

The Rydes Hill Times

... our weekly newsletter keeping parents in touch



Letter from the Headmistress

Week beginning 9th February

Mon 9th	Parents Evening 5pm—8pm (Kindergarten— Form One)
Thurs 12th	Parents Evening Nursery new parents 4pm— 6pm
	Parents Evening 6pm—9pm (Kindergarten— Form One)
Fri 13th	Kindergarten parents Coffee Morning 8:30am
	Cake Sale 3:15pm (Upper Transition)
Future Diary Dates	
Feb 16-20	HALF TERM
Weds 25th	Mass: Ash Wednesday 10:30am (Parents Wel- come. Coffee served after- wards in Dining Hall)

Dear Parents
Thank you for the tremendous efforts you made to bring your children to school during last week's unpredictable weather. I was very proud of the entire staff team for making it to school from Wednesday to Friday, including using trains and taxis. Thank you also to Mr Hurlley and Mr Halling for their herculean efforts in clearing the snow in the car park! The school did look beautiful blanketed in snow and we hope you enjoy the pictures on page 3.

On Saturday 31st January we hosted a 12-School Netball Tournament at Rydes Hill which was a huge success thanks to the organisation of Mrs Henry and Mrs Morris. Thank you also to Ms (removed) for acting as an umpire, Mrs Forbes and Mrs Herbert for the scoring table, Mrs Kelly for helping set up the Dining Hall, Mrs Smith for the First Aid and the Form One mums (3 names removed) for making everyone feel welcome for the delicious cakes and coffees in the Dining Hall. Thank you also to Higher Preparatory parents for donating cakes as well as our chef, Jane. Thank you also to Mr Halling and other staff who came to help for the morning as well as all the enthusiastic parent supporters. Special thanks also to Form One girls Ellie, Kate and Katherine for their invaluable help. There is a full report on pages 2 and 3.

The Ball Committee continues to work hard to prepare a wonderful event for 7th March. We are so grateful too for the superb work of the Friends and I would like to say a special thank you on behalf of the whole school community to Ingrid and Tracy, sadly standing down at the end of the summer

term, for being such dynamic Chairman and Deputy. Thank you also to the other members of the Ball Committee: (names removed).

Finally, congratulations to our Form One girls for their outstanding results at Senior Schools gaining places at Guildford High, Tormead, St Catherine's, Farnborough Hill, Prior's Field, St George's, Weybridge, and St Teresa's. Well done to the girls and to their teachers!

Wishing you all a wonderful half term. God bless.

Stephanie Bell

FRHPS

Scottish Ball Raffle

Tickets have now been issued and should have gone home with your child last week. Please check in their homework bags. If you have not received your ticket (or your party leader has not) I would be grateful if you would please leave a message in the School Office. There will be a small raffle on the evening. If any parent or business would like to provide a prize or voucher for this, please would they let their Class Rep know, or alternatively, bring the prize or voucher into the School Office. Any donations will be gratefully received.

Wanted for the next academic year a new Chairman and Deputy Chairman for FRHPS! The Friends Association of Rydes Hill School exists to raise money to purchase extra items that the School might like to have. (In the past, we have contributed to the purchase of

the minibus, stage lights, the furnishing of the computer room, the renovation of the Wightman Conservatory and more). The FRHPS also promotes friendship and fellowship between the parents, staff and children who are at the school.

After a two-year stint, Ingrid and Tracey are retiring from their posts at the end of the Summer Term. Therefore, we are looking for replacements to join Sarah (Treasurer) and Tash (Secretary) on the Committee. We are doing this now to try to ensure that the new Chairman and Deputy have the opportunity to contribute their views on next year's events. If you think you might be interested in either of these roles either individually or as a team of two (or you know someone who might be!), please speak to one of us or email .

By finding out more, you will be under no obligation. We promise! The Chairman's job involves running the Committee Meetings (Max two per term) and overseeing the organisation of the fund-raising events approved by the Committee. The role is not particularly onerous - you can choose the extent of your hands-on involvement. The role of Deputy Chairman is to assist the Chairman.

Quiz Night

Please note—Date changed to Saturday 9th May at 7:30pm.

New Pupils

Welcome to the Rydes Hill community this week to the following new pupils and their parents:

Nursery
Sasha
Fabio



Chinese New Year

Last week the children celebrated the Chinese New Year with a special Chinese lunch on Wednesday. The children were able to try:

Main Course

Sweet and Sour Chicken

Vegetarian Main Course

Vegetable Stir Fry

Side Orders

Egg Noodles with Chinese Greens and Snow Peas

Dessert

Coconut Rice with Mango Coulis
Fortune Cookies

In addition, the children were given the opportunity to try a variety of fruits, including Physalis, Lychee, Sharon fruit, Mango, Papaya and Rambhutan

Shadow Puppets



The girls of Lower Preparatory enjoyed a very exciting project this week. As part of their Science work on 'Light and Shadow' they designed and made their own shadow puppets. They also made up a play with these puppets and performed it for other children. Some of the puppets included dancing mermaids, galloping horses and fierce sharks. Their plays have also been filmed so that the girls can enjoy watching the end results of all of their hard work.

Mrs Hill



Debating Club

Week ending 23rd January 2009

Speakers of the Week:

Form One:

Francesca

The Motions were:

1. This House believes the minimum age of voting should be reduced.
2. This House believes that curfews are justified to tackle anti-social behaviour.

Higher Preparatory:

Amie

The Motions were

1. This House believes that space travel is a waste of money.
2. This House would abolish school uniform.



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Speakers of the Week:

Form One:

Kate

The Motions were:

1. This House believes that thin models are poor role models.
2. This House would ban examinations.

Higher Preparatory:

Grace

The Motions were

1. This House believes that learning a foreign language is unnecessary.
2. This House supports a third runway at London, Heathrow Airport.

