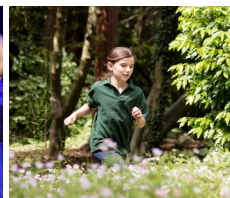




# RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 5th March, 2021



Dear Parents

## RETURN TO SCHOOL

There is a buzz of excitement in the air – just three more sleeps until everyone is back in School! All parents have been sent the updated handbook. If you have not yet done so, please do take a look at the changes, which are all only very minor. In line with the latest Government guidance, Primary aged children do not need to wear a mask in School. If you have any concerns or questions about the return to School, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher in the first instance. We look forward to welcoming everyone back next week.

## HOME TESTING KITS

The Government have committed to providing twice weekly COVID testing to any adults with school aged children living at home with them. This extends to any adults in your childcare or support bubble. Lateral Flow Device (LFD) rapid testing kits are available for adults living with children of school age. This includes adults in your child care or support bubble. Tests can be collected, free of charge, from Onslow Park and Ride and University of Surrey GSA Car Park 1. Both sites are open from 1.30-7.00pm. We would like to encourage all adults to engage with this testing programme as 1 in 3 people who test positive do not show symptoms and this testing helps to detect these cases. There is no requirement or expectation for primary aged children to be tested.

## CHANGING FOR PE

A ParentMail was sent out earlier this week with the details of what children need to wear to School and when they need to change for PE, ballet or Forest School. Please read this information carefully as children often get unnecessarily distressed if they are wearing the wrong uniform!

## PARENTS' FORUM

Thank you to the 35+ parents who attended the Forum meeting last week. It was an exciting discussion, focusing on planned expansion that will take place in the School this year. We are seeking planning permission to add a modular classroom next to the lodge and turn this area into our Nursery. There will be a classroom in the Lodge for rising threes and the modular classroom for the rising fours. The area will have it's own dedicated outside space, as well as a covered atrium between the classes which they will both use. The Nursery children will still benefit from all the specialist provision and facilities of the Main School, as they do now. There are many advantages to being split into two classes by age group, including helping our younger children to settle in a calm environment and ensuring our older children can focus on being ready for School. The vacated Nursery space will become a dedicated performing arts space, with two music rooms and a large performing arts room, suitable for drama, music or dance. The minutes of the Forum meeting, along with the PowerPoint presentation, have been sent to parents. If you have any comments or questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Norville.

Sarah Norville

## Happy Birthday!

|            |          |
|------------|----------|
| 7th March  | Eliana O |
| 11th March | Emily P  |
| 12th March | Mrya S   |
| 12th March | Arya S   |



Please support FRHPS on #easyfundraising this year, and raise free donations when you shop online with over 4,400 retailers. It's simple and only takes two minutes to sign up! This will make a BIG difference to us during this difficult time. Plus, if you sign up, we'll get a £5 bonus donation:  
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The link to this week's 'The Wednesday Word' is below:  
<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/enthusiasm?pid=MTA101634&v=19.10>



## BALLET RESULTS

Miss Anna would like to extend a huge congratulations to all the girls who took ballet exams over the course of the last year of lock-down. She is very proud of you all!

### Primary

|              |                      |
|--------------|----------------------|
| Emily B      | Merit (Silver Medal) |
| Juliette D   | Merit (Silver Medal) |
| Isabelle H-F | Merit (Silver Medal) |

### Grade One

|           |                      |
|-----------|----------------------|
| Emilia H  | Merit (Silver Medal) |
| Sophia J  | Merit (Silver Medal) |
| Natalie S | Merit (Silver Medal) |

### Grade Two

|          |                     |
|----------|---------------------|
| Lola B   | Pass (Bronze Medal) |
| Rachel F | Pass (Bronze Medal) |

### Grade Four

|              |                          |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| Mathilde H-L | Distinction (Gold Medal) |
| Scarlett T   | Distinction (Gold Medal) |



## MIDDLE PREP THANK YOU

Mrs Lappage was very touched to receive this wonderful poem from Middle Prep. Well done to Flossy for writing such a beautiful poem.



## EASTER CLUBS

We are in the process of finalising the schedule for Easter Clubs and we have published any confirmed clubs and dates below. Booking details for all clubs have been sent via Parentmail or email during the course of this week and we will update you with any additional dates next week. If you wish to use Childcare Vouchers to pay for holiday clubs, please contact Mr Parr at [finance@rydeshill.com](mailto:finance@rydeshill.com).

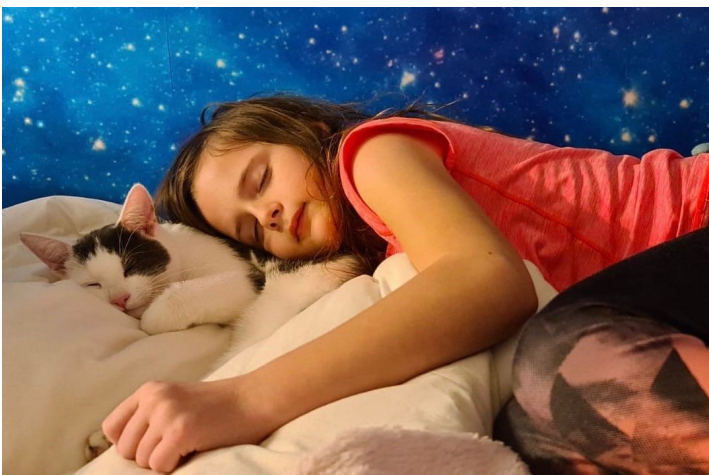
| Date                             | Club or Class                     | Time          | Open to:  |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---|
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> March    | Happy Smiles                      | 9am – 3pm     | Kindergarten – Form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





## *Lockdown memories!*

Goodness—what a year! When we look back over our memories of this time we will certainly recall the challenges and hardships but our pictures have captured the important moments in-between; sibling closeness, reconnection with nature, time spent with no agenda, the serenity of a free weekend, welcoming new four-legged friends, pyjamas until noon and a new love found love of baking, drawing, walking or cycling. Whilst the world was spinning, our children have been our real heroes this past year and we have to salute them for remaining so positive and resilient throughout.



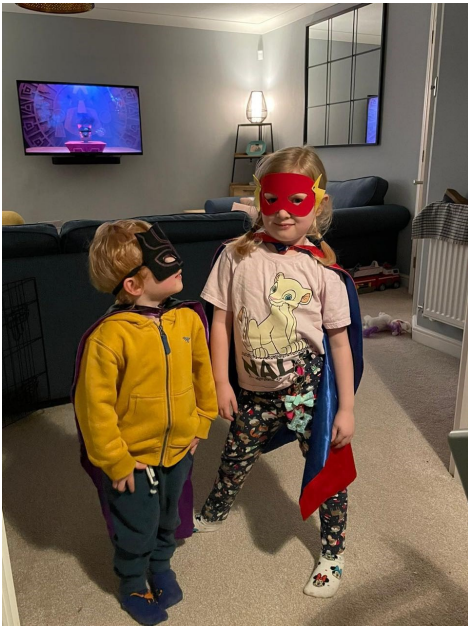


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