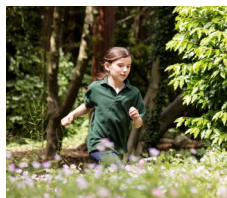




# RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 3rd December 2021



Dear Parents

## THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR

Well done to our incredible Nursery and Kindergarten children for their beautiful performance of the Nativity on Tuesday. It was wonderful to welcome parents into School, many of whom were seeing a live performance for the first time! I think we all felt the Christmas magic and it has set everyone up for the next few weeks.

We are all, I am sure, looking forward to the events coming up in the final weeks of term. At present, our COVID case numbers are very low (one confirmed case at the time of writing). However, we have learnt that things can change rapidly and we may need to make changes to the current arrangements. We will endeavour to give parents as much notice as possible. At present, for all performances and concerts, two adults per child may attend. Adults must all wear a mask and show evidence of a negative lateral flow device test. Refreshments will be served outside before each event to give parents the chance to safely socialise before the performance begins.

## WINTER WONDERLAND

Wrap up warm and in your wellies for the Winter Wonderland event this weekend. A few points to note....

- Please bring both cash and card. Food and drink stalls will have the facility for card use but the games will require cash. Having coins / change would be helpful.
- Raffle tickets can be given in or bought at the event. If you are buying the tickets you have been sent, you need to return the stubs and the payment. Additional tickets can be purchased on the day. All hampers are being raffled – there is no auction this year.
- The majority of the stalls etc will be outside so please dress accordingly. The Forest School area is very muddy.

Tickets are now sold out for the walk / Santa but you are still very welcome to come without a ticket and enjoy the food, drink, music and merriment.

## STAY & PLAY EARLY FINISH THURSDAY 9th DECEMBER

Please remember that Stay & Play will finish promptly at **5:30pm** on Thursday 9th December.

## SCHOOL DOG

We are very excited that Mrs Morris will be getting a puppy who will be trained up to be our Rydes Hill School Dog. School dogs have a huge number of proven benefits to all pupils, including improving behavior, attendance, reading skills, confidence, empathy, responsibility and nurture. The children are being given the opportunity to help choose a name for the dog. A ParentMail form will come through over the weekend. Please allow your child to choose the name they would like.

## BABY NEWS

Congratulations to Miss Hobson (Kindergarten Teaching Assistant) on the safe arrival of Pearl Marie, born 25/11/2021 at 9:43am weighing 5lb 11oz. Baby Pearl is beautiful and Miss Hobson and family are all well.



## GIRDLES

In Achievement Assembly each week, we give out girdles to the children to celebrate good work, good conduct and achievement in all specialist subjects. The children are invited to wear these for the week and hand them in the following Thursday to be laundered ahead of the Friday Assembly. We are missing a significant number of girdles and so giving them out is proving problematic. Please can everyone check at home and bring in any that they have.

## CLUBS AND SWIMMING

Please be aware that clubs and swimming have now finished for the term. If you require Stay & Play in place of clubs, please make sure this is booked in. Prep continues until the end of term.

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Main School and Term Time Nursery are closed from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January, inclusive.

All Year-Round Nursery is closed from Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December to Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January, inclusive.

## HAPPY SMILES HOLIDAY CLUB

There are only a few spaces remaining at Mrs S Smillie's multi-activity holiday club, Happy Smiles, during the Christmas break. It will be running for one day only on Wednesday 5th January from 9am to 3pm. To book please contact Mrs Smillie directly on [Sarah.smillie@rydeshill.com](mailto:Sarah.smillie@rydeshill.com).

## DATES FOR THE COMING WEEKS

Monday 6th December 7pm	Christmas Music Concert.
Tuesday 7th December 9am	Advent Mass (PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS TUESDAY NOT THURSDAY AS STATED IN THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS. White ribbons and blazers please).
Thursday 9th December 2pm	Christmas Production Lower Transition, Upper Transition and Lower Preparatory. Two adults per child may attend. Please LFD test before arrival and wear a mask.
Thursday 9th December 5:30pm	Stay & Play early closure.
Friday 10th December 6pm	Christmas Production Lower Transition, Upper Transition and Lower Preparatory. Two adults per child may attend. Please LFD test before arrival and wear a mask.
Tuesday 14th December	Christmas lunch for the children.
Thursday 16th December 6:30pm	A Christmas Carol Middle Preparatory, Higher Preparatory and Form One. Two adults per child may attend. Please LFD test before you arrive and wear a mask.
Friday 17th December	Christmas Party Day. Form One parents welcome to join us in the Entrance Hall for Carols and the blessing of the Crib at 2:30pm. Please LFD test before you arrive and wear a mask.

**Mrs Norville**



### Silver Awards this week

YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Kindergarten	Emily T	Connor W
Lower Trans	Zoe S	Hannah C
Upper Trans	Myra S	Kiana A
Lower Prep	Oliver H	Thea K
Middle Prep	Juliette D	Jaime P
Higher Prep	Aurelia P	Alice M
Form One	Kara B	Maryam M

### Special Awards this week

**Computing Award:** Bridget K (F1) for her great work and helpfulness.

**Drama Award:** Evie W (UT) for her enthusiasm and commitment to the Production.

**Forest School Award:** Bella M (LT) for outstanding creativity, and Myra S (UT) for her love of nature.

**Music Award:** Jai S (LP) for a fantastic result in his guitar exam and for always being enthusiastic in all lessons.

**PE Award:** Maya K (F1) for outstanding netball skills.

**RE Award:** Ruby S (LP) for her beautiful Advent prayer.

**Science Award:** Emily P (LP) for her enthusiasm in investigating magnetic materials.

**Special Award:** Zoe S (LT) for outstanding behaviour and best swimming on Thursday!

**Kindness Award:** Maryam M (F1) for being a good team player and encouraging and supporting her peers.

### Diary dates for next week

Sat 4th Dec 4pm-7pm	FRHPS Christmas Winter Wonderland.
Mon 6th Dec 7pm	Christmas Music Concert.
Tues 7th Dec 9am	Advent Mass – Parents invited for refreshments.
Thurs 9th Dec 2pm	Christmas Performance LT, UT, LP. Seats are available for two people per child.
Thurs 9th Dec 2:30pm	U9 Netball match away at GHS.
Fri 10th Dec 6pm	Christmas Performance LT, UT, LP. Seats are available for two people per child.

## Happy Birthday!

1st December	Soraya S
1st December	Natalie S
1st December	Annabelle W
5th December	Jaime P
7th December	Zoe S



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

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



You can win bonus donations up to £50 for Rydes Hill every day during November in #easyfundraising's new Spin to Win giveaway.

It's completely free to enter, for your chance to win simply visit:

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/spin-to-win?utm\\_campaign=raise-](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/spin-to-win?utm_campaign=raise-)

### House Points for this week

CAMPION	GERALD	PATRICIA	PETER
106	96	67	103





## Nursery and Kindergarten Nativity





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*Form One girls decorating the Christmas tree and Entrance Hall*





## Lower Transition opening their Advent Calendar



## Christmas cooking party

All Saints Weston Church, Esher  
20th December, 10.30am - 2.30pm  
£48 per child

You are invited to our Christmas party - join us to make and decorate mini Christmas cakes, hot chocolate reindeer gifts, truffles and cookies.

Save your delicious edible goodies to give to someone special for Christmas! Limited places, so book now. For ages 6-12.

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