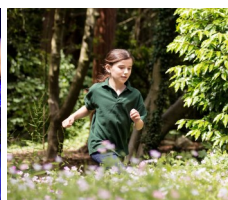




RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 13th November, 2020



Dear Parents

ODD SOCKS / FUNKY TIGHTS DAY

Next Monday, 16th November marks the start of Anti-Bullying week. All children are invited to wear odd socks or funky tights with their school uniform on Monday to celebrate the fact that we are all different. The children will hear about Anti-Bullying week in assembly and there will be activities taking place in PSHCE lessons.

PARENTS' FORUM

Thank you to everyone who attended (virtually!) the Forum on Tuesday. Notes on the points covered will be sent to all parents today. Discussion took place about School Uniform and it was agreed by those present that clarity was needed on what the rules for uniform are. The following summarises what should be worn in Main School:

- On a PE or Forest School day, children should wear PE kit, a puffa coat and (if needed) a beanie hat.
- On all other days, children should wear winter uniform and a puffa coat. Girls should wear their blue beret.
- All hair accessories should be navy blue. Scarves should be plain navy blue or bottle green. Hats should be the blue beret or the School beanie.

The teachers and I will be checking uniform each morning so please do make sure your child has the correct items. The Second Hand Uniform has a number of items in excellent condition, so do check stock levels there if there is anything you need (see below).

WELL VENTILATED ROOMS

One of the regulations that we are given by the Government is that our rooms need to be well ventilated, with doors and windows left open. We have been blessed with some milder weather recently but it will get colder. Children are encouraged to wear warm layers under their uniform (vest / base layer) to keep warm. Children may bring a plain navy or plain bottle green fleece into School to wear in class over their uniform. We have been trying to source these to purchase in bulk but this is proving tricky so it would be easier and quicker for parents to order their own online if they would like their child to have one.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

A huge thank you to Mrs Lamont, Ms O'Neill, Mr Mick and Mr Rob for their amazing work in the Second Hand Uniform Shop. The quality of the items in the Shop is fantastic, with most items in new or nearly new condition. It is always worth checking the Shop first when you need something before going to Valentino. Now that we have our wonderful hanging rails we are in need of child sized hangers, including ones with clips for trousers or skirts. If anyone has any spare hangers, please send them into School with your child.



We are planning to launch the online Second Hand Uniform Shop via the Parentmail app in the coming week to enable you to view available stock and sizes and purchase directly online. In the meantime, the following link to the uniform page on our website provides the FRHPS Uniform Shop contact details, guidelines and prices:

<https://www.rydeshill.com/admissions/uniform>

ONLINE SAFETY

Mrs Wood will be publishing regular advice and tips in our Newsletters to help ensure that our pupils are always safe when working online. This week we are introducing Swiggle, a child-friendly search engine.

Mrs Norville





At Rydes Hill we want to make sure our pupils are safe when working online. To achieve this, we have robust filters in place to ensure the content the pupils see is safe and age appropriate. To develop this further, we are introducing a safer way to search for information online. Swiggle is a child friendly, advert free, search engine from the online safety experts at SWGfL (South West Grid for Learning).

Swiggle has been designed to support young children when searching for images or content online and so is very user friendly. Having Swiggle as a school or home search engine page for young children ensures their search environment is safer; safer to experiment with different search strings; safer to browse image or content results. It's a safe sandpit to develop those skills before progressing on to more open and transparent online search engines like Google or Bing.

To find out more please visit: <https://swiggle.org.uk/parents/>

You may like to spend some time with your child exploring Swiggle's features or even installing it as your default browser to ensure your children are searching safely online at home.

Mrs Wood



An Autumn of Activities in PE!

House Netball

We are really looking forward to running some competitive sporting events this month at Rydes Hill!

On Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th November the girls will be taking part in our annual House Netball for LP, MP, HP and F1. This year we will be playing in our bubbles on separate days to keep everyone safe. The sports captains, led by Tillie T, have been busy helping organise this event and sorting the teams so that everyone is involved. We are hoping for some blue sky and sunshine for the afternoon!

