



Dear Parents

CHAIRMAN OF GOVERNORS

We are very fortunate at Rydes Hill to be blessed with many Governors, one of whom merits a special mention at this particular time. Our current Chair of Governors, Mr Dermot Gleeson has been a Governor at Rydes Hill since June 2014 (previously 1993 – 2002) and Chair since November 2014. It is with much sadness that Mr Gleeson is coming to the end of his tenure and will be stepping down as Chair of Governors from the end of this term. Mr Gleeson has been a superb Chair, ensuring the best interests of the children at Rydes Hill lie at the heart of all decision making. One of his many skills is his mastery at keeping meetings to the point and to time – a skill that all Governors hope his successor inherits!

The Governing Body unanimously agreed that the current Vice Chair, Mrs Katie Cardona, should be appointed Chair with effect from the Summer Term. Mrs Cardona will be known to many of you already; she has been Vice Chairman for this academic year and was present at the Parents' Forum discussion on Co-Education. Mrs Cardona is also our marketing Governor and has been at many open mornings and events throughout her three years as Governor. I look forward to welcoming her formally as Chair in the coming weeks. In the meantime, on behalf of the School, I would like to thank Mr Gleeson most warmly for his wonderful work as Chairman, for agreeing to remain a Governor and especially his support for me as the new Headmistress at Rydes Hill.

Whilst on the topic of Governors, if any Rydes Hill parent who is due to leave us shortly wishes to know more about being a Governor, or knows of anyone who may be interested in becoming a Rydes Hill Governor, please could they let our Clerk to the Governors, Mrs Pillar, know. She can be contacted on kathryn.pillar@rydeshill.com

FOUNDERS DAY

Next week we celebrate Founder's Day on Sunday 17th March and there are a number of events taking place towards the end of the week to mark the occasion:

Thursday 14th March – Founder's Day Concert at 6.30pm in the Friends' Hall. Parents are welcome to attend

Friday 15th March – Founder's Day. Mass at 10am in St Mary's Church followed by activities for the children in School

Saturday 16th March – Founder's Day Bear Hunt Open Day

NSPCC EVENTS

We have invited the NSPCC to come into School over the next two weeks to work with children, parents and staff on how to safeguard our children. In order to recognise the work of the NSPCC, and as part of our Lenten alms giving, we will be raising money for the NSPCC as part of these activities:

Monday 11th March – Special assemblies for children in Kindergarten to Upper Trans and Lower prep to Form One on staying safe.

Thursday 21st March – NSPCC fundraising event. Nursery to Upper Transition will take part in an 'Active Challenge' in the morning and Lower prep to Form One will have a House Netball competition in the afternoon. Sponsorship details will be sent out next week.

Friday 22nd March – Parent workshop on online safety from 8.30-9.30am in the Friends' Hall. Class workshops on online safety for Higher Prep and Form One.

DELIGHT BOOK COLLECTION

A reminder that the deadline for donating books to the Delight Book Collection is Thursday, 14th March. The books will be distributed to families across Guildford who do not have the financial means to have books at home. Please drop donated books into the School Office.

Mrs Norville

U10 AND U11 IAPS QUALIFYING ROUND AT GHS

On Tuesday 5th March we took a team of U10 and U11 swimmers to compete in the IAPS Qualifying round held at GHS. The girls all swam with determination and were an absolute credit to the school. The U10 Freestyle relay team did particularly well and secured 1st place in their heat. Rydes Hill came 3rd place overall in U10 Freestyle Relay and 3rd place overall in U10 Medley Relay. In addition, both Scarlett T and Lakita T came 2nd in their individual races and Izzy R came 4th. This is an amazing accomplishment given that there were ten schools competing.

Well done to Scarlett T, Lakita T, Chloe R, Isobel R, Lilia H, Olivia C, Hannah L and Sophie S. A huge thank you to Mrs Sparks who was an official timekeeper at the event and thank you to Mrs Morris.

Mrs Jayne Bowles and Mrs Laura Luscombe.



