



# Rumboldswyke Newsletter 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021

## 'Love life, love learning'

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Dear Rumboldswyke families,

This has certainly been a strange start to the new term / year and not one we would have hoped for. However, I would like to begin by sending a big thank you to you all for being so understanding and supportive through this time. With a new year ahead and the ongoing challenge we all face negotiating COVID and another lockdown, we continue to rely on each other: for support, reassurance and kind words. We want you all to know that we are here and should you need help with anything we are only at the end of the phone. The home-school partnership is more important now that it has ever been; I'm sure we can continue to work together to make sure the children get the very best support and care, pastorally and academically.



Since 8pm Monday evening, the staff have worked tirelessly to switch to the dual task of planning and delivering remote and in-school learning. Thank you so much for responding so quickly to the email that went out late on Monday. On the email our families were asked if they had the technology to get online to view the home learning. We know that juggling home learning, especially for multiple children, is extremely difficult. **We are working with Bishop Luffa to secure some additional laptops. If this is something we can help you with, please do let us know.**

### Remote Learning

The online survey sent to parents showed the remote learning needed is a mixture of delivered work packs and online messages and videos. Because we want to provide what is needed for each family, we are pleased to tell you we are offering both.



For those children working at home, you should have received a work pack delivery. It contains a variety of resources which will be helpful in the coming weeks. **Work Packs will usually be delivered on Wednesday or Thursday each week, ready for the following week.** The packs will include all of the printed resources your child needs for the following week's work so there is no need for you to print resources out.



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Messages, videos and/or Powerpoints will be sent home each day via Tapestry (Reception/ Year 1) or Seesaw (Year 2). Please do make sure you log on each day, say hello, and find out what we are up to. We really want to keep in touch with you. Please send us a message to tell us how your child has got on with the activities and, if you can, post a picture or video of their work.

The children in school will be completing the same work as the children at home. This is based on our new learning experience which centres on the arrival of a special delivery. **Children at home, please do watch out for a video on Monday morning explaining all.**

Each week I will send out a pre-recorded video / message to the children which will include a story. I would love it if the children wanted to send me a message back. They can do this via Tapestry or Seesaw as I check them every day. I am currently working with Mr Hindman at Bishop Luffa to work out how we could include the children in a live worship stream each week. We will keep you informed as we know more.

We will be receiving food parcels for our children entitled to free school meals. We will be in contact as soon as they arrive in school. **If you think you may be eligible to free school meals, give us a call and we will help you to complete the application for this.**

With warmest wishes,

Lisa Harris

Thank you for helping keep our children and staff safe by wearing face masks (unless exempt) when you drop off and collect the children each day. It is understandable that some of our staff are concerned about the transmission of the virus so your support is much appreciated.