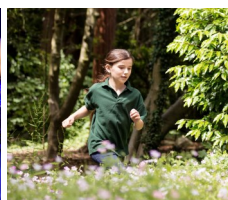




RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 1st October 2021



Dear Parents

COVID UPDATE

The number of cases locally continues to remain high and we are seeing an increasing number of cases in School. When there is a positive case in a class, parents are informed via ParentMail. Under the current regulations, close contacts who have been double vaccinated or are under the age of 18 years 6 months are advised to take a PCR test. Children who display one of the three COVID symptoms (high temperature, new continuous cough or loss or change to their sense of smell or taste) will need to go for a PCR test and isolate until the result is known. If parents choose not to take their child for a PCR test, we have to assume that they are positive, and they must isolate for ten days. For children who do test positive, the isolation period and return date are set by NHS Test and Trace, not by school. This will vary based on the date that the symptoms started. I understand that there are a number of parents who are concerned about the rise in cases, especially as the control measures are more relaxed. We are trying to have Whole School Assembly outside or on Zoom where possible, and children sit with children from their class only at lunch. If parents have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

OPEN MORNING

We are excited to have over 45 families booked in for our Open Morning tomorrow. Thank you to the Form One and Higher Prep girls who are coming in to help out and show prospective families what Rydes Hill has to offer. If anyone knows of families who are looking for a Nursery or Reception place in 2022 and they have missed the Open Morning, please encourage them to book in for a tour.

WINTER UNIFORM

Please remember that all children should be in Winter Uniform from today. If you have been unable to get a puffer coat that fits your child, a warm, plain coloured (ideally navy or red) coat is acceptable. We are in the process of sourcing a replacement for the puffer. Some samples have arrived at School and Mrs Norville will have these at the gate each morning next week. Parents will be able to give their views via a ParentMail survey.

HARVEST ASSEMBLY

We had originally planned for Lower Transition to lead us in our Harvest Assembly celebrations this year. However, as we are currently having Whole School Assembly on Zoom, we have decided that we will celebrate Harvest in School and move Lower Transition's class assembly to later in the academic year when we will hopefully be able to invite parents in. Harvest celebrations will take place in the week beginning 18th October. As usual, we will be collecting for Guildford Number 5 Project, a local charity that has been supporting the homeless for over 30 years. On 18th October, we would be grateful for donations of mainly:

Pasta, Coffee, Rice, Eggs, Sugar, Juices, Butter, Tins, Tea, Sauces and Long Life Milk. But they are grateful for anything. Thank You.

CLASS MASS

There will be a Class Mass for Lower and Middle Prep, held in the Middle Prep classroom, next Thursday 7th October at 9am. Parents are warmly invited to attend.



SCHOOL DOG

We will be hosting a trainee School Dog on site next Wednesday 6th October. The dog will be accompanied by a handler and trainer at all times. The dog will be visiting some classes to enable her to complete her training. A full risk assessment has been carried out. If you would prefer the dog not to visit your child's class, or if your child is particularly nervous of dogs, please let me know sarah.norville@rydeshill.com. We have a number of staff who are enthusiastic about having a School Dog at Rydes Hill and this is something we will be investigating further.

CAR PARK EXIT GATES

When exiting the car park, please wait for the gates to fully open before driving through. If there is congestion in the church car park, please drive forward so that you are between the gate posts. If you do not drive far enough forward, the sensors will not pick you up and the gates will start to close (as the scratch on the side of Mrs Norville's car demonstrates!)

PEN LICENCES

Congratulations to Ella, Stephanie and Alana in Middle Preparatory who all received their Pen Licences this week.



Mrs Norville

Silver Awards this week		
YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Kindergarten	Alan H	Isabel C
Lower Trans	Evie H	Ethan P
Upper Trans	Serenna P	George H
Lower Prep	Thea K	Qiao Qiao X
Middle Prep	Astrid K	Juliette D
Higher Prep	Josie B	Natalie S
Form One	Isabella D	Bridget K

Special Awards this week	
Drama Award:	Lucinda F (HP) for lovely preparation for her Speech and Drama.
Music Award:	Upper Transition for working so hard in Viva Violins this week.
PE Award:	Beth N (F1) for showing real improvement in Netball and versatility in all positions.
RE Award:	Ella W (MP) for her detailed knowledge of stories from scripture.
French Award:	Lucinda F (HP) for being proactive in her learning and producing excellent homework.
Special Award:	Kara B (F1) for being pro-active in her Prefect role.
Kindness Award:	Vera V-N (HP) for being kind and involving others in her games.
Science Award:	Alex W (UT) for his careful observations of how the chicks were developing.

Diary dates for next week	
Sat 2nd Oct	10am-12noon Bear Hunt Open Morning.
Tues 5th Oct	Lower Transition Trip to Marwell Zoo.
Weds 6th Oct	5pm-7pm Form One Consultation Evening.
Thurs 7th Oct	4pm-6pm Form One Consultation Evening.

Happy Birthday!

30th September	Ruby B
5th October	Honor H



Nursery Tea Party



Lower Transition making lions in Forest School



Form One Art Lesson



Orchestra Practice



Sending Morse Code Messages in Science

