



Dear Parents

### **FOUNDERS' DAY**

What a wonderful evening we had last night at the Founders' Day Concert! It was a real showcase of the superb talent we have at Rydes Hill. Thank you to all those involved. The festivities have continued today and we look forward to welcoming families for our Founders' Day Open Morning tomorrow. I think Sister Patricia, Sister Campion and Sister Gerald would be very proud of our School and how it is moving forward to strive for even greater success. As we invite the next generation of children in tomorrow to see if Rydes Hill is the School for them, hopefully they will feel the love and warmth that we all notice on a daily basis here. We have 27 prospective families booked in to visit tomorrow, so if you see them around School, do make them feel welcome.

### **PARENT FORUM**

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Forum last Friday. It was a very positive session. The notes from the meeting have already been sent out and a voting form regarding some of the items discussed will come out shortly.

### **SOPHIE'S MENU**

On Wednesday, we all enjoyed a lovely lunch at School, but for one pupil it was a very different experience to the one she is used to. Sophie in HP has a number of allergies and her lunch choices each day are somewhat limited. When she came to me to talk about an idea she had for having an 'in your shoes' day, where other children get to understand what her life is like, I jumped at the chance! Everything on the menu this Wednesday was something that Sophie could eat. Her thoughts on the experience were:

"It was wonderful to choose whatever I liked from the menu".



### **PARKING ETIQUETTE**

One item that came up at the Parents' Forum last week was the difficulty parents with children in the Prep Department have getting into the car park and how frustrating it is for them to see the number of children with their parents in the adventure playground, presumably taking up parking spaces. If you know that you are going to be staying for a while after School, please could you park in the Church car park or on one of the adjacent roads, considerately, to free up spaces for the parents who need to 'collect and go'. There are a number of families who have children at more than one school and a twenty minute wait in the parking queue can cause a huge knock on effect for them. Thank you for your support with this.

### **STAY AND PLAY BOOKING**

We are finding that we are having an increasing number of children at Stay & Play who have not been booked in. In order for us to make sure that we have the correct staffing ratios, and the right amount of food, parents must book their children in advance. All parents have been sent a booking form via ParentMail. These are also available on the website.

### **EXTERNAL TEACHERS**

Parents are reminded that for lessons involving teachers (i.e. instrumental lessons, speech and drama, tennis coaching, football coaching) parents need to liaise directly with the teacher if there are any issues or questions relating to billing, provision of lessons or giving notice. The only exception to this is ballet.

**Mrs Norville**

## THANK YOU TO FRHPS!

The FRHPS have kindly donated £500 to the School Council for new playground equipment and they wish to extend a huge thank you. The School Council asked their classes what equipment they might like and they looked through catalogues to select items in the budget. They found a lovely array of interactive play items for break times and for Stay & Play!



### Diary Dates for next week

<b>Mon 18th Mar</b>	U8, U9, U10 & U11 Swimming Gala at GHS
<b>Tues 19th Mar</b>	U10 A&B Netball Teams v Notre Dame (Away)
<b>Tues 19th Mar</b>	LP Outing to Winchester Science Centre
<b>Thurs 21st Mar</b>	U8 A&B Netball v Tormead (Home)
<b>Thurs 21st Mar</b>	NSPCC Fundraising Event
<b>Thurs 21st Mar</b>	House Netball
<b>Fri 22nd Mar</b>	NSPCC Workshops for HP & F1
<b>Fri 22nd Mar</b>	NSPCC Parent Online Workshop



If your car insurance is due soon, use #easyfundraising AND raise up to £37.50 at the same time! Plus, get a quote from either GoCompare or [Confused.com](http://Confused.com) via [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) and Friends of Rydes Hill Preparatory School gets a £15.00 donation if you go ahead.

To find out more, please visit:

<http://efraising.org/DDL4xGAmt8>

### House Points totals for this week

CAMPION	GERALD	PATRICIA	PETER
71	109	77	135

## Happy Birthday!

### Birthdays next week

23rd March

Mia L





## Special Awards

**PE Award:** Katie B (MP) for excellent hockey skills, showing control and determination.

**RE Award:** Loriane H (F1) for her understanding of the Mass.

**Science Award:** Aleeza K (F1) for tenacious problem solving.

**French Award:** Rosario A-R (HP) for an excellent result in her French test.

**Music Award:** Chloe R (HP) for excellent work at her piano.

**Ballet Award:** Josie B (UT) for hard work towards her exam.

**Kindness Award:** Sophie S (F1) for kindly helping Alyssa with her gym routine.

**Special Award:** Tally A (HP) for supporting her friends in class.

## Silver Awards

YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Nursery	Alex W	Annabelle S
Kindergarten	Christabel R-C	Tito B
Lower Trans	Gui F	Astrid K
Upper Trans	Zac B	Mambinta S
Lower Prep	Lily B	Felicity F
Middle Prep	Katie B	Kristen L
Higher Prep	Zuri T	Scarlett D-G
Form One	Sophia S	Molly S

## World Book Day!





*Upper Trams were on their best behavior at the Victorian Schoolroom!*





## Easter Holiday Clubs

An overview of the Clubs being held at Rydes Hill are captured below. All camps are available to book now.

Date	Club	Age Range	Provisional Times
Monday 1st April	Netball Camp run by PE Department	UT—F1	9am—3pm
Tuesday 2nd April	Netball Camp run by PE Department	UT—F1	9am—3pm
Wednesday 3rd April	Happy Smiles run by Mrs S Smillie	KG—F1	9am—3pm
Thursday 4th April	Cricket Camp (£50 per day)	UT- F1	9am-4pm
Friday 5th April	Cricket Camp (£50 per day)	UT-F1	9am-4pm
Monday 8th April	Artspiration	LT-F1	8.30am—5pm
Tuesday 9th April	Artspiration	LT-F1	8.30am—5pm
Wednesday 10th April	Artspiration	TBC	8.30am—5pm
Wednesday 10th April	Code Camp	UT—F1	9.00am—4pm
Thursday 11th April	Artspiration	LT-F1	8.30am—5pm
Thursday 11th April	Code Camp	UT—F1	9.00am—4pm
Friday 12th April	Artspiration	LT-F1	8.30am—5pm
Friday 12th April	Code Camp	UT—F1	9.00am—4pm
Monday 18th August to Wednesday 21st August	Code Camp	UT—F1	9.00am—4pm

Nursery and Kindergarten children are able to access the Early Years Provision in our All Year-Round Nursery during the holiday periods. There is also limited availability during the holiday periods for Breakfast / Stay & Play sessions for children attending other clubs i.e. netball, Happy Smiles, Code Camp and Artspiration. Please contact Ms O'Neill if you are interested in booking in for this via [jacqui.oneill@rydeshill.com](mailto:jacqui.oneill@rydeshill.com)

