



Rumboldswhyke Newsletter 25th March 2021

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Dear Rumboldswhyke families,

Exciting developments have been happening at Rumboldswhyke this week. With the support of the Bishop Luffa team and Business for Schools, we have developed one of our unused spaces into a beautiful area where children will be able to come and get lost in a book or research an area of their learning. How incredibly lucky are we to have the support, knowledge and skills of a local Secondary school? We feel blessed and nurtured by the Team.

A huge thank you to the Business2Schools Team who work tirelessly sourcing furniture and stationary from companies around the country, who are rehoming and recycling their office equipment. We have been donated beautiful bookshelves, chairs, tables, beanbags and top of the range laptops for our children to use.



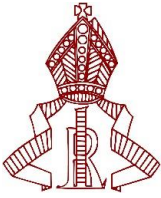
We are not quite ready for the big reveal to the children yet, but we thought you may enjoy an early preview of the progress made.

This week in their Forest School session, the children in Reception and Year 1 had the opportunity to work as a team, constructing a shelter.



Each group worked well and chose a different way of securing their shelter. They were so engaged in the task that they continued to improve their designs even during the 10 minutes free play at the end.

Next Tuesday will be the turn of the Year 2's. We cannot wait to see the ingenious shelter designs they come up with.



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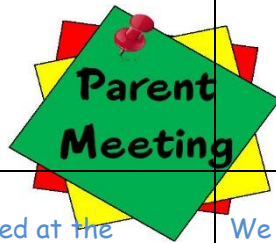
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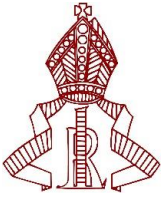
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Thank you to all of you who attended our communication/ website meeting or completed the survey last week. Your thoughts and ideas are extremely important to us. I thought I would take this opportunity to feedback back to you.

What you said	What we will do
<p>Nearly all parents said they read the newsletter weekly which they prefer.</p>	<p>We will continue with a weekly newsletter to include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Headteacher's message • Diary dates • Reminders for the week ahead • Photographs of what has been happening in school.
<p>All who responded had looked at the website and the majority found it useful. Some parents felt it could be even better if...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policies were easier to locate • There were more photographs of the children • There was a breakdown of the curriculum offered at Rumboldswyke. • All events (including Forest Schools) were on the calendar. 	<p>We have acted on some of these points straight away such as;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diary dates on the newsletter • All events should be on the website calendar. • Our Twitter feed can now be viewed from our website which has up to date photographs. <p>We totally agree that a breakdown of the curriculum would be a great addition to the website. This is part of our larger School Improvement Plan and will be going live in the Summer Term as will our half termly Learning Experience letters.</p>
<p>Feedback about the use of Social Media was mixed. Most parents use a variety of different platforms and a few parents do not use social media at all.</p>	<p>To work with all of our parents, we will continue to use Twitter as a platform to tell the local community about the exciting things that are happening. This will also appear on the website. Tapestry and Seesaw are closed platforms where you can see what you child has been up to in school.</p>
<p>One parent requested a report from the teachers regarding children's progress so we can work together to help with any areas that needs improving.</p>	<p>Much of the work completed over the last month has focussed on the children's wellbeing and getting back into a routine. We will book in a time for parents to speak with us next half term to give you further information about the next steps once they have settled after the Easter break. You will also receive an end of year written report.</p>





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Here are the some of the comments received:

"Didn't know you had a Twitter account, but it looks great and definitely gives us an insight into what is happening in school."

"The school has been very informative."

"Very happy with how updated we are kept! Doing a great job as always!"

"I like that you send weekly newsletters which include pictures of what the children have been up to this week."

"More knowledge about exciting ideas would be uplifting. It has been lovely to see a few photos and Seesaw has been a useful platform throughout lockdown. Obviously, it has been hard to be more personal in approach due to the pandemic and lockdown."

"It's nice to see, as when I ask my child sometimes all they want to tell me about is school work."

"We would like more information in general, about staff and what children are working on in school..."

We would like active communication, face to face in the school grounds (socially distanced) when everyone is there. Engagement between school and parents is really important and a community feel needs to be established."

We really value all of your comments and cannot wait until we can invite you in and have 'face to face' conversations and begin to build the community. Therefore, without tempting fate, we would like to get some dates in the diary to look forward to. Please watch out for next week's newsletter where we will add provisional dates for Sports Day, a Summer Fete, and Open Morning. We are keen to start planning for the future and we all certainly need something to look forward to.

Best Wishes, Lisa Harris

Dates for your diaries

March

29th After school sports club, 3 - 3.45

April

1st After school sports club, 3 - 3.45

Last Day of Spring Term

19th First Day of Summer Term

20th Forest School activities for R / Yr1

21st First Dance Club 8am (See letter sent today)

May

3rd May Day No school for children
31st - 4th June Half Term

June

7th Inset Day - No school for children

July 23rd Last day of the summer term