



Dear Parents

WELCOME BACK

Welcome to the second half of the Autumn term. We hope your children had a restful and enjoyable half term break. This half term can be quite a whirlwind, with a great deal to fit in before the Christmas Holidays. Do please keep an eye on the newsletter and ParentMail notifications to make sure you don't miss any key information.

ODD SOCKS / FUNKY TIGHTS

Next week we will be focusing on Anti-Bullying week. As part of this the children are invited to wear odd socks / funky tights with their School uniform on **Tuesday 13th November**. This is part of a National campaign to show children that we should celebrate our differences, not use them against one another. Please note that this date is different to the one originally advertised as it clashes with our Remembrance Day assembly and we felt it was disrespectful to not be in full uniform for the assembly.

FOND FAREWELLS

We are so lucky to have a dedicated and hardworking staff at Rydes Hill. The nature of our School means that often, when people come to work here, they stay a long time. At the end of this term, two of our wonderful staff team will be retiring. Between them, they have given 52 years of hard work and service to the School. Mrs Carolyn Ellis started at Rydes Hill in 1995 and has covered a range of roles within the School. She is currently our Head of Housekeeping and co-ordinates Stay and Play. Mrs Carol Smith has been the welcoming face of Rydes Hill as our School Secretary since 1990. She has greeted our visitors, tended to grazed knees and fielded endless phone calls and enquiries, ensuring the Office runs smoothly and everyone gets to where they need to be. We are very sad to be bidding a fond farewell to these two pillars of our School but wish them a well deserved rest in their retirement. Miss Craig has a collection envelope and cards in the Office for any parents who would like to contribute towards a retirement gift for Mrs Ellis or Mrs Smith.



REINDEER RUN

This year we will again be supporting Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care by holding a sponsored Reindeer Run on Monday 19th November. The children will be bringing home sponsor forms this week. As a charity, Phyllis Tuckwell need to raise the equivalent of £20,000 a day to cover all the services they offer to our local community. We appreciate your generous donations to this worthy cause.

MUFTI DAYS

Thank you for your generous donations of chocolate for the tombola at the Christmas Fair following the Mufti Day on Wednesday. The next one is scheduled for Monday 19th November. Children may wear Christmas colours in exchange for a bottle for the tombola at the Fair.

EXIT GATES

You may have noticed that our new exit gates are now fully functioning. They are set to remain open at peak drop off and pick up times. Should you need to drive out of School and the gates are closed, please drive up to the white line. The gates will then open automatically. You shouldn't need to reverse but, just in case someone has pulled too far forwards, please do not 'tailgate' a car in front just in case they need to reverse back.

SPORTS FIXTURES

To find the most up-to-date list of sports fixtures, please visit rydeshill.com. All sports fixtures for the Autumn and Spring term are captured on the calendar and are also listed in the 'Fixtures' page of the 'Sports' section. Please note that any calendar entries can be downloaded directly onto your personal phone or laptop diary at the click of a button! All fixtures will be kept up-to-date on our Website and if there are any last minute changes or cancellations to the sports fixtures, we will notify you via ParentMail.

MATCH REPORT FROM U10 NETBALL MATCH V MANOR HOUSE —TUESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

On Tuesday 6th November the U10 A & B Netball teams played Manor House (away). The girls were really excited to play their second match this season and were feeling confident. The 'A' team had a fast paced first quarter securing their first few goals within the first few minutes. Passing up court was accurate and effective giving Izzy R and Scarlett DG the chance to convert most goals. The 'B' team also had a fantastic match and led all the way with Martha B having a great game shooting. All the girls worked so hard as a team.

The 'A' Team won 11-2 with player of the match awarded to Izzy R and the 'B' team secured a solid 7-0 win with Martha B awarded player of the match. A huge thank you to the parents who came to support – it made a real difference to their confidence. Well done everyone!