IAPS Virtual Sporting Event - #TEDVE

Over the next couple of weeks the children from Lower Preparatory to Form One will be taking part in a number of physical activities that involve fitness, balance, co-ordination and specific skill challenges. We will be uploading their results online onto the IAPS website along with over 35 other Independent schools Nationwide who are also taking part. This is an inclusive event where the incentive is participation by as many children as possible. Your child will come home with their own sheet which explains the activities, how to do them and how they will be scored and measured. We encourage all the children to just practise at home to improve but we will be doing all the measuring and scoring here at School. Cannot wait to start the challenges!

Reindeer Run

This year we cannot run as a whole School at lunchtime **BUT** we will not let that stop us! We are going to do the Reindeer Run in PE lessons on Thursday 26th November in larger class bubbles. The gentle cross country route will take the children around the School grounds, through the wooded area and around the courts. We are so excited about the new challenge this year!

PE Department

Time	HP & F1
1.30pm	Arrive and sit in House area for registration and overview of the afternoon
1.45pm	Campion v Gerald
1.55pm	Patricia v Peter
2.05pm	Campion v Patricia
2.15pm	Gerald v Peter
2.25pm	Campion v Peter
2.35pm	Gerald v Patricia
2.45 pm	Presentation of House Cup
3.00pm	Return to Class

Φ Matches will be 8 minutes in total, with a 2 minute changeover between matches.



Silver Awards this week

YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Nursery	Sophia T	Harry H
Kindergarten	Sum Yee C	Ava A
Lower Trans	Annabelle S	Arya S
Upper Trans	Violet-Mae N	Shayna A
Lower Prep	Freya B	Jamie P
Middle Prep	Natalie S	Maria R
Higher Prep	Kara B	Felicity F
Form One	Lola B	Dunni B



Every day until 22 November, #easyfundraising is giving away a £100 donation to a UK cause in the Highstreet Gives Back Giveaway! Please help Friends of Rydes Hill Preparatory School win by entering too! It's completely free & easy! Click here to enter today's prize draw: <http://efraising.org/KecAL7UsKy>

Special Awards this week

Music Award: Mrs Hudson for multi-tasking every Viva Violin lesson and learning the violin with her class!

Science Award: Hannah C (KG) for making good observations and predictions during Forest School sessions.

RE Award: Evie W (LT) for her thoughtful contribution to class worship.

PE Award: Isabelle H-F (LP) for some brilliant shooting in Netball - well done!

Ballet Award: Megan D (KG) for remembering all the work from last week.

French Award: Tito B (UT) for her excellent participation in lesson and fantastic work on our new topic (parts of the body).

Special Award: George H (LT) for working hard at home and joining in so well with his Zoom reading sessions.

Kindness Award: All of Lower Preparatory for sharing the poppy items so kindly.



If you are an AmazonSmile customer, you can support Rydes Hill in the Amazon shopping app on your Android device! Simply follow these instructions to turn on AmazonSmile and start generating donations.

1. If you have the latest version of the Amazon Shopping App, open the App on your Android device.
2. View Settings and select AmazonSmile.
3. Follow the in App instructions to complete the process.

TOP TABLE—FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

Lower and Upper Transition:

Kiana A, Oliver H, Miru O, Jai S,

Lower and Middle Preparatory:

Chin Yee C, Aurelia P, Mehvish Y

Higher Prep and Form One:

Ava B, Isabella D, Kristen L



Happy Birthday!

15th November	Frances N
17th November	Imogen F
19th November	Mehvish Y



The link to this week's 'The Wednesday Word' is below:
<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/talent?pid=MTA101634&v=9.9>

House Points for this week

CAMPION	GERALD	PATRICIA	PETER
98	118	58	70

The hockey season is in full swing!



'Lest we Forget'



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Painting Poppy Stones with Form One



Making Poppies with Middle Prep



Higher Prep miniature homes inspired by 'The Borrowers'



RE Lesson in Lower Prep — 'We don't have to see to believe'

