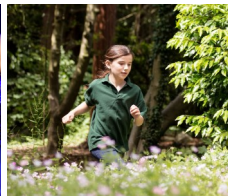




RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 9th September 2022



Dear Parents

WELCOME BACK

It has been wonderful to welcome all our children to the start of a new School year. Well done to all the new children who have joined us this week. We welcome:

Nursery: Riley, Lilah, Otilie, Freddie, Charlie, Aspen, Molly, Eloise, Stefania, Akal, Phoebe, Emmanuel, Luna, Sara, Grace, Frankie, Amai, Milo, Theo M-J, Theo S-K, Alexander, Jennifer, Leo and Evan

Kindergarten: Arlo, Grace, Phoebe, Edward, Lyra, Moses, Cody, Mahnoor, James, Ruby, Maeve and Harry

Upper Transition: Daniyal, Archie, Zeyi and Mark

Lower Preparatory: Lucy, Isabella, Ajaalet, Aleesha, Hermione and Emma

Higher Preparatory: Lakshana

Form One: Tanya and Vasilisa

We also have a number of new staff joining us this year. Miss Everard is teaching in Kindergarten on a Thursday and Friday; Miss Smart is our new Lower Transition teacher; Mrs Ah-Moye, Miss Alfaro, Mrs Bohachova and Mrs Worthington all join us as Nursery Assistants. Sadly, Chef John left Rydes Hill over the summer and has moved to another School within the Holroyd Howe group. We have been joined by Chef Don, who is settling in seamlessly with our wonderful kitchen team. We warmly welcome all our new joiners.

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

I am sure that you will all have been saddened by the news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II this week. We had a special Assembly in School today and will continue to mark the events of the coming days of National Mourning. At the time of writing, no information has been given regarding arrangements for the coming days and how this affects schools. We will share information with you as and when we have it.

WE ARE FINALISTS!

We are very proud to announce that we are finalists for the "Small Independent School of the Year 2022." The longlist was whittled down to just six schools from across the country, of which we are one. The winners will be announced on 11th October 2022.

TIME TO CELEBRATE

We have a number of other reasons to celebrate this year. Miss Smart (Lower Transition teacher) got engaged over the Summer and will get married in June next year. Mrs Bannister (Kindergarten Teaching Assistant) is expecting a baby, due at the end of February. Finally, Miss Boyle (Higher Preparatory Teacher) and Miss Anna (Ballet teacher) celebrate 30 years of working at Rydes Hill this September. We thank them for their years of dedicated service to our School.

SAD GOODBYE

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend Mr Parr's funeral on Monday. It was a sad day, but I believe we all felt heartened by the huge number of people who came to pay their respects to Mr Parr, and the lovely words and memories shared. We are in the process of finding something that we can have in School as a reminder of Mr Parr and all he meant to us.



WORKING HOURS

At the start of the year, it is useful for us to give everyone a gentle reminder about working hours. The staff at Rydes Hill work very hard and many hours are spent in the evening and at weekends doing School work. The expectation is that staff will check their emails between 8am and 5pm on the days they are working, obviously working around the times when they are teaching and cannot access emails. It is not expected that staff would answer emails outside of those hours. Thank you for your understanding.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Calendar of Events will be sent to all families next week, along with a hard copy in bags for reference. Please note dates do change throughout the year, but we will inform you of this via the weekly Newsletter. This is, as always, a very busy term, so please do read your ParentMails and newsletters. I am sure the class reps will do a great job of adding in reminders on the class WhatsApp groups.

HERITAGE DAY

We are proud to be taking part in Heritage Day this year. The School will be open tomorrow, **Saturday 10th September, between 10.30am and 1pm**. Miss Boyle will be leading a tour at 11am. If you are interested in finding out more about the history of our beautiful School, do come and join us.

INFORMAL GATHERING - WELCOME EVENING - SAVE THE DATE!

Our traditional Welcome Evening, where parents come in and meet their child's teacher and see the classroom, took place as transition meetings at the end of last term. As a way to welcome everyone back this year, we have planned a more informal, family focused social event that will take place on Friday 23rd September 6.30-8.00pm. The aim of this event is for families to come together at School, bringing a dish of food to share (serving roughly 10 people). We will put all the food out for everyone to enjoy and parents can socialise while the children play (hopefully outside, weather permitting!) Please put the date in your diary and complete the ParentMail form when it is sent out.

GRANDPARENTS SAVE THE DATE

We are pleased to be reinstating our celebration of "Grandparents Day" by inviting all Grandparents to join their Grandchild(ren) for lunch on Friday 30th September. A ParentMail form will be sent out to gauge numbers, but please do let your child's Grandparents know as I know how busy they usually are!

DOGS IN SCHOOL

Cody, our School dog, is a wonderful addition to our School family. However, he should be the only dog on site. Parents should not bring dogs on site. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Mrs Norville

Form One Positions of Responsibility

Head Girl:	Mahika M	Computing Prefects:	Vera V-N & Chae-Yoon J
Deputy Head Girls:	Flossy D & Alicia H	Science/Eco Prefects:	Alice McA & Natalie S
Sports Captain:	Aurelia P	Music/Drama Prefects:	Josie B & Sophia J
Joint Deputy Sports Captains:	Lucinda F & Maria R	Chaplaincy Prefect:	Tanya A
House Captain for Champion:	Soraya S	Prefect:	Vasilisa Z
House Captain for Gerald:	Eliana O		
House Captain for Patricia:	Ching Yee C		
House Captain for Peter:	Mary K		



Diary dates for the next two weeks

Sat 10th Sept	10.30am to 1pm Heritage Day at Rydes Hill.
Mon 12th Sept	Music lessons, ballet, swimming and clubs (except Rugby Tots and Entrepreneurship Club)
Fri 16th Sept	9am Start of Term Mass at St Mary's Church. Children to wear blazers and girls should have white ribbons in their hair. Parents welcome to join for Mass and refreshments afterwards in the Dining Hall.
Mon 19th Sept	Visit from Wildlife Aid
Tues 20th Sept	Toddler Time! beings. Bookings via website
Tues 20th Sept	7.45pm FRHPS Meeting via Zoom
Fri 21st Sept	8.20am to 9am Coffee morning for Higher Prep and Form One parents

Happy Birthday!

6th September	Astrid K
7th September	Archie C
7th September	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>

Requiem Masses for HM Queen Elizabeth II

Queen Elizabeth often reflected that her Christian faith was of 'fundamental importance... providing a framework in which I try to live my life.' She spoke of the fact that in difficult times she had "drawn great comfort from Christ's word's and example."

At the Masses this weekend we will give thanks to God for her life and Service and commend her to his loving care.

As the School is an important part of the parish community we wanted to invite you personally to join us that we might offer each other the comfort of Christ's word's and presence.

The Mass Times are:

Saturday - St. Pius 5.30pm & St. Mary's 7pm

Sunday - St. Edward's 8am, St. Pius 9.15am, St. Joseph's 10.30am, St. Mary's 11.15am & St. Joseph's 5pm.

May she Rest in Peace.

Mgr. Tony Barry , Catholic Parish of Guildford



Welcome Back to School!



Welcome to Kindergarten September 2022!



War of the Roses re-enactment by Higher Preparatory

