

Rumboldswhyke Newsletter 4th March 2021 Part of the Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership

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Dear Rumboldswhyke families,

You've made it! We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you and well done for your courage, resilience and support through this lockdown period. The last day of home learning has arrived and we can be back together again on Monday. We cannot wait!



Each of you and your children will have had a very different experience of lockdown: socially, emotionally and academically. From Monday, we will begin to identify the support that is needed in the core areas of reading and phonics, writing and number, whilst making sure children have the time to re-visit key areas of learning. However, in the first few weeks, our priority will be on re-establishing positive relationships, building confidence and providing activities that strengthen social and emotional skills and well-being.

From 1 March 2021, if you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil you can get a twice-weekly test. You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains 7 tests. Anyone 18 or over can collect. You can check online if the location is busy before you go. For further details follow this link https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff

In January, we ran some Zoom parent's meetings to begin discussing our plans for the future. We are keen to make these a regular thing so we can start to work together on the vision and future of our wonderful school. Rev Paul Collins, Emanuel Church, link for parents to Bishop Luffa, has kindly agreed to organise these meetings where we will seek parental views on a variety of ideas and next steps.



The first of these meetings will be on Thursday 18th March @ 1:30pm. It will be no longer than 45 minutes and we would love for you to join in with us. The meetings are open to all and will take place via Zoom. An invite will be sent out the week before.

For our first meeting we will be discussing the **website**. This is often the first place parents or members of the community go to find out information about our school. It would be useful if parents could take a look and navigate their way through the layout and take a look at the information you can find there and then come and get involved in our discussion.



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The children at school this week have taken part in a Forest School afternoon with Miss Tugwell from Bishop Luffa. They demonstrated incredible listening, cooperation and communication skills. What superstars! We are hoping to continue with these sessions, for the rest of the Spring term, when all of the children return to school next week. Each session promotes good behaviours for learning whilst making use of our wonderful school grounds.

At present we have planned two afternoon sessions for each class as follows:

Year R/1: Tuesday 9th March, Tuesday 23rd March

Year 2: Tuesday 16th March, Tuesday 30th March.

Please do send your child to school on these days with welly















A few final notes/ reminders:

- Please remember to send your child to school with their P.E. kit, water bottle, fruit snack, book bag and work pack (Year 2 only) on Monday.
- School starts at 8.45am.
- Breakfast Club will be running from 8am on Monday. Sessions need to be booked.
 Please complete the form emailed last week, or telephone the office.
- Multiskills and Gymnastics clubs will be running from the 15th March. These sessions will be on Monday's and Thursday's from 3:00-3:45pm. A letter explaining how to book a place will come home with your child on Monday.
- Please do help keep everyone safe by wearing a face covering on collection or drop off (unless exempt), maintain 2m distance from others (blue markers on the ground are there to help facilitate this)
- No vehicles should be moving within the school grounds between 8.30 9am and 2.45
 3.15pm. This is to keep all of our community safe. Staff or parents should not open the gates and drive through during these times.



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Thank you so much for staying so positive for what has been such a challenging time. The staff have really appreciated your support. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for going above and beyond each week in their efforts to provide education for children at home and in school and for the support given when our families have needed it. I feel extremely fortunate to work with a caring, committed and dedicated team of staff and families.

Have a wonderful weekend, I will keep my fingers crossed for some more sunshine,

See you Monday!

Best wishes,

Lisa Harris

