



## Dear Parents

### STAFFING NEWS

We are very sad to share that our wonderful Upper Transition teacher, Mrs Helen Hudson, will be leaving Rydes Hill at the end of this academic year. Whilst we will celebrate Mrs Hudson's time with us properly at the end of the year, I would like to take the opportunity now to thank her for her incredible hard work, dedication and commitment to Rydes Hill, not only as an Upper Transition teacher but also as Head of RE. Mrs Kym Firth will teach in Upper Transition from September, alongside Mrs Kerri Roberts, who remains the Upper Transition teacher on a Thursday and Friday.

From September, the teaching in Nursery will be shared between Miss Catherine Everard (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) and Mrs Jennifer Smillie (Thursday and Friday). Mrs Messinger will continue to teach Kindergarten on a Thursday and Friday, and will remain Head of Early Years, but will also take on Head of RE. Her new title will be Assistant Head (RE and Early Years).

### SPEECH AND DRAMA RESULTS

Congratulations to all the children who took Speech and Drama exams recently. We have maintained our 100% distinction record, which now stands for 9 years in a row! Well done to all the children who took exams and to Miss Quinn for preparing them so fantastically.

### SPORTS DAY

The highlight of the sporting calendar takes place next week (weather permitting!). Nursery Sports Day is on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June starting at 9.30am. All children in Nursery are invited to attend, regardless of whether or not they usually attend on a Tuesday. Pre-Prep Sports Day is on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June starting at 9am and Prep Sports Day is on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June starting at 1.30pm. Parents are warmly encouraged to attend (and, if they would like to, join in!). Children in Main School will be competing in their Houses, and so parents can choose to wear House Colours if they wish. Please be aware that parking may be challenging. If you are parking in local streets, please be mindful of how you park as we like to maintain good relations with our neighbours.

### AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION

Please can parents make sure that they carefully supervise their children after School. We have had complaints from local neighbours about items being thrown over fences into their gardens. Our fitness/athletics after school club on Thursday this week had great difficulty accessing the cross country course because of children running in front of them. We want families to be able to use the adventure playground after school, but we also want clubs to be able to happen safely. Please can parents remember that the equipment that is left outside (particularly the Little Tikes cars) should not be used by the children after school. Thank you for your cooperation.

### HIGHER PREPARATORY PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Parents of children in Higher Preparatory have been sent an invitation to book a Parents' Evening appointment with Mrs Rowson, Mrs Wood and myself to discuss Senior School choices. Please make sure you sign up for this important appointment if you haven't already.





## FORM ONE ASSEMBLY AND FUNDRAISING

Thank you to Mrs Wood and all of Form One for their wonderful and thought provoking Assembly this morning. Thank you also to everyone who wore blue clothing and made a donation to WaterAid and Toilet Twinning.



## OUR OWN AUTHOR

One of our 'Old Girls', Frances Tosdevin, has written a series of beautiful children's books. Her latest, *The Library Mouse*, has been selected as one of the featured books for this year's Summer Reading Challenge. Frances will be doing a 'Meet the Author' zoom session with Lower Transition and Upper Transition on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June. If any children in the School would like the chance to buy one of her books (to be signed by the author), these links will take you to an independent book shop who have kindly set up a special order page for Rydes Hill families:

[An Artist's Eyes \(nextpagebooks.co.uk\)](https://nextpagebooks.co.uk)

[The library mouse \(nextpagebooks.co.uk\)](https://nextpagebooks.co.uk)

[The Bear and Her Book \(nextpagebooks.co.uk\)](https://nextpagebooks.co.uk)



## MUFTI DAY

There will be a Mufti (own clothes day) next Wednesday. Children may wear their own clothes in exchange for £2 (payable in cash or on ParentMail). The funds will go towards buying prizes for the Summer Fair. **Please remember that if your child has PE on a Mufti Day, they must bring PE kit to change into.**

**Mrs Norville**

### Silver Awards this week

YEAR	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
KG	Emily for her excellent independent writing	Alexander for being brave at the swimming pool
LT	James for brilliant work on punctuation	Grace for being very grown up with her new glasses
UT	Lily for her wonderful story writing	Esme for her hard work and positive attitude
LP	Anna for excellent work	Tia for showing courage
MP	Miru for consistent, outstanding maths	Hermione for always trying her best
HP	Thea for superb maths	Kevina for working hard to
F1	Astrid for her conscientious attitude	Lakshana for her consistent positivity

### Special Awards this week

**RE Award:** Edward (LT) for thinking of ways we carry out Jesus' mission today

**Science Award:** Reuben (KG) for his knowledge and understanding of the natural world

**Computing Award:** Daniyal (UT) for excellent transitions in scratch coding

**Forest School Award:** Daniyal (UT) for good, sensible participation while fire making

**Ballet Award:** Sophie B (UT) for dedication in her ballet lessons

**Kindness Award:** Arlo (LT) for being kind to others

**Special Award:** Mrs Rowson for becoming a Granny! Huge congratulations!

### Diary dates for next week

<b>Tuesday 11th June</b>	9.30am Nursery Sports Day Lower Transition trip to Gilbert House and Upper Transition trip to Arundel Castle 7.45pm FRHPS Committee Meeting (online)
<b>Thursday 13th June</b>	9am Pre-Prep (Kindergarten to Upper Transition) Sports Day 1.30pm Prep (Lower Preparatory to Form One) Sports Day
<b>Friday 14th June</b>	Mufti day (own clothes) in preparation for Summer Fair



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

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/happiness?pid=MTA101634&v=40.3>





*Say cheese for the whole School photograph!*





Forest School fun with Lower Preparatory





*Nursery and Pre-Prep limber up for Sports Day!*





*Fantastic Speech and Drama results and a Summer Production sneak-peek*

