



Dear Parents

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS.....

It's that magical time of the year when your children come home covered in increasing layers of glitter and you can almost hear the distant sounds of the bells on Santa's Sleigh! We hope as many of you as possible will join us for the FRHPS Christmas Fair on Sunday. If you have not yet had a chance to buy your raffle tickets, there will be some available on the day. The silent auction for hampers is now open so do pop into the hall and see the wonderful display before placing a bid.

Whilst the lights and decorations will all be lit up for the Fair, the official turning on of the lights won't take place until Advent begins. In School, the first day is 3rd December. We are encouraging the children to think about the true meaning of Christmas and to prepare themselves during Advent by thinking about what they can do for others. We have a UNICEF advent calendar which will be on display on the Kindness board and the staff have made Advent Promises which are displayed on the white tree next to the Advent display. We hope that, despite the Christmas chaos, all our families will have time for a moment of calm and reflection before the festivities really begin!

ONLINE SAFETY

This topic is one that we constantly bring up with the children in computing lessons. However, it is common for children to believe that the 'rules' are different in School compared to at home. Please can parents take the time to read the following points to ensure they are clear about them and that they don't apply to their children;

- We are aware that a number of children are watching videos through YouTube. We strongly advise only allowing your child to watch through the YouTube kids app as this has a much higher filter on it. You can also set a timer to limit the amount your child watches. When using the YouTube kids app, children do not have the option to post comments or interact in any way
- If children are playing online games that involve any kind of interaction or chat (for example, Minecraft, roblox) many parents have very sensibly turned off the chat function to not allow their child to chat with strangers. However, there is a worrying trend of people posting their WhatsApp or FaceTime details in the chat section for children to see in the hope that they will switch over to this alternative medium and thus bypass the parental filters. Facetime and WhatsApp also have location services built in, adding another level of concern
- Parents should always check their children's devices and encourage an open and honest dialogue with their child. Taking a device away from a child if they have accessed something inappropriate will only teach them to hide their activity next time. As adults, we are responsible for what we allow our children to access. If we ever have a concern about what children are accessing at home we will always bring this to parents' attention to ensure that you know about it.

We have invited the NSPCC in to lead a parent session on Online Safety in the new year (Friday 22nd March 2019 8.30am to 9.30am) and we hope this will be well attended. If you have any concerns about online safety, do please speak to Mrs Norville.

SPEECH AND DRAMA

There are a number of outstanding bills for this term. Please can all bills be settled immediately otherwise lessons will not be able to continue.

HAPPY SMILES CLUB

There are still a few spaces for the Happy Smiles Club on Friday 14th December from 9pm to 3pm. A booking form is available from the School Office and we are able to accept childcare vouchers for this club. Can parents please be aware that a child's place at the club cannot be confirmed without payment. If you are paying with vouchers, please speak to Mr Parr so that he can communicate this to Mrs Smillie.

Mrs Norville

RYDES HILL NEWS AND MARKETING

We frequently capture photos of the Rydes Hill children and we love to share these with you whenever possible. Do keep an eye out for galleries that we upload onto the website under 'Gallery' and the 'News Section' and if there is any photo of your child that you would like a high resolution copy of, we are very happy to send this to you. Simply send me an email bridget.torlesse@rydeshill.com

Rydes Hill is a hidden gem in Guildford and we are always seeking ways to raise awareness of the School in Guildford and the local community. With this in mind, we are trying to be more active on Twitter (@RydesHillPrep) and we now also have a Facebook page (www.facebook.com/RydesHill/) and we would love for you to 'follow' or 'like' us when you have a moment. We would like to reiterate that we are very careful to respect your wishes on photo usage and we reference the photo approval forms for any tweet or Facebook post.

Mrs Torlesse—**Marketing Coordinator**

<i>Special Awards</i>
French Girdle: Scarlett T for learning her French verbs beautifully
PE Award: Lola B (MP) for excellent defending skills in Netball
RE Award: Rebecca Flude (HP) for her superb work about St Bakhita
Science Award: Lizzie B (MP) for working so well with others during science practical
Music Award: Isabelle D (HP) for working carefully at her piano and for persevering with a good attitude
Ballet Award: Hannah L (F1) for taking her Grade One exam in a term. Excellent effort.
Kindness Award: Harri S (KG) for being kind to all his friends
Special Award: Mathilde H-L (HP). We received a lovely compliment about her from 2 parents on a tour

<i>Silver Awards</i>		
YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Kindergarten	Aditi U	Christabel R-C
Lower Trans	Jessika R	Freya B
Upper Trans	Maria R	Josie B
Lower Prep	Bridget K	Kara B
Middle Prep	Alina W-C	Morayo F
Higher Prep	Rebecca P	Rosario A-R
Form One	Aleeza K	Maria F



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Happy Birthday!

<i>Birthdays coming up next week</i>	
27th November	Isabel R
28th November	Evie M
29th November	Kate M
1st December	Natalie S

<i>Diary Dates for next week</i>	
Sunday 25th	12pm—4pm: FRHPS Christmas Fair
Friday 30th	Coffee Morning for LP and MP parents

<i>House Points for w/c 19th October</i>			
CAMPION	GERALD	PATRICIA	PETER
87	120	105	148

*Thank you for all your wonderful fundraising for the
Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care with our annual Reindeer Run!*



Middle Prep Visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace



Form One bring the Victorian Times to life at Rydes Hill

Form One dressed up in their Victorian outfits as Parlour Maids, Cooks, Horse Men and gave wonderful presentations of their characters and working life at Rydes Hill House in Victorian Times. Well done girls!



Ballet



We hope you enjoyed watching the girls perform their Ballet this week with Miss Anna. We are thrilled that Scarlett T and Tilly T were both awarded a place at the London Junior Ballet Associates Programme where they attend lessons every week. Well done girls for all your hard work!

Code Camp Holiday Club

A reminder that Code Camp will be returning at Christmas from Monday 17th to Wednesday 19th December.

There are two camps running during the three days—one called **Sparks** for 7-12 years olds, where the children will start their coding journey and build their own app. The second is **Web Hackers** for 8–12 year olds and is slightly more advanced. In Web Hackers, the children will build their own website in pure HTML, CSS and JavaScript! The Camp costs £229 per child for three days with 15% discount for returning students. **However, there is an Early Bird discount of £199 if you book by Sunday 25th November! Please quote EARLYBIRD when booking.**

Simply go to www.codecamp.co.uk/rydeshill to book a place.

Lower Prep's CAFOD Cake Sale

We are delighted that Lower Prep raised a total of £90 for CAFOD by holding a cake sale. Special thanks to the parents of Lower Prep for all their help and support on the day.

It's Cold Outside!

Now that we are experiencing winter weather, please ensure you send your children into School with their coats, blue winter berrets, scarves and gloves. A reminder that scarves should be either plain bottle green or plain navy blue, available from Valentino.

