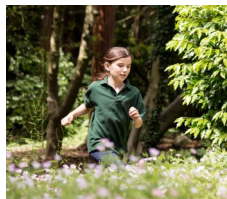




# RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 5th January 2024



**Dear Parents**

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back for a 'short' week. I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and I wish you a happy and healthy New Year. We have had some new joiners this term.

**Acorns:** Albert B, Jack B, Alexander F, Sienna M, Grace P and Ophelia P.

**Kindergarten:** Eyad E and Adam M.

**Upper Transition:** Moayed E and Layal M.

**Middle Preparatory:** Lillian C and Noor E.

**Form One:** Rinad M.

We warmly welcome them and their families to Rydes Hill. I am sure that you will make them all feel very welcome. We welcome Mrs Bannister (Teaching Assistant in Kindergarten Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Upper Transition on Friday) back from Maternity Leave. We would also like to congratulate Miss Chave who will take over as Deputy Head of Nursery (Acorns and All Year Round) when Miss Harrison leaves at the end of this month. Please don't worry, Mrs Beaven is still Deputy Head of Nursery (Oaks)! We are currently recruiting for a new Nursery Assistant.

## UNIFORM CHANGES

Following a discussion at the Parents' Forum, the following changes should be noted:

- Berets are now optional. If winter hats are being worn they should either be a beret, a Rydes Hill beanie or a plain navy blue beanie. No pompoms on beanie hats.
- Winter socks can be either the current version (navy with maroon band) or plain navy knee high. Summer socks are white ankle socks. For hockey, burgundy sports socks that can accommodate a shin pad are required. Tights should be navy blue.
- Trainers can be any colour other than black, neon or sparkly. They must be supportive sports trainers, not 'fashion' trainers.
- Blazers are a summer uniform item, other than for Form One (who wear them all year round) or on Mass days, when all children should wear their blazers.
- Ear muffs, coloured hats, scarves and gloves should not be worn. For hats, see bullet one above. Gloves and scarves should be plain navy blue or bottle green.
- Hair accessories should be navy, bottle green or School tartan only.
- The only jewelry that can be worn is a watch and small, discrete stud earrings. Earrings must be removed for PE, so if you decide to have your child's ear's pierced, please do this in the first week of the Summer holidays so that they have time to heal.

Please be aware that Valentino have informed us that they are no longer able to get our winter tartan blouses and shirts. We are in the process of deciding on an alternative. In the meantime, the second hand uniform shop has some stock of these blouses and shirts. If you are finding it difficult to get the uniform you require, please speak to Mrs Norville.

## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

We are taking a more pro active role in monitoring attendance and punctuality. We will be writing to parents at the start of each term if a child's attendance has fallen below 90%. We will also be sending letters out regarding late arrivals. Please remember that in the Main School, all lessons start promptly at 8.30am and children who arrive after that time not only have their own learning disrupted, but impact on the learning of others in the classroom. If late, please take your child to the School Office and not straight to their classroom so their attendance can be logged.

**Mrs Norville**



Silver Awards this week		
YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Nursery	Molly F	Eloise L
Kindergarten	Emily T	Eyad E
Lower Trans	Arlo A	Grace B
Upper Trans	Charles B	Vinudi R
Lower Prep	Violet X	Evie H
Middle Prep	Izzy B-J	Noor E
Higher Prep	Shayna A	Ruby B
Form One	Jess F	Miloslava M

Special Awards this week
<b>Science Award:</b> Anna L (LP) for her interest in experimenting with magnets.
<b>PE Award:</b> Amai B (KG) for learning to do a forward roll without assistance.
<b>Computing Award:</b> Lexi K (LP) for super coding and programming skills.
<b>Forest School Award:</b> James McG (LT) for great listening skills.
<b>Music Award:</b> Reuben D (KG) for fantastic focus and participation in lessons this week.
<b>Kindness Award:</b> Everyone who has helped our new children settle in.
<b>Special Award:</b> Kindergarten for being great ambassadors for the School on their trip to Surrey Sports Park.

Diary dates for the next two weeks	
Mon 8th Jan	Speech & Drama begins.
Weds 10th Jan	Ballet begins.
Tues 16th Jan	9am - New Year Mass at St Mary's Church led by Middle Preparatory - Parents welcome and invited for refreshments in our Dining Hall after Mass. U10 A & B Netball match v Notre Dame (Away).
Fri 19th Jan	8am - Parent Coffee Morning.

# Happy Birthday!

5th January	Leah Y
9th January	Isabella M
9th January	Vinudi R



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

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/christmas-holiday-special?>





## Kindergarten and Nursery Oaks Nativity





## Lower Trans to Lower Prep Nativity





## Prep Christmas Carol Concert

