



### Dear Parents

Welcome back to the Summer Term at Rydes Hill. This is usually the busiest but one of the most exciting terms of the year. Please do keep a close eye on the newsletter and ParentMails to ensure you have the up to date information regarding what is happening. The Calendar of Events has been sent out along with this newsletter and a paper copy will be sent home. We hope the glorious weather of the past week will continue to help us to make the most of the outdoor activities this term!

### WELCOME

This term we are pleased to have Mrs Paula Ortiz join us as a part-time Teaching Assistant in Upper Transition. We warmly welcome the following children and their families to our Rydes Hill family:

In Form One: Ella W

In Nursery: Mia B, Oliver B, Hannah C, Addison D, Ethan P, Olivia P, Kyla T, Dewi T-M and Mia Z.

### FRHPS COMMITTEE

At the end of this school year, the FRHPS Chair and Co-Deputy Chairs' two-year terms will come to an end. So far, no one has come forward to replace them and take on these roles. FRHPS play a vital role within our School Community and the Chair and Deputy Chair positions are key to providing planning and support for the entire Committee. Over the past several years, each Chair has been able to shape the role in the way that they would like in order to fit in with their available time and work commitments. If you have an interest in taking on either one of these roles but would like to know more, please do speak to Mrs Norville or Mrs Yusuf.

### NSPCC ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

The workshop that had to be cancelled last term has been rescheduled for next Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. If you booked previously, you do not need to re-book. All parents are welcome to attend to learn about this important topic.

### NEXT WEEK

Mrs Norville will be away on training sessions for IAPS and ISI next week so will not be in School from Monday afternoon until Friday morning. She will be checking emails and can be contacted via Ms O'Neill. There are a few key dates to be aware of next week:

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April – FRHPS meeting in the Lodge 7.45pm

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May – All children in Summer Uniform

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 9.15am – Mass followed by Crowning of Our Lady (wear blazers, white ribbons and bring flowers)

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 8.30am – NSPCC Online Safety workshop for parents



## **SUMMER TERM CLUBS**

You can find a full list of the Summer Term Clubs on the following link:

<https://www.rydeshill.com/the-curriculum-and-more/clubs>

For any new clubs this term, you will receive further information and booking forms via ParentMail. Should you have any questions regarding booking your child onto one of the clubs, please contact the School Office at

[enquiries@rydeshill.com](mailto:enquiries@rydeshill.com)

## **STAFFING NEWS**

We are very sad to announce that Mrs Pat Wildman, Lower Transition teacher, will be retiring at the end of this academic year. Mrs Wildman has been teaching at Rydes Hill for 27 years and has given hundreds of pupils the most fantastic start to their education. She will be very sadly missed and we hope to find an appropriate way to thank her and celebrate her contribution to the School at the end of term (more details to follow). Next year, Lower Transition will be taught by Mrs Roberts and Mrs Dennis. We would also like to congratulate Mrs Mayes on securing her first teaching job at Greenfield Prep School. Mrs Mayes has been training as a teacher this year in Middle Prep. We wish her well as she moves to the next stage in her career. We would like to thank Mrs Mayes for all her hard work at Rydes Hill, both in previous years as a Teaching Assistant and more recently as a teacher.

## **OUR LADY'S STATUE**

You may have noticed that we have a beautiful new statue on Our Lady's Lawn. The old statue is in a rather sad state of repair and will be relocated within the grounds of the School. We would like to thank the Rydes Hill Alumni for the kind donation of the statue. We welcome you to join us after Mass next Thursday for the Crowning of Our Lady and the blessing of the new statue.

## **EARRINGS**

Please remember that if your child has their ears pierced, earrings must be removed for all PE lessons. It is not possible to cover them with tape. We recommend that the start of the summer holidays is a good time to chose if you wish your child to have their ears pierced as it gives plenty of time for them to heal before returning to School.

## **MATCHED FUNDING**

We are very grateful to have recently received a £340 donation as a result of matched funding. This scheme operates in many businesses where any voluntary work you do for the School (helping at the Christmas Fair, helping with props or scenery for the play) generates a donation. So far this year we have received £3000 in matched funding from one parent. Please do look into whether the organization you work for offers this so that the School can benefit!

## **LENTEN FUNDRAISING**

Thank you so much for all your generous donations during Lent. We raised £589.92 for CAFOD and £1216.04 for NSPCC. This is a wonderful total – thank you!

## **CODE CLUB**

Unfortunately I am unable to run Code Club this term as there are more Mondays when I am unable to run the club that there are Mondays when it would go ahead. I hope to re-start the club in September.

**Mrs Norville**





*A huge thank you to Mr Rob and Mr Mick for creating some wonderful outdoor play zones. Kindi were super excited!*



DOUBLE DONATION WEEK is back so Friends of Rydes Hill can raise TWICE as much when your supporters shop through easyfundraising. John Lewis & Partners, M&S, TUI, Hotels.com, Carphone Warehouse, Etsy, Topshop, Apple, Lakeland, Secret Escapes and many more are doubling donations until Sunday 28th April!

### Silver Awards

YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Nursery	Rosie W	Mia Z
Kindergarten	Kara H	Emily P
Lower Trans	Henry T	Jessika R
Upper Trans	Alice McA	Natalie S
Lower Prep	Rachel F	Iseult RC
Middle Prep	Lola B	Imogen F
Higher Prep	Scarlett T	Mathilde HL
Form One	Molly S	Aleeza M

### Special Awards

**PE Award:** Lucinda F (UT) for fantastic springing in PE Athletics.

**RE Award:** Millie Rose D (UT) for an amazing letter describing what happened in Holy week.

**Science Award:** Isabelle HF (LT) for her understanding and illustrating the rain cycle.

**Music Award:** Olivia C (F1) for consistent work at all aspects.

**Kindness Award:** Isobel G—for helping Lily in RE find Bible references.

**Special Award:** Alina WC (LP) for amazing work on her reading.





# Happy Birthday!

*Lots of children celebrated their birthdays over the Easter Break !*

4th April	Jessica R	18th April	Ayesha Y
4th April	Christabel RC	19th April	Scarlett D GW
8th April	Olivia C	20th April	Mia B
8th April	Martha L	21st April	Felicity F
9th April	Martha B	23rd April	Olivia P
9th April	Bridget K	24th April	Kyla T
10th April	Amelia WC	26th April	Josephine B
15th April	Mambinta S	27th April	Sophia J
17th April	Ruby B	28th April	Lakita T
17th April	Dewi TM	30th April	Josie G

## Diary Dates for next week

<b>Mon 29th Apr</b>	Individual music lessons, Senior Choir, Sports Clubs and Tennis lessons begin
<b>Tues 30th Apr</b>	FRHPS Committee Meeting
<b>Wed 1st May</b>	Summer Uniform for all pupils
<b>Wed 1st May</b>	3.15pm: Kindergarten Bake Sale
<b>Wed 1st May</b>	3.45pm: Cricket Club begins
<b>Thurs 2nd May</b>	9.15am: Start of term Mass followed by a procession to Our Lady's Lawn for the Crowning of Our Lady.
<b>Fri 3rd May</b>	8.30am: NCPCC Parent Safety Online Workshop

*The children at Happy Smiles having fun during the Easter holidays making Easter bonnets, cupcakes, planting Spring bulbs, Easter Egg hunts and lots of outdoor play!*

