

# Rumboldswhyke Newsletter 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021 Part of the Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership





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Dear Rumboldswhyke families,

As I am writing to you at the end of our fourth week in lockdown, I want to thank you if you were able to join in with our Zoom parent sessions or live worship on Thursday morning.

It was great to have the opportunity to speak to you in real time and to know the children were there, at home, joining in with us during our worship session. We would like to make worship a weekly occurrence, so we would be delighted if you could join in with us, so don't forget to look for the link we send.



Since I last wrote to you there have been a number of updates from the government and helpful links we have been sent that we would like to share with you:

#### Lateral Flow Devices.

Those of you who are bringing your child to our in-school provision will be aware that we have continued to maintain the many protective measures we have put in place and reviewed at regular points and as new guidance is received. This week an additional protective measure which you may have already heard about is the provision of lateral flow device tests for all primary school <u>staff</u> who are working in the setting. By testing twice weekly at home, this further measure is intended to slow the spread of *COIVID-19* by identifying asymptomatic individuals (people without symptoms) but who could potentially be infectious and therefore help to break the train of transmission within our setting.

#### SATS

End of key stage assessment tests (Year 2 SATs) and teacher assessments, have been cancelled this year. Therefore, our children in Year 2 will not sit tests in the summer term.



#### Free School Meals

West Sussex County Council are replicating their scheme to issue supermarket vouchers to families in receipt of Free School Meals during the half term holiday. In recognition of how financially challenging recent months have been, the value of the vouchers will be increased to £20 just for the February half term.

Please contact Mrs Flint, if you do not receive your voucher. bursar@rumboldswhyke.org.uk

#### Half Term

The government also announced this week, that schools will be closed for the February Half Term.



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#### Useful links

<u>Change4Life</u> have created recipes and shopping lists for families which can be used to create lunches for around £15 each week. Please share this information with your parents/carers.

https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/lunch/cheap-lockdown-lunch-ideas





9<sup>th</sup> February is <u>Safer Internet Day</u>. The community Safety and Wellbeing Team are hosting free webinars for parents and carers. To book a free place click on the date and follow the links below.
9<sup>th</sup> February @ 1pm 12<sup>th</sup> February @ 10am

Booktrust Home Time offers fun things to try at home as a family. You can enjoy a Storytime with free online books and videos, play games, draw your favourite characters and test your knowledge in book-themed guizzes.

https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/

GoNoodle: A dance routine to Can't Stop the Feeling with the Trolls <a href="https://www.youtube-nocookie.com/embed/KhfkYzUwYFk?autoplay=1&iv\_load\_policy=3&loop=1&modestbranding=1&playlist=KhfkYzUwYFk">https://www.youtube-nocookie.com/embed/KhfkYzUwYFk?autoplay=1&iv\_load\_policy=3&loop=1&modestbranding=1&playlist=KhfkYzUwYFk</a>

Phonics Play is a phonics resource the children are used to using in school. This site is currently free for you to use at home. Once you have logged in, click on the resources tab. If you are unsure of the phase to use, please do ask on Seesaw or Tapestry or email me: head@rumboldswhyke.org.uk

Username: jan21 Password: home

https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/

With warmest wishes,

Lisa Harris