



Dear Parents

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

It really is beginning to feel a lot like Christmas! Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the Christmas Fair such a success. The School was full of people, all having a lovely time. I would especially like to thank our Class Reps and our very hardworking Co-Chairs; Mrs Fry, Mrs Khaldi and Mrs Walker.

The first production of the season took place this Friday. A grand total of 37 Nursery children took to the stage to perform their 'Wiggly Nativity'. It was a superb production – thank you to all the children and staff for their hard work.

Next week we look forward to 'The Bossy Christmas Fairy', being performed by Kindergarten, Lower Transition, Upper Transition and Lower Preparatory. For the evening performance on Friday, we recommend that parents take their children home straight after School to have a break and something to eat. They will need to be back in School by 5pm. A letter with all the details for this has been sent via ParentMail.

Our older girls will perform their Carol Concert on Thursday 12th December at 6.30pm **in the Friends' Hall**. We have a change of venue (just for this year) as the Church Hall is being used as a polling station and we thought it best to keep out of the way!

INTERNATIONAL VISIT

I will not be in School from Monday to Wednesday next week. I have been invited to speak at an International Conference in Prague. The three remaining members of the Senior Leadership Team (Mrs Pillar, Mrs Rowson and Mrs Wood) will all be in School should you need any assistance. I am able to access emails while I am away.

CONFESSIONS

Father Roy will be in School next Tuesday to hear confessions. Any child in Middle Prep to Form One who has made their First Holy Communion is welcome to attend if they would like to.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY – VIEWING CARDS

Following Prêt-a-Portrait's recent visit to the School, student pictures are now available. A viewing card explaining how you can view and order photos will be sent home with pupils today.

Please ask your child to give you the viewing card as soon as possible so you have a chance to order any photos you would like at a discounted price before the Early Bird Deadline of **13th December 2019**.

If for any reason your viewing card doesn't make it to you in the next few days, please contact Prêt-a-Portrait direct on 0800 021 7626 or customerservice@pret-a-portrait.net

SPORTING SUCCESS!

We are all very proud of our Netball teams this term, especially as we are frequently playing much larger schools. Out of the 16 Netball matches played this term, we have:

Won: 12

Drawn: 2

Lost: 2

Netball matches will resume next term.

Mrs Norville

U9 & U10 NETBALL V TORMEAD

On Thursday 28th November the U9 & U10's played Netball matches against Tormead at Home. The weather was damp and drizzly but the girls were determined to play on. The games were very fast paced and extremely close throughout. The U9's faced a strong opposition but lost 5-7 in the final quarter. Player of the match was awarded to Maryam M for her effective intercepting.

The U10's had an incredibly close match with the score being equal in the first two quarters with Tormead taking the lead in the third quarter. The final 6 mins was nail-biting with Rydes Hill securing an 8-7 win. Player of the match was awarded to Daisy P.

Thank you so much to all the parents for your support and to Mrs Thompson for helping with the match teas – the sausage rolls went down a treat! Thanks Chef Dan.

PE Department.

Silver Awards this week		
YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Kindergarten	Miru O	Avie M
Lower Trans	Jonah A	Christabel R-C
Upper Trans	Juliette D	Astrid K
Lower Prep	Alicia H	Amelia B
Middle Prep	Maryam M	Martha L
Higher Prep	Lizzie B	Imogen F
Form One	Isobel G	Alice L

Special Awards this week	
Music Award:	Grace M (LT) for beautiful singing in Music.
Ballet Award:	Grace M (LT) for doing a great exam despite feeling unwell.
Science Award:	Hugh L (UT) for showing interest in micro and macro habitats.
RE Award:	Katie B (HP) for writing beautifully about St Josephine Bakhita.
PE Award:	Millie-Rose D (LP) for moving into space on court in the netball lesson on Monday.
French Award:	Tillie T (HP) for consistently producing high quality homework.
Special Award:	Daisy P (HP) for a wonderful participation and knowledge of the past tense.
Kindness Award:	Kara B (MP) for kindness towards another child who was upset in the playground.

Diary dates for next week	
Monday 2nd	7pm: Christmas Music Concert
Tuesday 3rd	Confessions
Thursday 5th	2pm: Christmas Nativity Play
Friday 6th	10am: Advent Mass at St Mary's Church with refreshments afterwards in the Dining Hall. All parents welcome.
Friday 6th	1.30pm: Splash & Dash Biathlon at Guildford High School
Friday 6th	6pm: Christmas Nativity Play

House Points for this week			
CAMPION	GERALD	PATRICIA	PETER
75	98	71	78

Happy Birthday!

5th December	Jaime P
8th December	Freya B
8th December	Sophia T
8th December	Zoe S



John Lewis & Partners, Debenhams, Argos, eBay, ASOS and many more are DOUBLING DONATIONS this Black Friday, so you can raise even more for us when you use #easyfundraising to shop with them. Please make sure we don't miss out! #givebackfriday
Visit: <http://efraising.org/kUUTXJVmle>



Middle Prep Trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace



Christmas Fair (thank you Mathilde and Josie for help with photos!)



Christmas Fair



Nursery Nativity—some pictures from our dress rehearsal!



Nursery Nativity—some pictures from our dress rehearsal!



Holiday Clubs Update

Christmas Holidays

CODE CAMP

Code Camp returns to Rydes Hill this Christmas Holiday from Monday 16th to Wednesday 18th December (3 day program) at a cost of £229 per child. The day runs from 8.30am to 4pm and there will be two classes running: Spark for first time students and Ignite for returning students.

You can book online at www.codecamp.co.uk/rydeshill or contact hello@codecamp.co.uk with any questions.



HAPPY SMILES

Mrs Smillie and Miss Hobson will be running the 'Happy Smiles' club on Friday 20th December from 9am to 4pm. It will be a fun-filled day with festive arts and crafts, cooking, Christmas karaoke and a disco! All children from Kindergarten to Form One are welcome to attend. A booking form is available in the School Office.

February Half Term

SYNERGY DANCE

Following the popularity of Synergy Dance during the recent half term, they will be returning to Rydes Hill during February half term on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th February. Monday's theme is 'Frozen' and Tuesday's theme is 'The Secret Life of Pets'.

The cost per day is £37.50 excluding lunch and booking will be available soon via ParentMail.

FOREST SCHOOL

The wonderful Forest School with Mrs Morris will be returning on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th February at a cost of £42.50 per day (9am—4pm) including lunch. Booking will be available soon via ParentMail.

Synergy Dance, Forest School and Code Camp are open to siblings, friends and external pupils.

Easter Holidays

NETBALL CAMP

We would like to give advance notice that Mrs Bowles and Mrs Luscombe will be running three Netball Camp days over the Easter holidays for children in Upper Transition to Form One on the following dates:

Thursday 2nd April

Monday 20th April

Tuesday 21st April

The camps will run from 9am to 4pm and the cost is £45 per day, £80 for 2 days or £120 for 3 days with the option for a 10% sibling discount.