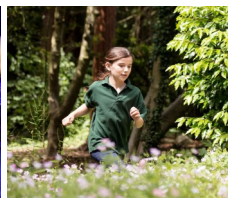




RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 26th March, 2021



Dear Parents

END OF TERM THANKS

It feels like the end of this rather strange term has crept up on us a little! I sincerely hope that we never again have a term where some of it is spent in School but the majority is spent at home. The signs of Spring all around us should definitely help us all to feel more hopeful about a more 'normal' Spring and Summer ahead of us.

Next week, you will receive the Calendar of Events for the Summer term. We have been optimistic in what we have planned, but events and dates are obviously subject to change based on the regulations at the time. We will keep parents fully informed as time goes on.

I would like to thank all of our wonderful Rydes Hill Family for their hard work this term. Despite lockdown, it has been a successful term and all of our children, teachers and parents should feel immensely proud of what they have achieved. I wish you all a happy, blessed and restful Easter. We look forward to welcoming the children back to School on Monday 19th April.

ALL YEAR ROUND NURSERY

Nursery will be closed on Friday 2nd to Monday 12th April. We look forward to welcoming our AYR children back on Tuesday 13th April.

LENTEN FUNDRAISING

Thank you to everyone who has contributed towards the Lenten appeals this year. £493.73 was raised for Comic Relief last Friday and £258.05 was raised for CAFOD through children doing small jobs at home and the Easter Egg Raffle that was drawn today. Thank you to the staff for donating the eggs for the raffle. Thank you to all our families for supporting these worthy charities.

EASTER CLUBS

If your child is attending any clubs or activities over the Easter break, please remember to follow the rules regarding self isolation if they show any symptoms of COVID-19. Children can attend clubs with others from outside of their usual 'bubble', essentially forming a new bubble for the duration of the club. We strongly advise all parents to pick up self testing kits from Onslow Park and Ride or University of Surrey Car Park 1 so that they can continue to self test twice a week. As lockdown restrictions ease, the chances of the virus spreading are higher and we therefore want to do all we can to minimize the risk to our School community.

HOUSE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

This is open to all children in School from Nursery to Form One. During the Easter holidays, we would like your children to take photographs that represent 'Spring'. They can enter up to 5 photos each. Please upload your photos to the new House Showbie classes - you will need to join the Showbie class first by using the following codes:

Campion- class code G9U56; Gerald - class code U45TB; Patricia - class code R2NYW; Peter - class code FTZZ4

Nursery can upload their photos to Tapestry.

The competition opens on Friday 26th March and closes on Friday 23rd April – so plenty of time to take your photographs! There will be prizes for each House in these categories: Nursery, Pre-Preparatory and Preparatory. Mrs Katie Cardona, our Chair of Governors, will be Head Judge! (tbc) Winners and Highly Commended will be announced in Achievement Assembly on Friday 30th April.

JOURNEY IN LOVE—RELATIONSHIPS, SEX AND HEALTH EDUCATION (RSHE) LESSONS

We will begin teaching our RSHE programme, Journey in Love, from the first week of the Summer term. For the vast majority of the School this focuses on relationships. In Higher Preparatory, puberty is covered and in Form One the girls learn about reproduction. There is a Parents' Forum session on Tuesday 20th April at 2pm for anyone interested in finding out more about the programme and what is taught. The programme has been revised in the past year to ensure it is compliant with the new legislation.

Mrs Norville



IAPS DRAMA FESTIVAL UPDATE

We were expecting a code for access to the final on 23rd March. We have heard from IAPS that the standard and quality of entries are truly outstanding! Unfortunately, the finals videos will not be ready this week, as the time-scales have all taken longer than they anticipated. Videos will be edited over the Easter holidays and will be ready to send out by the beginning of the summer term at the very latest. They send their apologies for the delay but they want "the final edits, judging feedback and overall quality of the inaugural festival to be as strong as possible in these virtual circumstances".

They also announced they have three judges, one for each section. Louise Palframen (West End performer and Drama practitioner) will adjudicate the Year 3 and 4 category, Anna McNamara (Director of Teacher and Learning at the Guildford School of Acting, Principal of the Guildford Theatre School) will adjudicate the Year 5 and 6 categories, with James Black (actor and independent acting coach) will adjudicate the Year 7 and 8 categories. As soon as we have further information we will let you know. Thank you for your patience.

Miss Tina Quinn

Easter Egg Raffle!



Easter Egg Hunt with Kindergarten



Easter Egg Hunt with Kindergarten



Morning break with friends



Happy Birthday!

8th April	Martha L
9th April	Bridget K
10th April	Amelia W-C
17th April	Ruby B

House Points for this week

CAMPION	GERALD	PATRICIA	PETER
63	55	59	41



Double Donation Week is back! Raise twice as much for FRHPS when you shop online using #easyfundraising. John Lewis & Partners, Argos, notonthehighstreet and more are doubling donations until 21st March. Right now, every donation makes a difference! Shop now: <http://efraising.org/SkGu0wxIGI>



Click here to view this week's 'The Wednesday Word': www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/easter-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=23.4



Lower Transition's Poem

The Bear Poem by Lower Transition



**The bear went outside
And started to creep
The bear went inside
For a goodnight sleep**



**He was a bear outside
Who liked sweet honey
He went to the beach
He found his friend bunny**

**The bear went to the forest
To find some berries
He decided to search more
And he found some cherries**

**He was starting to feel cold
And found a soft rug
He took it inside
And wrapped it all snug**



**The bear was always friendly
And his name was Dave
He played with his friends
Inside his cave.**



A reminder of Easter Clubs

Date	Club or Class	Time	Open to:
Monday 29 th March	Happy Smiles	9am – 3pm	Kindergarten – Form One
Tuesday 30 th March	Netball Camp	9am – 4pm	Lower Prep – Form One
Tuesday 30 th March	Forest School	9am – 4pm	Kindergarten – Upper Trans
Wednesday 31 st March	Forest School	9am – 4pm	Kindergarten – Upper Trans
Wednesday 31 st March	Netball Camp	9am – 4pm	Lower Prep – Form One
Wednesday 31 st March	Ballet catch up classes (45 mins)	Various times	Kindergarten – Form One
Thursday 1 st April	Multi-Skills Camp	9am – 4pm	Kindergarten - Upper Trans
Thursday 1 st April	Forest School	9am – 4pm	Lower Prep – Form One
Tuesday 6 th April	Happy Smiles	9am – 3pm	Kindergarten – Form One and any children in Nursery who are already 4
Wednesday 7 th April	Happy Smiles	9am – 3pm	Kindergarten – Form One and any children in Nursery who are already 4
Wednesday 14 th April	Ballet catch up classes (45 mins)	Various times	Kindergarten – Form One

