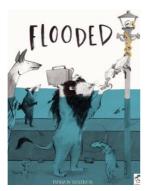


## Newsletter 8th March 2024

Dear Rumboldswhyke families,

A huge thank you to all our children, families and staff for your efforts to make World Book Day such a success and a huge thank you to Mrs Gilbert for helping orchestrate the whole day. This year we approached World Book Day a little differently. We asked the children to come dressed

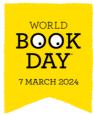


in animal print or in animal costume, as we all studied

by Mariajo Ilustrajo.

a book about animals called Flooded

Everyone looked utterly fabulous and the quality of the artwork produced was excellent.





#### Easter Garden

The school council is holding an Easter Garden competition during the last week of term. Children who would like to enter, must bring their Easter garden into school on Tuesday 26th March. There will be a winner from each class. The winners will receive an Easter Egg! The School Council have also requested we hold our annual Easter Egg hunt during the last week of term too.

To make your **Easter Garden** you will need to find out about the key parts of the **Easter Story**. Then, get creative by representing these in a recyclable

container or tray to make an Easter garden. You could use boxes, natural resources, paper, card or even paint!

## To find out more about Easter Gardens watch this video: <u>click here</u>



#### Easter Eucharist

Don't forget our Easter Eucharist on Monday 25th March, 2pm at St. George's Church. All are welcome.

The whole school is walking over to the church on Tuesday 19th March to rehearse for the service.

#### Non - school uniform day 22nd March

When I met with the school council last week, they were very keen to raise some money for new playground equipment/toys/games. Therefore, they are holding a non-school uniform day next Friday

(22nd March) in exchange for your donation to their fundraising pot. I have told them I will match whatever they raise from the AFRS fundraising funds.



#### Grounds Day (Saturday 9th March, 2pm - 4pm)

Thank you so much to those who have volunteered their time to come and help out at our Grounds Day tomorrow!

There will be plenty of refreshments, including hot cross buns, cakes, biscuits, tea & coffee to keep everyone energised and warm!

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For those that are popping along, if you are able to bring the following items:

- Protective / gardening gloves
- Thick leather gloves (only if you have them, please do not purchase any)
- Secateurs or loppers
- Pruning saw (if you have one)
- A wheelbarrow (if you are nearby or easily able to bring one).

Please don't forget to dress warmly (and with waterproofs if needed).

If anyone else would like to pop down and help out, you will be more than welcome!

#### Reading Army.

Last Year, we employed an Academic Mentor to support with additional reading and maths interventions. This was due to additional funding from the government as part of the recovery after lockdown. Unfortunately, this funding has significantly reduced and we are no longer able to fund this role.

Daily reading practise is one of the most effective ways of boosting reading. We are keen to set up a Reading Army of volunteers to regularly come into school and listen to readers, providing them with essential practise. Volunteers would receive reading and safeguarding training and DBS checked before starting the role. If you or someone you know, could volunteer a few hours a week, please do get in contact with us.

With very best wishes, Lisa Harris



## Diary Dates

March 2024	
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Grounds Day (2pm-4pm)
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Football Club (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Swimming Lessons (Red Class)
	Choir Club (Yr 2 - 5)
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Dance Club
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2)
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Choir Club invited to sing at All Age
	worship at St George's Church
	(10am)
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Football Club (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Swimming Lessons (Red Class)
	Choir Club (Yr 2 - 5)
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Dance Club
21st March	Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2)
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Non- School Uniform Day
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Eucharist at St George's Church
	(2pm)
	Football Club (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Garden Competition
	Swimming Lessons (Red Class)
	Choir Club (Yr 2 - 5)
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Dance Club
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2)
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Good Friday (School closed)

#### **Aril 2024**

1 <sup>st</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
15 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET Day (no children in school)

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### Term Dates 2023 - 2024

#### Spring Term 2024

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March Half Term – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

INSET Day Monday 19th February — children not in school

#### Summer Term 2024

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July Half Term – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

INSET Day Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – children not in school INSET Day Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – children not in school



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