Diary Dates for next week

Mon 11th Mar	NSPCC Assemblies
Tues 12th Mar	UT Outing to Victorian School Room
Tues 12th Mar	U8, U9, U10, U11 Cross Country v St Catherine's (Away)
Thurs 14th Mar	6.30pm - 8pm: Founder's Day Concert
Fri 15th Mar	10am: Founder's Day Mass
Sat 16th Mar	10am - 12pm : Founder's Day Bear Hunt Open Morning

House Points totals for this week

CAMPION	GERALD	PATRICIA	PETER
77	129	82	114



There are lots of free trials on easyfundraising, so you can help Support FRHPS without even spending anything!

Find out more via the link below:

<http://efraising.org/7vYXKfvFKO>

Happy Birthday!

Birthdays next week

11th March	Emily P
12th March	Myra S
12th March	Arya S
15th March	Rosario A-R



Special Awards

PE Award: Christabel R-C (KG) for her brilliant running in PE.

RE Award: Katie B (MP) for preparing beautifully for Mass and reading the introduction so well.

Science Award: Ruby S (KG) for enthusiastic experimenting at The Lookout Discover Centre.

French Award: Aleeza K (F1) for consistently working hard in French.

Music Award: Teddy F (UT) for excellent work and progress on the piano and wonderful singing at Mass.

Ballet Award: Gracie R (MP) for a lovely lesson today.

Kindness Award: Harri S (KG) for his kind warm smile and playing beautifully with his friends.

Special Award: Ella W (LT) for being welcoming and friendly to

Silver Awards

YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Nursery	Alex W	Annabelle S
Kindergarten	Aditi U	Jai S
Lower Trans	Emily B	Ching Yee C
Upper Trans	Alicia H	Alyssa M-D
Lower Prep	Kate M	Isabella D
Middle Prep	Imogen F	Tillie T
Higher Prep	Isabella D	Eva D-G
Form One	Jessica R	Hannah L

MP and HP Trip to the National Gallery



Kindi Trip to The Look Out Discovery Centre



Form One Trip to Watts Gallery



Easter Holiday Clubs

An overview of the Clubs being held at Rydes Hill are captured below. We are in discussions with the external Cricket Camp organiser for the 3rd and 4th April so this camp is currently to be confirmed. All other camps are available to book now.

Date	Club	Age Range	Provisional Times
Monday 1st April	Netball Camp run by PE Department	UT—F1	9am—3pm
Tuesday 2nd April	Netball Camp run by PE Department	UT—F1	9am—3pm
Wednesday 3rd April	Happy Smiles run by Mrs S Smillie	KG—F1	9am—3pm
Thursday 4th April	Cricket Camp—TBC	TBC	TBC
Friday 5th April	Cricket Camp—TBC	TBC	TBC
Monday 8th April	Artspiration	LT-F1	8.30am—5pm
Tuesday 9th April	Artspiration	LT-F1	8.30am—5pm
Wednesday 10th April	Artspiration	TBC	8.30am—5pm
Wednesday 10th April	Code Camp	UT—F1	9.00am—4pm
Thursday 11th April	Artspiration	LT-F1	8.30am—5pm
Thursday 11th April	Code Camp	UT—F1	9.00am—4pm
Friday 12th April	Artspiration	LT-F1	8.30am—5pm
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Nursery and Kindergarten children are able to access the Early Years Provision in our All Year-Round Nursery during the holiday periods. There is also limited availability during the holiday periods for breakfast / stay and play sessions for children attending other clubs i.e. netball, Happy Smiles, Code Camp and Artspiration. Please contact Ms O'Neill if you are interested in booking in for this via jacqui.oneill@rydeshill.com

Code Camp Early Bird Offer

Code Camp will be returning to Rydes Hill this Easter holiday from Wednesday 10th - Friday 12th April 2019. There will be three camps available: Spark camp for beginners, 2D Game Makers for returning students and Web Hackers (new for 2019)

There is an Early bird offer of £199 for the 3 day course available until midnight on Friday 15th March. Please use code EARLYBIRD_RH.

You can book online at www.codecamp.co.uk/rydeshill or contact amy@codecamp.co.uk for more information.

