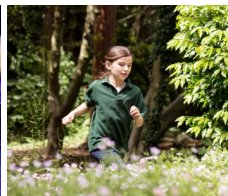




# RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 11th December, 2020



Dear Parents

## SEASON'S GREETINGS

What a wonderful term it has been! When we returned to School after the Summer break, I think many of us felt that this would be an extraordinary term, a term of ups and downs with bubbles sent home and School life looking very different to what we were used to. How wrong we were! Hopefully without tempting fate, we have made it through the Autumn term without having to close a single class. We have kept all our wonderful Rydes Hill traditions alive, despite some of them looking a little different. I so enjoyed seeing the incredible Christmas Production this week and it has certainly set us all up for the festive season. The Live Nativity on Monday was a magical experience for the children and, despite the cold and the damp, they seemed to have a wonderful time. Thank you to the FRHPS for funding the Live Nativity and the filming of the production.

If we, children and adults alike, have learnt anything this year, it should be that if life changes overnight (and we all now know that it can), it is perfectly possible to pick yourself up, change your direction, think a little differently, climb over that obstacle, find a friend to laugh with about the silliness of it all, and carry on. Thank you to all of our Rydes Hill family for your support and encouragement throughout 2020. Thank you, also, for the kind words and generous gifts this Christmas. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy 2021.

## FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Thank you to all the families who donated to the Food Bank Appeal. A whopping 90 bags were filled and taken to the North Guildford Food Bank on Thursday. The Food Bank have asked me to pass on their thanks. The donations will make a big difference to families in our local area this Christmas.

## RETURN TO NORMALITY

We are taking tentative steps back towards a 'normal' life after Christmas. The School day will extend to 6pm for Stay & Play and Nursery from 7<sup>th</sup> January. In the holidays, Mrs Morris and I will be visiting Surrey Sports' Park to see the arrangements for swimming so that, hopefully, this can resume after February half term. We eagerly await updates from the Government to hear what other aspects of School life can resume. As long as children are working in bubbles we are unable to offer breakfast club but, as soon as this changes, we will be able to return to our previous hours. Thank you all for your continued patience.

Mrs Norville

### Silver Awards this week

YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Kindergarten	Honor H	Clara H
Lower Trans	Miru O	Myra S
Upper Trans	Jonah A	Jai S
Lower Prep	Stephanie I	Alana W
Middle Prep	Flossy D	Josie B
Higher Prep	Isabella D	Bridget K
Form One	Ava B	Amelia D

### House Points for this week

CAMPION	GERALD	PATRICIA	PETER
48	67	46	38

### Special Awards this week

**Science Award:** Alice M (MP) for her practical skills in electricity

**RE Award:** Conor W (N) for leading our Nativity so confidently and sensitively

**PE Award:** Bridget K (HP) for fantastic stick skills in the hockey matches!

**French Award:** Mia Z (LT) for excellent work and wonderful participation in lessons

**Special Award:** The whole School for their superb Christmas production!

**Ballet Award:** Sophia J (MP) for her outstanding commitment to Ballet across every lesson and at home this term.

**Kindness Award:** Harri S (UT) for always being so polite and courteous

# Happy Birthday!

10th December	Annabel S
10th December	Stephanie B
15th December	Grace B
15th December	Ella W
18th December	Tito B

20th December	Alyssa M
21st December	Joshua L
24th December	Esmé H
26th December	Aurelia P
28th December	Olivia H

30th December	Isabelle H-F
1st January	Emi S
4th January	Christina D
5th January	Leah Y
5th January	Ava B



Please support FRHPS on #easyfundraising, you can raise FREE donations when you shop online with over 4,300 retailers. Plus, you can raise DOUBLE DONATIONS this week! Argos, John Lewis & Partners, notonthehighstreet, Etsy and more are doubling donations until the 13th of December. Head over to: <http://efraising.org/PjbhXoYzCr>



The link to this week's 'The Wednesday Word' is below:  
<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/christmas-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=13.4>

## Nativity Pictures

There will be a separate attachment this week with images from our Christmas Story Production. A broader selection of images of your class will be sent as a private link today with a password. As per the notice on the link, you are welcome to download images for your albums and enjoyment but no images featuring other Rydes Hill children can be shared or posted on social media without prior consent.





# Christmas Story Production



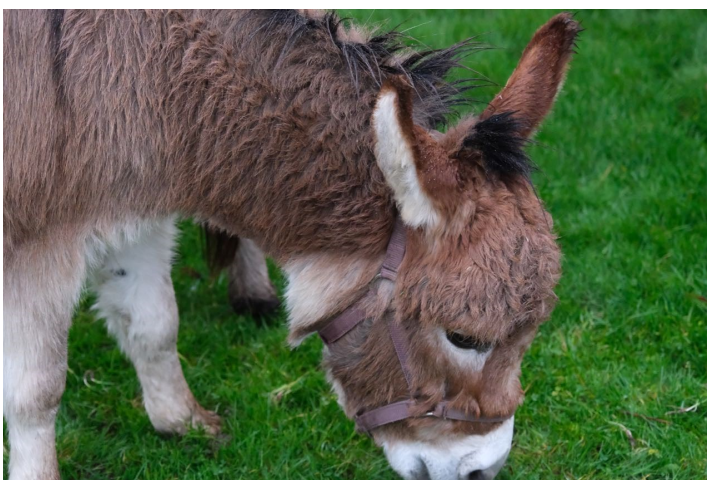


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*Thank you for your amazing contributions to the Food Bank!*

