



Dear Parents

END OF TERM

As another term draws to an end, we wish you all a happy and blessed Easter break. This is a particularly significant end of term for me as it marks the end of my first year at Rydes Hill. In some ways it feels like I have been at our wonderful School for far longer than a year, yet in other ways (although not so frequently) I still feel like the 'new girl'. I think we can all be proud of how our School has developed and moved forward in the past year and we look forward to continued success in the future.

LENTEN CHARITIES

Thank you all for your generous support of our two Lenten Charities, CAFOD and NSPCC. The retiring collection at the Founders' Day Concert raised £141.15, which will be split between the two charities. We will give you the grand totals when we have them available.

EASTER ASSEMBLY

Thank you to Higher Prep for their beautiful and thought provoking depiction of the Easter Story at our assembly this morning. Thank you to Miss Boyle for her hard work in preparing the girls and to all of them for setting such a reflective tone as we leave for the Easter Holidays

SUMMER UNIFORM

All children in Main School need to wear Summer Uniform from Wednesday 1st May. When we return after Easter, you may choose for your child to wear winter or summer uniform until 1st May. The Second Hand Uniform Shop is open each Friday from 8am to 9am if there are any items you need.

SPORTS FIXTURES

The Sports fixtures for next term are now up on our website (<https://www.rydeshill.com/sports/fixtures>) and can be downloaded from the website calendar. A copy of the fixtures is also attached to this Newsletter.

PE KIT

When we return to School after Easter, the children will be allowed to wear white trainer socks/ankle socks for PE in the Summer term.

It has been noted by both class teachers and the PE Department that an increasing number of children are coming to School without the correct PE kit. Several children regularly don't have trainers and it is not suitable or safe to wear school shoes for PE as there is no grip on the sole.

We have also noticed many Prep girls without skorts. Please be aware that the 'skins' are a tight layer designed to be worn under skorts in the cold weather and should not be worn in place of a skort i.e. like leggings. We have played in some Netball Matches recently with girls in incorrect kit and this is not acceptable.

Please could you check PE kits over the Easter holidays to ensure your child is returning for the Summer term with the correct kit for each lesson. There are items of PE kit in the Second Hand Uniform Shop if this is of interest.

THE RYDES HILL LEGACY

I saw a wonderful letter recently, written by a past pupil to Miss Boyle. The pupil is getting ready to go to University in Italy and had been watching 'Dead Poet's Society'. The scene where the teacher gets the students to stand on their desks and see the world from a different perspective had reminded her of being in Miss Boyle's class and she had felt compelled to write to her. "I learned how to love and care for others and learned how to respect people... I'm extremely grateful for what I learnt from you, it has helped me a lot...especially now I have to write long essays!" We love to hear from our Alumni and find out how they are getting on. If you know any former Rydes Hill pupils, please do encourage them to keep in contact with us, especially as we prepare for our 75th anniversary celebrations next year.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE SUMMER TERM STARTS ON WEDNESDAY 24th APRIL

Mrs Norville

NSPCC ACTIVE FUNDRAISING EVENT

On Thursday 21st March, the Netball courts came alive with all the children at Rydes Hill (from Nursery right up to Form One) taking part in an NSPCC Active Fundraising event. In the morning, Nursery, KG, LT and UT joined together for an hour of activities on the courts in the sunshine. The PE Department had set up a variety of activity stations to challenge the children's speed, stamina, accuracy and skill in a range of fun activities. They based many of the stations around the letter 'B' which was Nursery's letter of the week. These ranged from a steady run (or brisk walk!) around a set 100m square with the challenge of completing as many laps as possible – 16 laps was equal to a mile! The children enjoyed trying to throw bean bags into a big bin target, bouncing balls in relay races, bounding over hurdles and the enjoyment of teamwork trying to knock down the hula huts with bean bags!

All the children worked SO hard for the whole hour and had great fun. LT and UT were amazing at helping our Nursery children with their activities and everyone was exhausted by the end! Thank you to all the staff who came out to help .