Well done girls!

Mrs Little

Thank you so much to Mrs Little for running this superb club.

School Uniform Fittings

Despite the current weather conditions, the summer term will soon be upon us and therefore there will be an opportunity to fit and order summer uniform on **Wednesday 11th February from 2:30pm in the Dining Hall**. Summer uniform as listed is worn from 1st May.

Girls

Loch Buie Tartan Dress
School Blazer
Boater
White ankle socks

Boys

White Polo Shirt
with school logo
School Blazer
Lightweight Navy
Navy socks

Music News

Founder's Day Concert:

Tuesday 17th March at 7.00pm

Please make sure you have the date for this term's big music event in your diary! The annual Founder's Day Concert is an opportunity for children, parents and friends to enjoy a varied programme of instrumental, vocal and choral music, ballet and Speech & Drama. The teachers concerned with these extra-curricular activities are already planning the programme, so the children will know very soon who will be taking part. All the girls in Senior and Junior Choirs and the Orchestra will be performing.

Guitar for sale

3/4 size guitar for sale – £25.00. The instrument, belonging to a former pupil, is in good condition, has been recently restrung and would suit a beginner very well. Please speak to Mrs Forbes if you are interested.

Mrs Tessa Forbes

Netball News

Under 10 Rydes Hill Netball

Tournament Saturday 31st January 2009

Rydes Hill hosted their annual U10 Netball Tournament on Saturday 31st January, to which 11 schools were invited. The weather was perfect and an enjoyable time was had by all the teams during the course of the morning. The U10 Rydes Hill team played against the two strongest teams in their section, these being St Ives and Guildford High, who finished overall as Winners and Runners-Up, respectively. After winning their remaining 3 matches, Rydes Hill finished 3rd in their section. All the U10 squad are to be congratulated on their determined play throughout the tournament, despite the first 2 losses (Sophie (Captain), Sally, Grace, Ellie, Georgina, Georgina, Amie, Laura and Kitty) Their results were as follows:

-v- St Ives	we lost 1-6
-v- Guildford High	we lost 1-4
-v- Tornead	we won 6-3
-v- St Teresa's	we won 5-3
-v- Holy Cross Prep	we won 3-2

I would like to thank all the parents for their support, both in Higher Preparatory and Form One, Mrs Bell and the staff who helped on the day, Mr Halling for his preparation of the courts, Ms (name removed) for umpiring and a special mention to Ellie, Katherine and Kate for their roles in collecting all the score cards and for being such good role models for the school. The refreshments were particu-

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lary commented on, so thanks also to Jane in the kitchen for her baking prowess as well as all the delicious cakes and biscuits contributed by Higher Preparatory parents. Thank you to Form One mums for serving. You all helped in making the event such a success for all the visiting schools and spectators.

Mrs Henry

Good Shepherd Celebration



Barbara Hopper, Children's Liturgy Adviser for DABCEC visited Middle Preparatory on Monday this week to help the pupils write the Prayers for the Faithful for their forthcoming visit to Worth Abbey. She was delighted to work with the girls and was impressed with their ability to compose the prayers and interpret the gospel.

Mufti Day & Times Table Competition

Wednesday 11th March is our Mufti Day in House colours and the Times Table competition. Please encourage your children to start practising their tables now in preparation for the big day! The winning House will be rewarded with another Mufti Day. The Mufti Day donations are going towards the Cabrini Children's Society (which was formerly known as the Catholic Children's Society). Their mission is to provide wide-ranging services to children, young people, families and to adults with learning disabilities. Their mission is "to encourage, inspire and support the individuals they work with, to find their way in the world". If you would like to find out more about their work, please visit www.cabrini.org.uk

Cake Sale

Well done to Middle Preparatory for raising £115.36 with their recent cake sale – a marvellous effort.

Well done girls—Mrs Bell



Rydes Hill in the snow



Rydes Hill House is looking like something from a Christmas Card



The "Caution Children" sign seems a little unnecessary in this picture!



Mrs Hill helping some of the girls to build a snowman.



Thought for the week

Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

Isaiah 1:18



I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

Isaiah 44:22

Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

January

27th	Eleanor
28th	Isabella & Sofia
29th	Sofia

February

4th	Christoph
6th	Thalia
9th	Melissa
13th	Ella
14th	Isabella
14th	Lauren
15th	Anna
17th	Kate
21st	Georgia

CHILDREN'S SECTION

Silver Book

Week ending 23rd January 2009

Excellent Work

Mark
Oliver
Josie
Charlotte
Ella
Grace
Jessica

Excellent Conduct

Eloise
Willow
Habiba
Isabelle
Salma
Lucy
Shriya

PE Award

Salma

Music Award

Hannah for excellent Music Examination results

French Award

Joshua for remembering vocabulary from last week's story



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Excellent Work

Max
Lotti
Christoph
Holly
Catriona
Sally
Polly

Excellent Conduct

Anastasia
Georgia
Lauren
Charlotte
Hanna
Amie
Eve

PE Award

Melissa for outstanding netball
Ferdinand Robson for excellent ball control in football

Music Award

Altea for excellent progress in singing lessons

French Award

Hannah for her French weather report

Special Girdle

Christoph for cheerfulness and bravery in spite of a broken leg.

House Points

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CAMPION	158
GERALD	153
PATRICIA	206
PETER	124

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



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CAMPION	115
GERALD	101
PATRICIA	93
PETER	73

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

