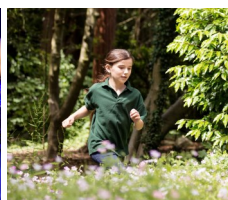




RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 19th November 2021



Dear Parents

PARENTS FORUM

Thank you to everyone who attended the Forum last Friday. The Minutes have now been circulated and there are a few outcomes / actions contained in the newsletter this week. If you have any questions regarding the Minutes, please do not hesitate to ask.

ADDITIONAL CLOSURE DAY FRIDAY 27th MAY 2022

The School will be closed on Friday 27th May 2022 to give staff the additional Bank Holiday that is scheduled during half-term. Kindergarten to Form One will be closed that day. Nursery will remain open for Term Time and All Year Round children.

ONLINE SAFETY TRAINING FOR PARENTS – SAVE THE DATE

We have arranged for Sharon Girling MBE, former Head of CEOP, to come in to deliver online safety training for pupils, staff and parents on **Thursday 10th February 2022**. The session for parents will be in the evening (time tbc). Sharon has a wealth of experience and is excellent at helping parents to understand what the dangers are and how to protect their children. Having had the privilege of being in her sessions on more than one occasion, I cannot recommend her highly enough. Please save the date in your diaries.

PE HOUSE FLASHES

Next week all parents will receive a 'flash' in their child's house colour. Please can this be sewn onto your child's PE skort / jogging bottoms / shorts. If you require extras, these can be purchased from the School Office for £2.

RE-OPENING OF THE ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

Following a discussion at Parents' Forum, I have decided to re-open the Adventure Playground after School for parents to **supervise their own children** playing. The concern has always been the availability of parking spaces; it is very frustrating to be in a queue of traffic waiting for a parking space, watching parents chatting in the Playground while their children play. If you plan on staying in the Playground after School, please park off site to free up spaces for parents who need to collect their child and leave quickly.

IDLING ENGINES

When you park / stop in the car park, please remember to turn your engine off. As the weather gets colder, it is tempting to leave the engine running while waiting for your child. However, the pollution associated with idling engines is well documented and our children wait very close to the car park. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

CHRISTMAS TREES

The FRHPS Christmas Trees are now on sale in the ParentMail shop. There are a range of sizes available and the trees are great quality and last well. Trees will be available for collection on Saturday 4th December. In ParentMail, click on "payments" and then "shop" to see all the options available.



FRHPS CHRISTMAS WINTER WONDERLAND

Tickets are now on sale through the ParentMail app for the FRHPS Christmas Winter Wonderland on **Saturday 4th December**. Tickets are in timed slots and must be booked in advance. If you are booking for a child from outside of Rydes Hill, please email sarah.norville@rydeshill.com to advise on the age of the child to make sure that Santa has enough gifts! Time slots are for the Forest Walk and Santa Visit only - you are welcome to arrive at any time to enjoy the stalls.

SWIMMING

Swimming is part of the curriculum at Rydes Hill and is an essential life skill. Throughout the winter we have a number of parents who want to remove their child from swimming lessons because swimming makes them unwell / gives them a cold. Going swimming does not give a child a cold. Some children get irritation in their nasal passage from swimming, but the cold is caused by a virus, not from having wet hair in cold weather. We will do all we can to ensure children are warm after their swimming lessons. Girls with long hair should wear it in a ponytail or bun to make it easier to fit their swimming cap. The rule remains that if a child is not well enough to swim, they are not well enough to be in School.

KEY DATES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Tuesday 23 rd November	U10 A&B Netball Match v Tormead (home)
Thursday 25 th November	Deadline for purchasing a Christmas Tree from FRHPS via ParentMail
Friday 26 th November	Nasal flu vaccinations in School (Kindergarten to Form One)
Monday 29 th November	Christmas Colours Mufti Day (home clothes)
Tuesday 30 th November	U11 A&B Netball Match v St Ives (away)
Friday 3 rd December	Splash and Dash Biathlon at Guildford High School U8-U11
Saturday 4 th December	FRHPS Winter Wonderland 4pm to 7pm

Mrs Norville



Silver Awards this week

YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Kindergarten	Sebastian W	Harry H
Lower Trans	Sophie S	Isabella M
Upper Trans	George H	Arya S
Lower Prep	Emily P	Ruby B
Middle Prep	Mehvish Y	Amelia W-C
Higher Prep	Eliana O	Liann W
Form One	Lily B	Everyone for excellent behaviour on our trip to King Edward's.

