



Dear Parents

ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR

Thank you to everyone who made our wonderful Christmas Fair on Sunday possible. It was lovely to see the School Community coming together for fundraising and fun! A special thank you to all the Friends Committee for their hard work, especially Mrs Yusuf, Mrs Hopkin and Mrs Tyler and all the parents who helped with setting-up, running the stalls and tidying up afterwards. Early indications show that £6,000 has been raised with match funding and volunteer donations, which is more than enough to cover the cost of the floodlights for the tennis courts.

EXTENDING STAY AND PLAY HOURS

As you are hopefully aware, from January we will be operating our Nursery all year round from 7.30am until 6pm. So that the rest of the School aligns with these hours during term time, Stay & Play will now be available until 6pm each day during term time. The charge for the additional half-hour is £3.25. Please remember any booked Stay & Play sessions need to be cancelled with 24hrs notice to avoid being charged.

NEW STAFF

We are pleased to announce that we have recruited some new members of staff who will start at Rydes Hill after Christmas. In order to facilitate all year-round Nursery, Mrs Dennis will be moving to a 'float teacher' role for the next two terms. This means she will be offering teaching support and cover across the School on Monday to Wednesday. Mrs White has been appointed Nursery Manager and will work all year round in Nursery. Mrs Beaven will remain in her role as Deputy Head of Nursery. Miss Grey has been appointed as the new Assistant Nursery Manager and Miss Harrison will join us as a Nursery Assistant; both appointments are all year round. Mrs Cheyne will join us to take over from Mrs Ellis as Head of Housekeeping. She will also work in Stay & Play all week. We are sure you will join us in making all of our new members of staff very welcome.

CHRISTMAS PLAYS

We are sure the dates of the Christmas Productions are already highlighted on your calendar. However, just in case you have missed them they are:

Wednesday 5 th December 11am	Nursery Nativity	No ticket required
Thursday 6 th December 2pm	Christmas Nativity Play KG-LP	No ticket required
Thursday 6 th December 6pm	Christmas Nativity Play KG-LP	Tickets required
Friday 7 th December 6pm	Christmas Nativity Play KG-LP	Tickets required
Wednesday 12 th December 6.30pm	Christmas Carol Service MP-F1	No ticket required

There will be a retiring collection after each performance for the Grace Kelly Ladybird Trust.

CAR PARK

Mr Mick and Mr Rob do sterling work each morning and afternoon to ensure a smooth flow of traffic in the car park. Please remember that you cannot rely on Mr Mick or Mr Rob when reversing your cars; the driver is in control and must be vigilant of what is happening around them. Pedestrians must use the paths and the zebra crossing rather than walking around the parked cars or the bin storage, which is a particular blind spot. Please can parents also make sure you park in the marked bays and not on the new paving. We have already had one broken slab caused by a parent parking on the new walkway by the pedestrian gate at the Christmas Fair.

END OF TERM REMINDERS

Please remember that next week is the final week for all clubs other than Prep, which finishes on Tuesday 11th December. The final Stay & Play of the year is on Wednesday 12th December. Term ends on Thursday 13th December at 3.30pm. All children are expected to be back in School on Tuesday 8th January.



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SPRING TERM SPORTS FIXTURES

We have attached the Sports Fixtures for the Spring Term to the Newsletter this week. Please be reminded that the website is now always up to date with the latest Sports Fixtures and you are able to download the dates directly onto your phone or device with a click of a button.

GHS U10 NETBALL TOURNAMENT—FRIDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

On Friday 23rd November we took 9 girls to play in the annual U10 Netball Tournament hosted by GHS. We knew it was going to be a tough Tournament as there were 8 other schools involved, all very strong at Netball. There were two pools of schools and we were drawn against Guildford High School 'A', The Study, St George's and Tormead. The other schools involved were St Hilary's, Barrow Hills, Halstead, Hoe Bridge and Guildford High 'B'.

It was a very cold afternoon and the girls were keen to play. Each game was two halves of 8 mins with only a 2-minute rest in between each match so the girls played non-stop Netball, which tested their fitness levels!

Our first opponents were GHS 'A' team and the girls started off with a fantastic match, showing off their individual skills and team work, playing hard and strong. We kept an even score the entire game and ended up losing by just one goal! Final score 6-5. The second and third matches were the toughest against The Study and St George's, but the team played their very best and managed to secure some well-deserved goals. In the final game against Tormead the girls started with a real drive and determination to win! Play was fast and fluid and Rydes Hill secured a solid win with a final score of 8-5.

This meant Rydes Hill got through to the Plate semi-final where we faced a strong team from St Hilary's but again, the score remained even for most of the match. St Hilary's however managed to get slightly ahead in the final few minutes and the game ended with another score of 8-5.

Scarlett DG received Player of the Tournament for Rydes Hill which was awarded to her for her fantastic shooting. Well done to Maya D, Scarlett DG, Isobel G, Mathilde H, Sophie H, Chloe R, Izzie R, Lakita T and Scarlett T - Mrs Luscombe and I are very, very proud of you all.



Thank you to all the parents who came to watch, we really appreciate all your support. Thank you also to Mr Read for bringing 'half time' oranges and so sorry we didn't get to eat them!

Mrs Jayne Bowles



Remember there are 1000's of retailers now on #easyfundraising – if you think a retailer might be on there, they probably are! JD Sports, White Stuff, TK Maxx, Majestic Wines, Bodyshop, Very, The Perfume Shop, Apple, Waterstones, Boots, Notonthehighstreet, Screwfix, Boden, Game, Pandora, Topshop, Halfords, Hamleys, Carphone Warehouse, iTunes etc. Perfect for all your Christmas gift shopping! Friends of Rydes Hill Preparatory School gets a donation from every purchase you make! To find out more, visit our page: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

Diary Dates for next week

Mon 3rd - Weds 5th	HP Residential Trip To Hooke Court
Tues 4th	9.15am: Advent Mass led by LP
Tues 4th	U8 A&B Netball v Tormead (Away)
Wed 5th	11am: Nursery Christmas Nativity Play
Thurs 6th	U9 A&B Netball v Tormead (Home)
Thurs 6th	2pm: KG -LP Christmas Nativity Play 6pm: KG - LP Christmas Nativity Play
Friday 7th	Dash & Splash at Guilford High School
Friday 7th	6pm: KG - LP Christmas Nativity Play

Happy Birthday!

Birthdays coming up next week

5th December	Jaime P
5th December	Kiana A
12th December	Freya B

House Points for w/c 19th October

CAMPION	GERALD	PATRICIA	PETER
145	184	109	139



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Silver Awards		
YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Kindergarten	Grace M	Jaithra S
Lower Trans	Jessika R	Freya B
Upper Trans	Ruby B	Mambinta S
Lower Prep	Martha L	Iseult RC
Middle Prep	Mia L	Amelia D
Higher Prep	Eva DG	Alice L
Form One	Sophie S	Josie G

Special Awards
French Girdle: Lakita T (HP) for a fantastic effort in the French verb test
PE Award: Lakita T (HP) for showing amazing resilience at the Netball Tournament at GHS
RE Award: Rachel FR (LP) for her insightful thoughts about how God helps us on our journey through life
Science Award: Mia L (MP) for her excellent knowledge of electricity
Music Award: Felicity F (LP) for working hard at her piano
Ballet Award: Mambinta S (UT) for hard work every week
Kindness Award: Olivia C (F1) for giving her prize away at the Christmas Fair.
Special Award: Tito (KGT) for having a mature and confident attitude

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