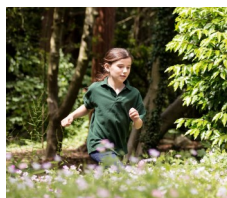




RYDES HILL

PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 6th December, 2019



Dear Parents

CAROL SERVICE

We look forward to welcoming parents to the Carol Service next Thursday evening at 6.30pm. Due to the church hall being used as a polling station, the service will take place in the Friends' Hall this year. Refreshments will be served in the Dining Hall after the performance.

CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY

We will be having our Christmas Party Day on Friday 13th December. Children may wear party clothes to School. Please ensure children have sensible footwear. They will be having a day of fun, games and a few surprises!

At the end of the day, as has been the tradition for many years, children in the Main School will congregate in the entrance hall around the Christmas Tree. We will have the blessing of the crib and will sing Christmas Carols. This is a beautiful end to our Autumn term and a lovely way to send everyone off for their Christmas Holidays. As there are so many of us, it is not possible for all parents to be invited to this. However, we would like to extend an invitation to parents of girls in Form One and boys in Upper Transition as this will be their last Christmas with us. Please make sure you are at School by 2.45pm.

CHAPLAINCY TEAM

We are so proud of the work our Chaplaincy Team have done this term. They are working hard on making sure our prayer areas in class are inspiring and well used. They have been working on a child-friendly version of our Mission Statement and have, in some cases, been leading collective worship in class. Thank you Charlotte, Zuri, Morayo, Imogen, Bridget, Kate, Sofia, Lucinda, Tilly and Hugh for all your hard work this term. Now that we are off to a really good start, the team will meet once a month on a Tuesday. Parents will receive a ParentMail with the dates after the Christmas Break.

FAREWELL TO MRS CARTER

As you will know from the ParentMail sent out last week, we are incredibly sad that Mrs Carter will be leaving Rydes Hill at the end of this term. Mrs Carter has written this poem as a way of summing up how she feels about Rydes Hill and as a way to say goodbye. These beautiful words make it clear what a special person Mrs Carter is and she will be very missed by staff, parents and children alike. We wish her every happiness in her new role and look forward to welcoming her back in the New Year for a 'thank you' celebration.



CAROL SINGING

If you are in Woking this Saturday, some of our pupils (and parents!) will be Carol Singing at 11am. We will be collecting for Woking Hospice.

Mrs Norville

Holding hands, gentle heart
Kind thoughts are a good place to start
Be still. Observe. Often ponder
Laughter makes the heart grow fonder
Rydes Hill is a family like no other
Mother, father, sister, brother
Friend, teacher, grandparents too
Very special people to me and you
You have got what it takes
You can achieve
With courage, strength and belief
You are your own rainbow
Give it everything you've got
Make a difference and smile a lot
No matter where you are
We will not be far apart
For every time I think of you
You're right there in my heart.

With love
Mrs Carter x



Diary dates for next week

Tuesday 10th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 10th Dec	Last Prep Club
Thursday 12th	Final Stay & Play and After School Care for girls in the Carol Service
Thursday 12th	6.30pm: Carol Service
Friday 13th	Christmas Party Day
Friday 13th	3.30pm Break for Christmas

House Points for this week

CAMPION	GERALD	PATRICIA	PETER
103	92	83	61

Happy Birthday!

10th December

Annabel S

8th December

Stephanie B

15th December

Ella W



It's time to enter the [#easyfundraising](#) Advent Calendar! You could WIN prizes for yourself and donations for FRHPS everyday until Christmas. For each day you enter, you'll also get a free entry to the Christmas Day Grand Prize Draw for £5,000 to spend at John Lewis & Partners and a £5,000 donation for us!

Visit: <http://efraising.org/AkALJUmVXF>

Christmas Nativity!



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Wonderful Music Concert on Monday Evening



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Holiday Clubs Update

Christmas Holidays

CODE CAMP—IMPORTANT NOTICE

Unfortunately, Code Camp have informed us that they will need to cancel the 3 day camp to be held during the Christmas Holidays as we only had 3 bookings for both classes.

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'.

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 and Forest School 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.