

Rumboldswhyke Newsletter 6th January 2023 Part of the Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership



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Dear Rumboldswhyke families,



Welcome to the first newsletter of 2023 and a very Happy New Year to everyone. I do hope you all had a happy and peaceful Christmas break. I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all the staff, to thank you once again for the many wonderful cards and gifts we received at the end of last term. Thank you, they were very much appreciated.

It is lovely to see the children back in school and hearing all their stories about their Christmas holidays. They all returned so positively and enjoyed seeing and being with their friends again. They have also displayed a fabulous attitude towards their learning. We're looking forward to a busy Spring Term.



This year, Safer Internet Day 2023 will be celebrated on 7th February with the theme 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online.' Safer Internet Day celebrates young people's role in creating a safer internet, whether that is whilst gaming and creating content, or interacting with their friends and peers.

Attendance and Punctuality

The government sets out clear expectations that schools must have systems in place to monitor and support good attendance and punctuality in school. Therefore, one of our school priorities is improving attendance. This week, you should have received a letter and attendance print out for your child. Each half term, we inform you of your child's current attendance figures. Many parents say these are useful as they demonstrate how a few days off here and there add to a significant amount of time missed from school.

We understand that there are legitimate reasons for most absences from school, so please do not be offended by the letter. If there is a concern about attendance or punctuality, we want to work with you to improve this to ensure your child has the best chance of success in their education.

We have noticed a significant increase in the number of children arriving late to school. We cannot stress how vitally important it is that your children are here on time, at the start of the school day. This is at 8:45. Being a few minutes late each day puts your child at a disadvantage as they miss important information at the start of the school day. It also places other children at a disadvantage as adults need to go over the same work, meaning they are not providing support to those who need it. We want the best for everyone. If you are struggling to get your children to school please come and talk to us about strategies we could put into place to help with those busy early mornings.

Whole school attendance to date	Blue Class	Yellow Class	Red Class
91.8%	91.5%	91%	93.1%



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Red Class Swimming Lessons - Starting Monday 9th January.



Please can all of Red Class pupils come to school in their swimming costumes, underneath their school uniform, and bring their **named** underwear, towel and swimming goggles with them in a bag. Pupils will change at Everyone Active after their lesson and return to school, by Bishop Luffa minibus. Please return your permission letters to enable your child to take part in this activity.

Parking in Rumbolds Close

It has once again been brought to our attention that parking in Rumbolds Close has become inconsiderate to our neighbours and dangerous for the children. May I remind you not to park over anyone's driveway and that the hatched area in front of the school gate must be kept clear at ALL time to allow emergency vehicles to enter the school if necessary. **Please do not drive into this area to drop your child/children for school.**

Parking is available in St George's church for those who wish to drive, however please be mindful to cross Whyke Road by the traffic lights as the road can be busy at drop off and pick up times.

With warmest wishes,

Lisa Harris



Term Dates		
Spring Term 2023 - Half Term	Tuesday 3rd January — Friday 31st March Monday 13th February — Friday 17th February Monday 20th February - INSET day - No school for children	
• Easter Holiday	Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April	
Summer Term 2023 -	Monday 17th April – Friday 21st July School will be closed for the May Bank Holiday Monday 1st May	
Half Term	Monday 29th May — Friday 2nd June	