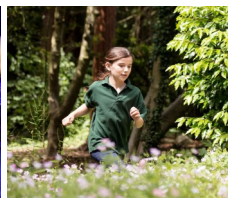




# RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 23rd April 2021



Dear Parents

## NEW TERM NEW NORMAL

Welcome back to the start of the summer term. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter break. I sincerely hope that this term will bring with it not just some warmer weather, but a chance to move to more normal times! We have put the Calendar of Events for the remainder of the year together, in the optimistic hope that many of the events will take place, but there are already some changes that I need to announce:

Coffee mornings pre 17<sup>th</sup> May – in order to allow more parents to attend, the two mornings scheduled prior to 17<sup>th</sup> May will be moved to later in the term. Lower Prep and Middle Prep now Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May; Nursery and Kindergarten Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June.

75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event – with a very heavy heart we have taken the decision to cancel this event. We are concerned that inviting such a large number of people to come to School, many of whom fall into vulnerable categories, is not a good idea. The FRHPS will plan a summer event for current parents and we will be scheduling tours of the School for alumni during weekends over the summer. More details to follow!

Events with parents on site – we are hoping that the major events of the summer term, including Sports' Day, the Summer Production and Prize Giving, will be able to take place with parents on site. The decision on this will be dictated by the Government guidance and infection rates at the time. In any event, it is likely that a maximum of two people per child will be able to attend. **All adults attending will be required to show evidence of a negative lateral flow device (LFD) test on arrival.** More details on this will be provided nearer the time. However, if you are not already completing twice weekly home testing, it would be a good habit to get into! Tests are available to all adults, free of charge, and can be collected from the test centres at Onslow Park and Ride car park and the University of Surrey Car Park 1 between 2.30-8pm each day.

## SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Second Hand Uniform Shop can now be found on your ParentMail app. All in stock items can be purchased on the app and will then be sent home via the children's bag. A separate email regarding this will be sent around with full details. Thank you to Mrs Lamont and Mrs Harris for their hard work on getting the Uniform Shop online.

## FRHPS

One of the things we have missed in the past year has been our wonderful FRHPS events. We look forward to more normal times in the year ahead. However, we are currently in need of a new Chair and a new Treasurer. The role of Chair has been very successfully shared for the past two years and the plan is to continue sharing the role moving forward. We have a wonderful volunteer in place but are looking for one more person to help out. Anyone who is interested should please speak to one of the current FRHPS Chairs or me.

## HIGHER PREP PARENTS MEETING

Parents of children in Higher Prep are invited to a meeting regarding transfer to Senior School next Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm. After consulting with the DfE, they have confirmed that this meeting can take place face to face with one parent per child. The meeting will be held in the Friends Hall and further details will be sent in a separate email.

## HOUSE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Thank you to all the pupils who have taken part so far. The competition closes at 7pm this evening and winners will be announced in next Friday's assembly.

## WARM WELCOME

We are pleased to welcome some new members to our Rydes Hill Family this term. We warmly welcome Mila B, Ethan G, James McG, Rylin P, Sophia R, William R and Maeve W to Nursery. We are also very pleased to welcome Mrs Kate Brooks as our new Marketing Manager. We're very excited to welcome Mrs Brooks to our team, she has a wealth of marketing experience and we are certain that she will be an excellent fit for Ms Torlesse's shoes.

Mrs Norville



### Silver Awards this week

YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Nursery	Emily T	Georgina W
Kindergarten	Sophie	Honor
Lower Trans	George	Stephanie
Upper Trans	Tito	Qiao Qiao
Lower Prep	Astrid	Emily B
Middle Prep	Ching Yee	Alice
Higher Prep	Isabella D	Bridget
Form One	Angel	Dunni

### Special Awards this week

**Music Award:** Qiao Qiao in Upper Trans for making a fantastic start in all areas of music.

**Science Award:** Lexi in Kindergarten for her careful observations and accurate use of scientific language.

**Drama Award:** Violet Mae in Upper Trans for her detailed and imaginative ideas for a setting.

**PE Award:** Natalie S in Middle Prep for excellent sprinting technique and speed.

**RE Award:** Lily B in Higher Prep for her superb interest in comparing the gospel accounts of the Resurrection.

**Special Award:** George in Lower Trans for his quiet pride in his superb handwriting improvement.

**Kindness Award:** Dunni in Form One for being a mature and kind role model.



Double Donation Week is back! Raise TWICE AS MUCH for Friends of Rydes Hill Preparatory School when you shop online using #easyfundraising. John Lewis & Partners, Etsy, Groupon and more are doubling donations until 25th April. Every donation makes a difference!

Shop now: <http://efraising.org/ZH22NH9xA>

## Happy Birthday!

21st April

Felicity F

### House Points for this week

CAMPION	GERALD	PATRICIA	PETER
53	57	49	34



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

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/trust?pid=MTA101634&v=24.5>

Huge congratulations to Mrs Hopgood and her family, who welcomed their new baby girl, Olivia Grace!



### BALLET UPDATE

Miss Anna would like to extend a huge congratulations to all the girls who have taken exams during the last lockdown.

Online auditions were also held for Surrey Youth Ballet Associates, only 9 were taken in each age group and our very own Mahika and Eliana were accepted, as well as Ruby B being accepted as reserve.

Huge congratulations to the girls for their achievements!





## Bake Sale

There will be a Bake Sale this Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April, run by Kindergarten, Lower Transition and Upper Transition. The format will, of course, be different to usual. Tables will be set up at the front of School with one table for each bubble. At the end of the School day, each class will be able to purchase cakes from their class' table but they will need to have their money with them as all parents will need to remain in the car park area. If you would like your child to buy a cake, please make sure they have money in their school bag on Monday morning in an envelope or wallet. Nursery parents can buy a cake from their table when they have collected their child from Nursery and are walking back to the car park. There will be a mixture of home made and shop bought cakes.



## Settling in and making new friends in Nursery





*All together again!*





## Fun being back in School





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*Lower Transition learning about capacity*