Mrs Jayne Bowles



12th November	Daisy P
12th November	Isabella D
14th November	Evangeline H
16th November	Aleeza K
17th November	Imogen F



A MASSIVE thank you to our supporters who have helped us raise £325.89 this year for FRHPS simply by doing their online shopping via #easyfundraising! Remember to keep using easyfundraising when buying all your Christmas gifts this year and help us raise even more! www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Diary Dates for next week

Mon 12th	10.50am: Remembrance Assembly
Tues 13th	Odd socks / funky tights for Anti-Bullying week
Tues 13th	U10 A&B Netball v Tormead and Holy Trinity (Away) U11 A&B Netball v St Catherine's (Away)
Tues 13th	7.45pm: FRHPS Committee Meeting
Wed 14th	Form One Science lecture at King Edward's
Thurs 15th	U11 A&B Netball Teams v Manor House (Home)
Fri 16th	8.30am: Coffee Morning for LT and UT parents

House Points for w/c 5th October

CAMPION	GERALD	PATRICIA	PETER
3rd	1st	4th	2nd

Special Awards

French Girdle: Emma C (F1) for great concentration and participation
PE Award: Kara B (LP) for excellent work in Netball
RE Award: Gracie R (MP) for her contribution to Remembrance Assembly
Science Award: Isabelle H (LT) for understanding materials used to build old houses
Music Award: Imogen F (MP) for hard work and excellent progress on the piano
Ballet Award: Sophie S (F1) for performing with Surrey Youth Ballet and helping Hannah L (F1)
Kindness Award: Sophie H (HP) for helping a classmate who was in need
Special Award: All of MP for receiving a lovely compliment from a member of the public while on their trip

Silver Awards

YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Kindergarten	Violet-Mae N	Kara H
Lower Trans	Henry T	Tilly W
Upper Trans	Flossy D	Amelia B
Lower Prep	Isabella D	Rachel F
Middle Prep	Katie B	Kristen L
Higher Prep	Sophie H	Mathilde HL
Form One	Temisha R	Jessica R

Higher Prep Creativity

If you step into Higher Prep, the walls are surrounded by pieces of art they have completed this Autumn term!



Diwali Festival of Lights

On Mufti Day this week, Sophia J and Mahika M in Upper Transition wore their special outfits in celebration of the Diwali Festival. Sophia brought in Diya lamps and wonderful puppets to show to the class and both girls told the story behind this Hindu tradition.



Tudor Houses in Upper Transition

Upper Transition were super inventive and creative over the Half Term break researching Tudor Times and creating these marvellous Tudor Houses with the support of their parents.



Seasonal Robins in Nursery

With the weather turning, Christmas feels just around the corner in Nursery!



NETBALL CAMP OVER THE HALF TERM

Over October Half Term Rydes Hill Netball Courts came alive with 25 excited girls from Lower Prep to Form One who came in to spend 2 days with Mrs Luscombe and I working on their netball skills. It was fantastic to see such a large number of girls keen to improve and learn new skills. We worked on a variety of skills and tactics and spent some essential quality time on shooting, with the older girls enjoying their responsibility of coaching the younger girls (which was amazing to see and made us feel very proud of them).

Over the 2 days there were fun games, drills, conditioned games and shooting practices. The girls took part in a shooting competition on both days with medals awarded and a mini tournament on the second day with the winning team receiving a medal each. Awards were given at the end of each day for Most Improved player, Best Attitude and Player of the Day. It was lovely to welcome back Lily Cole for a day as she came in to help coach and Umpire. All the girls showed real progress throughout the training camp but most importantly, we saw everyone working together, having fun, laughing and sharing their enjoyment of netball! Thank you and well done to everyone involved!

Mrs Jayne Bowles



CODE CAMP

Code Camp will be returning at Christmas, this time to build websites from scratch! The children will learn HTML, CSS and JavaScript to create a multi-page website on the topic of their choice.

The Camp will take place over 3 days from Monday 17th December to Wednesday 19th December and is suitable for children aged 7-12. If any non Rydes Hill siblings or friends wish to join, they are more than welcome to sign up to the Camp too. The cost is £229 per child with 15% discount for returning students.

You will be able to book online at www.codecamp.co.uk/rydeshill from Monday 19th November 2018. Please note you will need to select 'Web Hackers' when booking online.



Happy Smiles Holiday Club

Mrs S Smillie is running her Happy Smiles Holiday Club on **Friday, 14th December from 9am to 3pm**. A booking form is available from the School Office. Please note, Childcare Vouchers are acceptable.