



RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 13th January 2023



Dear Parents

WELCOME BACK

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a happy and restful Christmas break. It was wonderful to welcome some of our Nursery children back last week and the rest of the School this week. We welcome Elijah, India, Oliver and Phoebe to our Acorns class this term. It is lovely to see them settling in so well.

STAFFING WELCOME

This term we welcome Mrs Polly Rutt as our new Marketing Manager and Miss Tenisha Blake as our new Nursery Assistant. We also welcome back Miss Sophie Holloway to the School Office following her maternity leave.

KEEPING WARM

Children at Rydes Hill go outside in all weathers, so it is important for them to have the correct clothing in School with them every day. Please make sure that your child has a waterproof School coat and that they have a School uniform hat (beanie hats are an option for all children in the colder weather), scarf (plain navy or green) and gloves (plain navy or green). There are lots of other lovely hats and gloves being worn, but children in Main School need to keep to the uniform items please.

ROBLOX

Over the holidays, Roblox was in the news as a study and highlighted how easy it is to be contacted by strangers and access inappropriate content. Parents whose children play Roblox may be interested to read this article with further information: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/63357995> A sheet with information about how to set up parental controls on Roblox has also been attached to the newsletter email.

FRHPS COMMITTEE VACANCIES 2023

At the end of this academic year, the term of office for our two FRHPS Co-Chairs and our Treasurer comes to an end, and we are looking for willing volunteers to take their places. The FRHPS play a very important role in enhancing both the educational provision and the social life of Rydes Hill. Each new Chair and Treasurer has shaped and changed the role to fit their own lives and so there are no hard and fast rules as to how these roles function. Whether you are a current member of the Committee or have not been involved before and would like to find out more, please speak to one of the Co-chairs, the Treasurer or Mrs Norville.

PRE-PREP SWIMMING

Kindergarten, Lower Transition and Upper Transition all now go swimming together on a Thursday afternoon. Whilst we are getting our Kindergarten children into the routines of swimming, things may take a little longer than usual and we may return to School a little later than planned. Please bear with us as we settle into new routines. It would help considerably if all Pre-Prep parents can ensure their children know how to get changed into and out of their kit by themselves. **To help make changing smoother, please can Kindergarten children wear PE kit to School on Thursdays.**

Mrs Norville



Silver Awards this week

YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Nursery	Chloe H	Liana H-W
Kindergarten	Mahnoor M	Maeve W
Lower Trans	Sebastian W	Joshua M
Upper Trans	Megan D	Tia A
Lower Prep	Evie W	Miru O
Middle Prep	Shayna A	Violet-Mae N
Higher Prep	Amelia W-C	Isabelle H-F
Form One	Alice McA	Mahika M

Special Awards this week

RE Award: Zeyi G (UT) for her understanding of the importance of the Epiphany.

Science Award: Josie B (F1) for excellent effort.

Computing Award: Archie C (UT) for his excellent explanation of how to move shapes in a Word document.

Music Award: Tito B (MP) for her excellent work at her singing technique.

PE Award: Aleesha N (LP) for learning a forward roll in gymnastics - Well done!

Kindness Award: George O (UT) for helping Maeve when she hurt her foot in the playground.

Diary dates for next week

Tues 17th January	9am - School Mass at St Mary's Church. Children to wear blazers and girls to have white hair ribbons. Kindergarten will attend this Mass. All parents welcome. Refreshments served afterwards in the Dining Hall. U10 Netball match v Notre Dame (Away).
Weds 18th January	9.30am - Kindergarten walk to the local shops. Entrepreneur Club begins.
Thurs 19th January	Football Club begins.
Fri 20th January	8.30am - Coffee Morning for Nursery and Kindergarten parents.



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

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

House Points for this week

CAMPION	GERALD	PATRICIA	PETER
62	51	47	60

Happy Birthday!

9th January	Isabella M
12th January	Alayna K
14th January	Adam A

