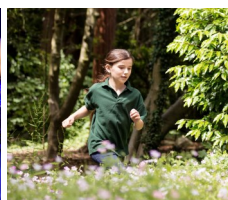




RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 11th September 2020



Dear Parents

WELCOME BACK

It has been wonderful to see our happy, confident, smiling children returning to (or starting!) School this week. We would like to welcome Ava, Christina, Clara, Emily, Emi, Esme, Georgina, Grace, Harry, Jake, Lily, Luna, Nefeli, Nora, Olivia and Oliver to Nursery; Ava, Clara, Ethan, Evie, Fenella, Francis, George, Hannah, Honor, Leah, Megan, Sum Yee, Tia, Tolu and Zoe to Kindergarten; George to Lower Transition and Stephanie to Lower Preparatory. Everyone has been settling into the new routines wonderfully. Thank you to all the parents and staff who have worked so hard to help our children have the confidence to feel so settled, so quickly.

POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Last term we were all very impressed with the speeches given by the then Higher Prep girls for Positions of Responsibility. Votes were cast by both staff and children and the results were shared in assembly on Monday. All Form One girls have a named position this year. These are:

Head Girl	Dunni B	Patricia House Captain	Katie B
Deputy Head Girl	Lola B	Peter House Captain	Izzy L
Deputy Head Girl	Imogen F	Library Prefect	Morayo F
Games Captain	Tillie T	Eco Prefect	Mia L
Vice Games Captain	Angel L	Eco Prefect	Lizzy B
Vice Games Captain	Ava B	Music Prefect	Georgie P
Campion House Captain	Amelia D	School Office Prefect	Daisy P
Gerald House Captain	Kristen L		

FEE REBATE

We have been asked by a number of families who received a fee rebate last term the process if they wish to donate this back to the School. Should you wish to do so you have two options. You can pay your bill in full and then indicate via email to Mr Parr at finance@rydeshill.com that you wish your rebate to be a donation to the School and that, if appropriate, that Gift Aid can be claimed on this. Alternatively, if you have already paid your bill with the rebate deducted, you can transfer this to the School as a donation. Again, please email Mr Parr to indicate that this is a donation and, if appropriate, that Gift Aid can be claimed. Thank you to the parents who have already donated their rebate. These donations will go to our bursary fund.

KINDERGARTEN 2021

It seems strange, with the current cohort of Kindergarten children just through the door, that we are already looking ahead to next year. However, we are having an increasing number of enquiries from families not in our Nursery about Kindergarten for next year and therefore need to make sure that we are meeting the needs of those already in our School first. For parents of children in our Nursery whose child will be 5 in the 2021-22 academic year, Ms O'Neill will be in contact to arrange a personal tour and a meeting to discuss Kindergarten. We are able to offer 'live' tours now and we would very much like parents to have this opportunity in the coming months, especially as an Open Day is unlikely to be a possibility at the current time. If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs Norville or Ms O'Neill.



PARENT PRAYER GROUP

Numbers for the prayer group dwindled somewhat last term. I understand that everyone is very busy, but the group is a wonderful opportunity for a few minutes of quiet reflection. I will now be holding Parent Prayer Group on the first Tuesday of each month at 8.30am. The first one will be on Tuesday 6th October. Everyone is welcome. Prayer Group will take place Via Zoom to begin with. The link will be sent out to all parents nearer the time.

SINGING SUCCESS

Congratulations to Katie B, Form One, who took part in the Surrey Festival of Musical Theatre last month. This virtual music festival was a huge success and Katie came first in the 9-10 age category with a distinction and score of 88. Well done Katie!

WEDNESDAY WORD

We no longer receive paper copies of the Wednesday Word. As with many things in the COVID age, this has moved to an online version. The link will be posted in the newsletter each week. Please do take the time to look through the Gospel reading with your child. Assembly on Monday usually focuses on the Gospel from the Sunday before, so the story and activities in the Wednesday Word help children to have a better understanding of the message given in assembly. The link for this week is here.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/forgiveness?pid=MTA101634&v=2.2>

PARENT DROP OFF

Nursery parents are permitted on site to take their child around to the Nursery gate and to collect them at the end of the day. Please be mindful that we are trying hard to limit the number of people on site. If possible, just one parent needs to walk their child around to Nursery.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

A tentative Calendar of Events for the term has been sent out today. Please put dates in your diary in pencil as we will need to wait to confirm based on Government regulations at the time. We are hoping to make things as normal as possible! The first event to be aware of is the Welcome Evenings. These will take place on Tuesday 15th September via Zoom at 6pm. Class teachers will send the Zoom links to parents via ParentMail. If you are unable to attend, the PowerPoint and notes will be sent out to you. Kindergarten class had their Welcome session in person on 2nd September so they will not have a session on the 15th September. If parents have any questions now that their child has started, please do speak to one of the class teachers. The FRHPS AGM will be held via Zoom straight after the Welcome Evening.

TIKTOK

I was aware last term that a number of girls in the older year groups have access to TikTok on phones and other devices. Please can parents be very cautious in the use of this app. The content can be very adult in nature, and often inappropriate for a child. The minimum age limit on the app is 13. You will, I'm sure, have seen the news this week about the video circulating on the app of a suicide. The video is a fake, but it is still very disturbing and not something anyone would want to watch. Please make sure that you have an open dialogue with your child, where they are able to talk to you about anything they have seen online which has upset or disturbed them. Please do not take devices away if a child tells you they have seen something they shouldn't; this will only result in them never telling you when they see something awful again. As parents, we are entirely responsible for the content our child sees. We give them the means to view it and we set the level of protection through filters etc. All children are taught online safety as part of their computing lessons. We hope to be able to run something for parents later in the year. In the meantime, if you have any questions or need support in this area, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Happy Birthday!

5th September	Ava E	8th September	Connor W
6th September	Astrid K	13th September	Dunni B

House Points for this week			
CAMPION	GERALD	PATRICIA	PETER
21	39	24	26



Silver Awards this week

YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Nursery	All of Nursery for settling in so beautifully this week	
Kindergarten	Megan D	Ethan P
Lower Trans	Stephanie B	Miru O
Upper Trans	Jai S	Ruby B
Lower Prep	Jaime P	Mevish Y
Middle Prep	Mahika M	Teddy F
Higher Prep	Evie M	Lily B
Form One	Amelia D	Izzy L

Special Awards this week

Music Award: Emily B (LP) for fantastic participation in Music

Science Award: Mia L (F1) for curiosity and extra research on the human body

RE Award: Jonah A (UT) for understanding how we should all love each other as God loves us

PE Award: Emilia H () for returning to School with a real determination in PE, excellent work, well done!

Kindness Award: Sophia J (MP) for being incredibly kind to Mrs Appleby when she needed a helping hand

Special Award: George H (LT) for settling into Rydes Hill and Lower Transition so quickly and for tackling each task with enthusiasm

Welcome to Kindergarten



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Back to School, back to friendships.



A Glimpse of School Life



Back to the Netball Courts