In the afternoon it was the chance of the older girls in LP, MP, HP and F1 to take part in their annual **HOUSE NETBALL TOURNAMENT**. Every single girl was involved in playing in the matches and it was a fantastic competition with some great Netball on show. The House Captains did an amazing job in the days running up to the event, and on the day, getting their teams organised and making sure everyone was playing. All the girls showed super sportsmanship and team work enabling a smooth-running afternoon. The girls even decorated their areas in House colours, banners and mascots! (and we even heard some House chants!) The winning houses this year were;

LP & MP **CAMPION** HP & F1 **PETER**

The PE Department would like to say a big thank you to the girls for a great tournament and all the staff for coming out to support us and help with supervising.

THANK YOU EVERYONE!



GYMNASTICS

On Thursday 28th March, Rydes Hill hosted a friendly Gym Competition with Manor House. All the girls from HP and F1 were invited to participate and perform the sequences they have been creating in both lessons and Gym Club over the past half term. There were over 45 girls taking part and a staggering 27 gymnasts from Rydes Hill chose to compete, which was amazing! The girls performed beautifully in front of their audience and they were a credit to the School. Ww were judged by Manor House and Manor House were judged by us. We awarded certificates to both schools in four categories. The following results for Rydes Hill were:

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| • Best choreographed Solo routine | Sophie S | Form One |
| • Best performance in a Solo routine | Sophie S | Form One |
| • Best choreographed Group routines | Isobel G & Scarlett DG | HP |
| | Shakthi R, Josie G & Sophia S | Form One |
| | Lilia H, Jessica R & Maria F | Form One |
| • Best performance in a Group routine | Maya D & Josie P | HP |
| | Olivia C, Charlotte HJ & Mia P | Form One |
| | Isobel G & Scarlett DG | HP |



Well done to all the girls for their hard work and dedication over the weeks building up to this event – you were all amazing!

We would like to say a special thank you to all the parents for coming to watch and support the girls. As many of you know, the server crashed due to internet use in multiple locations around the School and this caused a long delay to the competition. I would like to thank you again for your patience, as this was completely out of our control.

Mrs Bowles and Mrs Luscombe



Diary Dates the week after Easter

Tues 23rd April	Staff Inset Day— No School
Wed 24th April	Term begins
Wed 24th April	Welcome back Coffee Morning
Wed 27th March	3.15pm: Pop up Uniform Shop

House Points totals for this week

CAMPION	GERALD	PATRICIA	PETER
69	63	40	108



If you're planning to switch energy provider to avoid the upcoming price rises, go through #easyfundraising. You can save money and help us raise UP TO £25 for Friends of Rydes Hill Preparatory School - it really works! Most of the big the comparison sites like uSwitch, Money Supermarket and Energyhelpline are offering donations. Visit: <http://efraising.org/nY7jUdtC3x>



Special Awards

PE Award: Zach B (UT) for his fantastic swimming in his assessment last Friday.

RE Award: Higher Prep for their lovely, moving Easter Assembly.

Science Award: Form One for their lovely Forest School Stations of the Cross.

French Award: Emily B (LT) for super behaviour in lessons.

Music Award: Astrid K (LT) for beautiful singing and excellent participation.

Ballet Award: Sophia J (UT) for her hard work all term.

Kindness Award: Daisy P (MP) for being so kind to others.

Special Award: Rachel F (LP) for doing her exam twice to keep Kristen company.

Silver Awards

YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Nursery	Miru O	Alex W
Kindergarten	Violet-Mae N	Grace M
Lower Trans	Alana W	Isabelle H
Upper Trans	Aurelia P	Ruby B
Lower Prep	Beth N	Maya K
Middle Prep	Amelia D	Mia L
Higher Prep	Maya D	Martha B
Form One	Maria F	Olivia C

Lower Trans Visit to Hobbledown

