

Rumboldswhyke Newsletter 11th June 2021

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Dear Rumboldswhyke families,

Shiver me timbers! What a busy week it has been! On Monday's inset day, we put together an exciting new curriculum, incorporating some of the fabulous ideas that you suggested for your children. Thank you for to all who took the time to get involved; your ideas and suggestions of the core values were our inspiration.

After analysing your parental questionnaires, we have reviewed our school motto, vision and core values. These can be found in the box below. We feel our school's Christian vision recognises the strength and value of our motto and encompasses everything we do.

Motto: Love Life, Love Learning, Love God's World

Vision: Our vision is to provide a nurturing, creative, Christian community where everyone will achieve with confidence and enjoyment. We will nurture growth and development in all aspects of school life so that everyone will embrace 'Life in all its fullness.' John 10:10.

Love, our core Christian value is central to every decision and action we take. We are all loved by God: in return we love life, love learning and love God's world. Three main Christian values underpin this: compassion, respect, hope.

Compassion – caring about someone else's feelings and trying our best to understand how others might be feeling, and offering to help that person.

Respect – for others and our environment. We are all different and think differently but we are all special, and we celebrate our differences. We treat others as we would like to be treated.

Hope - we have high hopes and aspirations for our future, our school and community. We understand that faith gives us hope for both now and for our future, and this hope brings confidence. Hope for us means that there is always a future whatever situation we are in, because God promised to never leave us, to always love us, and to help us in times of need.

Once our new curriculum is finalised we will be sharing it on our website so watch this space!

Pirate Day



Rumboldswhyke was invaded by pirates on Wednesday! Luckily, they were all lovely pirates who wanted to share their booty and cooperate with each other to complete five challenges: these challenges came in the form of five messages in bottles that appeared on our shores (in our murky pond). The day finished with a wonderful rendition of the pirate sea shanty we have been learning and the sharing of the 'real books' that our authors have published. Thank you so much for your time and effort, sourcing costumes and coming along to share our performance. You are Maaarggqhhhvellous!





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Sunscreen

Now the weather has (finally) brightened up, please do make sure you apply sunscreen before your child comes to school each day and that they have their water bottle and a sun hat with them. We do have some Rumboldswhyke legionnaire style hats available to purchase for $\pounds 4.50$ from the school office.

New learning platform

Over the past 6 months, we have received a number of donations from the charity Business2Schools. Lindsey Parslow, one of the directors at Bishop Luffa and member of the Rumboldswhyke committee, has been instrumental in sourcing laptops, furniture and more from companies who are redeveloping their offices. Lindsey's vision is to provide us with enough laptops for every child in the school. How incredible is that? Therefore, we have revamped our Computing curriculum to ensure we are making the most of the technology we have.



Over the next few weeks, we will be rolling out a new online platform called J2E www.j2e.com and teaching about internet safety and the importance of not sharing passwords. J2E is an online resource which covers the Computing curriculum and provides exciting ways to present our learning. It is password protected and the only people who can see your child's work are the adults in the school. Like Seesaw and Tapestry, it has the function to share photographs and videos. Therefore, we will only allow children to use photographs or videos of themselves if you have given consent for this on Seesaw or Tapestry. We will place your child's username and password in their reading record books so they are able to access their work at school and at home.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



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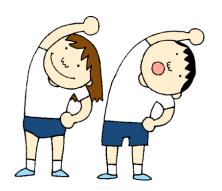
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Summer Fete and Sport's Day



With the uncertainty of the Covid roadmap and the immense amount of preparation for a Summer fete, we have made the difficult decision of cancelling the event. We felt it would be beneficial to place our efforts into a September afternoon gathering when we could invite the parents of the new children coming to join us in the Autumn term.



This week we have started our preparations for Sports Day. The Bishop Luffa team are organising the afternoon event for us and we will be supported by a group of their wonderful Sports Leaders. We are currently hoping it can go ahead as planned, however, in the event of not being able to stage an event for more than 30 people, we would like to be prepared and seek consent for photographs to be taken and turned into a video keepsake. We would then share this with you via email.

Please do complete the slip attached to give/ not give consent for images of your child to be used for the Sports Day video.

New addition to the team

We are absolutely delighted to tell you that we have appointed Mrs Natalie Wilson as a new staff member of the Blue class team. Mrs Wilson has many years Early Years' experience and will be a real asset to our lovely school. She is starting with us on the 1st July so will be able to start building those important relationships with the children before the Summer holidays. Mrs Wilson will be taking over my teaching commitment on Mondays and Fridays in Blue class. As we move forward, this will enable us greater flexibility.

Sorry, this seems like an incredibly long newsletter this week. We have so much to share with you!

Best Wishes, Lisa Harris

We would like to express our thanks to parents for their understanding and support following the lockdown on the afternoon of Friday 28th May.

Important

Please do ensure your child has their full P.E. kit in school everyday.



Year 2 will be having forest activities on the following Tuesday afternoons:

- Tuesday 15th June
- Tuesday 22nd June
- Tuesday 29th June
- Tuesday 6th July

Please send your child in with a change of clothes as they may get dirty.