Diary dates for next week

Mon 22nd Nov	Middle Prep bake sale after school.
Tues 23rd Nov	U10 A&B Netball match v Tormead (home).
Thurs 25th Nov	Reindeer Run.
Thurs 25th Nov	Deadline for purchasing a Christmas Tree from FRHPS via ParentMail.
Fri 26th Nov	Lower Trans & Upper Trans Coffee Morning.
Fri 26th Nov	Nasal flu vaccinations in School (Kindergarten to Form One).

House Points for this week

CAMPION	GERALD	PATRICIA	PETER
120	160	100	111

Special Awards this week

Computing Award: Astrid K (MP) for help solving problems and Stephanie I (MP) for coding skills and help!

French Award: Evey S (KG) for active participation throughout the lesson and showing such a good example of good listening.

Drama Award: Violet-Mae N (LP) for her work in the Christmas Nativity.

Forest School Award: Upper Transition for excellent listening skills and behaviour.

Ballet Award: Qiao Qiao (LP) for huge improvement.

Music Award: Mehvish Y (MP) for consistently good work and making excellent progress at her piano.

PE Award: All U8/U9 girls who played the Netball match v Longacre and won 8-1 and 5-1! Amazing!

RE Award: Connor W (KG) for re-telling the story of when the angel visited Mary.

Science Award: Miru O (UT) for her beautiful information page about minibeasts and their habitats.

Kindness Award: Ruby S (LP) for showing kindness to her friends.

Special Award: All of Middle Preparatory for their superb behaviour on the trip to St Albans.

Happy Birthday!

19th November

Mehvish Y



Click here to view this week's 'The Wednesday Word':

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/happiness?pid=MTA101634&v=40.3>



You can win bonus donations up to £50 for Rydes Hill every day during November in #easyfundraising's new Spin to Win giveaway.

It's completely free to enter, for your chance to win simply visit:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/spin-to-win?utm_campaign=raise-



This weeks Netball matches against Tormead and Longacre

NETBALL RESULTS

What a busy time for PE this week! We have seen our U9, U10 and U11 involved in Netball fixtures this week (and even a few U8's!) At the time of the newsletter being written we were still at the Netball tournament so we will put our photos and match report for the U10 GHS Tournament into next weeks' newsletter.

U11 Netball

On Tuesday 16th November we hosted an U11 A & B match against Tormead. This was our first time playing Tormead for nearly 2 years and the girls played UNBELIEVABLY well. Again they showed fantastic versatility and team work on the court, being required to rotate around different positions each time, going from attack to defence and then shooting! They took an early lead on both courts and held this throughout the entire match, going from strength to strength. The final scores were:

'A' team won 17 – 7 with Maryam M being awarded player of the match.

'B' team won 10 – 2 with Evie M being awarded player of the match.

Thank you so much to all the Parents who came to support us, it was a wonderful turn out.

U9 Netball

On Thursday 18th November we hosted an U8/9 A & B match against Longacre. This was such a wonderful opportunity for Middle Prep/Lower Prep to be involved in their first ever Netball match against another school. The girls have only just learnt the new 5 a-side game and have been working so hard in lessons and club time to understand all the positions and all the rules. We were so proud of all of them and the way in which they conducted themselves. The passing and footwork have been a focus for us this term in lessons and this showed in the game, the girls were brilliant at it! The final scores were:

'A' team won 8 – 1 with Isabelle H-F being awarded player of the match.

'B' team won 5 – 1

Such a fantastic week for everyone! Thank you to all the Parents for your continued support and Chef Dan and Chef John for the wonderful refreshments.

Well done – we are very proud of you all 😊



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Middle Preparatory trip to St Albans Cathedral



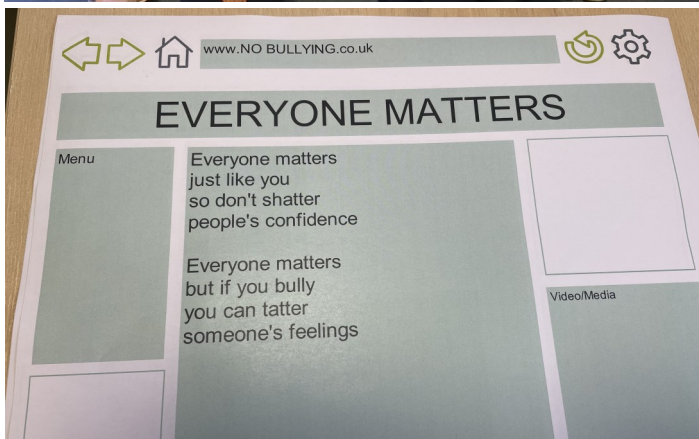
Lower Transition in Forest School



Higher Preparatory trip to The National Gallery



Anti Bullying Week



Upper Transition's walk to the Common for Geography

