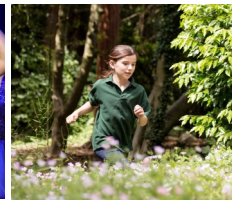




# RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 8th September 2023



**Dear Parents**

## **WELCOME BACK!**

We would like to warmly (literally!) welcome everyone back to the new School Year at Rydes Hill. How nice of September to show August how it's done and bask us in glorious sunshine all week! It has been lovely to welcome so many children into our Rydes Hill family this week.

**Form One:** Jessica

**Higher Preparatory:** Aoife, Claire, Faith and Junshu

**Middle Preparatory:** Fay

**Lower Preparatory:** Anna and Violet

**Lower Transition:** Isabelle

On Wednesday our new Kindergarten Class bounded into School with smiles on their faces. They have settled in beautifully and should be very proud of their first week in School.

**Kindergarten:** Amai, Emily, Emma, Isla, Olivia, Mia, Alexander, Isaac, Jack, Leo, Oliver, Reuben and Stanley

**Oaks:** Ada, Anna, Evie, Lottie, Lucy, Hugo and Leo

**Acorns:** Beatrice, Elin, Grace, Henrietta, Lilli, Christian, James, Jamie and Roshan

With a total of 25 new children starting this term (not counting our Nursery children who have joined Kindergarten), we have a lot of new families to get to know, so do introduce yourselves to each other and make our new joiners feel welcome.

## **WELCOME EVENING**

As a way of starting our new term, and to welcome both our new and returning families, we are having an informal Welcome Evening on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 6pm-8.30pm. This was a new event last year and it proved to be very popular and a great way to start the year. We invite all families (children and parents) to bring a dish of food to share. We will give more details nearer the time but, for the time being, please do put the date in your diary.

## **COMMUNICATION**

We are in the process of finalising the last few dates for the Calendar of Events. This will be sent out next week. Please do put these dates in your diary. Following feedback on the recent parental survey, we are trying to make sure that communication to parents is clear and accessible. To this end we are trying to ensure that ParentMails are scheduled to be sent at 6pm each day, in the hope that parents will have more time to read them outside of their own working hours. We are in the process of putting together a new section of the School website that will act as a noticeboard for parents and will hopefully have all the relevant information in one place. We will give you more details on this once it is finalised. Whilst on the topic of communication, please be reminded that you are welcome to email teachers directly with questions or messages. Their email addresses can be found in your welcome booklets. Teachers are unlikely to respond to emails before 8am or after 5pm in line with our School policies. As they spend most of their working day teaching, rather than checking emails, an immediate response is not always possible, but they will get back to you as quickly as they can.

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## SAFETY

At the start of a new year, please get your child into good habits for getting into and out of School safely. Please remind them to keep to the walkways and pavements in the car park and to use the zebra crossing to get from one side to the other. Please remind children not to climb on or over the wooden fencing. Thank you for your support with this.

When buzzing to gain entry to the School, please make sure you say which child you are here to collect so that you can be identified. Thank you.

Mrs Norville

Silver Awards this week			Special Awards this week	
YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT	<b>PE Award:</b> Faith Y (HP) for her shooting technique in Netball and for settling into Rydes Hill so well!	
Kindergarten	Emily H	Leo E	<b>RE Award:</b> Reuben D (KG) for a wonderful description of how God created the world.	
Lower Trans	Arlo A	Isabelle C	<b>Forest School Award:</b> Mia M (KG) for being extra special in Forest School.	
Upper Trans	Emily T	Sebastian W	<b>Music Award:</b> Leo E (KG) for a fantastic start to music.	
Lower Prep	Evie H	Bella M	<b>Kindness Award:</b> Astrid K (F1) for a great job helping our new Kindergarten children.	
Middle Prep	Emma W	Miru O	<b>Special Award:</b> Thea and Lexi K (LP & HP) for giving up time in the holidays to help in the uniform shop.	
Higher Prep	Kevina L	Ruby S		
Form One	Ella W	Emily B		

Diary dates for the next two weeks	
<b>Tues 12th Sept</b>	9am - Start of Term Mass in St Mary's Church U9 & U11 Cross Country at St Catherine's.
<b>Weds 13th Sept</b>	Ballet lessons begin.
<b>Thurs 14th Sept</b>	Pre-Prep Swimming lessons begin (excluding Kindergarten)
<b>Fri 15th Sept</b>	Prep Swimming lessons begin.

# Happy Birthday!

2nd Sept	Aoife M
4th Sept	Moses L
6th Sept	Astrid K
7th Sept	Ruby V



Click here to view this week's 'The Wednesday Word':

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/happiness?pid=MTA101634&v=40.3>





*Welcome to Kindergarten 2023!*

