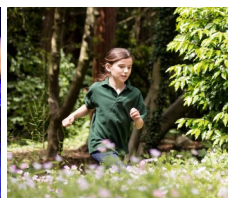




RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 10th January 2020



Dear Parents

On behalf of everyone at Rydes Hill, I would like to wish you a very Happy New Year. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to School this week. I ask you to keep in your thoughts and prayers the children who are preparing for, or who have taken, their entrance exams. Some have already taken exams, whilst others have to wait until the end of January to be finished. It has been inspiring to see the confidence with which our children take this important step in their stride. Thank you to their parents and teachers for preparing them so well!

As this is a very short week in School, we have not had Achievement Assembly or House Points. These will resume next week.

STAFFING NEWS

We warmly welcome Mrs Stephanie Trinkwon as Lower Transition teacher on Thursdays and Fridays and Miss Charlotte Stevens as our new Nursery Assistant. Miss Stevens will work throughout the year in Nursery. I am sure that you will make them both most welcome.

GOVERNOR NEWS

At the end of last term we bid a fond farewell to two of our Governors; Mr Mike Wagstaff stood down after 7 years on the Governing Body. Mr Wagstaff's daughter was a pupil at Rydes Hill and he has been, and we are sure will continue to be, a firm supporter of our School. Fr Robin Farrow has come to the end of his term of office as a Governor but we are certain that, as a parent and Priest, he will be a regular presence in our School. We would like to thank both Governors for their wonderful service and wish them well.

We are very pleased to be able to announce the appointment of five new Governors to the Board. Monsignor Tony Barry joins us; as the moderator for the Catholic Parish of Guildford we welcome his spiritual guidance. Mrs Maureen Adams is a consultant Bursar and ISI inspector. She has recently retired as Bursar of Rokeby School and we are pleased that she is dedicating some of her time to us. Mrs Elizabeth Edwards is a Year 6 teacher at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School and we welcome her insight in education and how to bring out the very best in every pupil. Mrs Sally Perella is Corporate EPP Manager for Apple UK and will be joining us as Alumni Governor. To many of you, Mrs Perella will be a very familiar face as her daughter Mia left Rydes Hill just last year and Mrs Perella was a very active rep on the FRHPS Committee. Finally, Mr Ben Martin is SENCO and Assistant Headteacher at St Mary's Catholic Primary School in Wimbledon. He brings a wealth of experience from the education sector, particularly in the fields of Special Educational Needs and Staff Wellbeing. We are sure that you will see our new Governors at various events across the year and that you will make them feel welcome.

NEWSPAPERS NEEDED

Whilst many people now digest their news online, if you still regularly take a newspaper, please could you keep copies for us and bring them into the School Office? We are planning an engineering task for our Founders' Day activities this year and will need a great deal of newspapers! Thank you for your support.

KEY DATES

You will hopefully have received a copy of the Calendar of Events for this term. The key information for the coming week is:

Monday 13th January	Lower Preparatory Bake Sale after School
Tuesday 14th January	FRHPS Committee meeting in the Lodge 7.45pm
Wednesday 15th- Friday 17th January	Mrs Norville out of School at the annual CISC conference. Mrs Rowson, Mrs Wood and Mrs Pillar will be available if parents wish to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team. Mrs Norville will be accessing emails whilst she is away.
Thursday 16th January	Start of term Mass at St Mary's Church. Time TBC





If you're booking a holiday, break, or getaway this month, please use #easyfundraising. You can raise a BIG donation for Friends of Rydes Hill Preparatory School with Expedia, Secret Escapes, Virgin Holidays, Onthebeach and many more at no extra cost to yourself! Plus, if you book before 12th January you'll raise TWICE as much with a DOUBLE DONATION!

Visit: <http://efraising.org/ITtaJbTCAC>

Happy Birthday!

15th January	Josie P
15th January	Morayo F
17th January	Ziad M
17th January	Jonah A

Holiday Clubs Update

February Half Term

SYNERGY DANCE

Following the popularity of Synergy Dance during the October half term, they will be returning to Rydes Hill during February half term on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th February. Monday's theme is 'Frozen' and Tuesday's theme is 'The Secret Life of Pets'.

The cost per day is £37.50 excluding lunch and booking is available via ParentMail.



FOREST SCHOOL

The wonderful Forest School with Mrs Morris will be returning on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th February at a cost of £42.50 per day (9am—4pm) including lunch. Booking is available via ParentMail.

Both clubs are open to siblings, friends and external pupils.



Easter Holidays

NETBALL CAMP

We would like to give advance notice that Mrs Bowles and Mrs Luscombe will be running three Netball Camp days over the Easter holidays for children in Upper Transition to Form One on the following dates:

Thursday 2nd April

Monday 20th April

Tuesday 21st April

The camps will run from 9am to 4pm and the cost is £45 per day, £80 for 2 days or £120 for 3 days with the option for a 10% sibling discount.

Booking details will be sent out shortly

