was a **REVELATION**. Many were in a **JAM**, **ES**pecially since the names of the books were not capitalised. But the **TRUTH** finally struck home to **NUMBERS** of readers, though to other it was still a hard **JOB** and they **CHOSE A** different strategy. We want it to be **A MOST** fascinating moment for you. **YES THERE** will be difficult ones to spot. Others will require the brains of **JUDGES** to help identify them. One lady says **SHE BREWS** a cup of tea so that she can concentrate better. We will adm**IT IT** **US**ually takes a minister to find the last of them. There will be loud **LAMENTATIONS** until it is found. See how well you can **compETE**. Relax now, for there really are eighteen books hidden in this paragraph. One vicar found seventeen books in twenty minutes but it took him three weeks to find the eighteenth – in his biblical CD-**ROM ANS**wer file.

CHILDREN'S SECTION

Silver Book

Week ending 22nd May 2009

Excellent Work

Mark
Ferd
Sofia
Heavenli
Abigail
Amie
Isabel

Excellent Conduct

Dixie
Lucas
Abby
Thea
Beate
Alexandra
lanthe

Music Award

Anna for outstanding progress in her piano playing

PE Award

Ellie for coming First in the 200m and 2nd in the High Jump

French Award

Sophie for gaining 100% in her French Examination

Special Girdle

Charlotte for being especially kind and caring to others

Week ending 5th June 2009

Excellent Work

Phoebe
Willow
Evie
Charlotte
Molly

Excellent Conduct

Katie
Julia
Margaux
Sofia
Hanna

No Higher Preparatory or Form One awards this week due to their Residential Activity Holiday.

PE Award

Hannah for excellent tennis skills in her PE lesson

French Award

Lucy for an excellent result in her French Examination

Special Girdles

Mona for settling in so well during her first week at Rydes Hill

House Points

Week ending 2nd May 2009

CAMPION	74
GERALD	57
PATRICIA	51
PETER	68

Winning House: **CAMPION**
Well done everyone!

Week ending 5th June 2009

CAMPION	74
GERALD	65
PATRICIA	88
PETER	87

Winning House: **PATRICIA**
Well done everyone!

Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

June

1st	Mostafa
1st	Emma
1st	Lucy
2nd	Jessica
10th	Sally
11th	Holly

