



# Rumboldswyke Newsletter 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Part of the Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership



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Dear Rumboldswyke families,

This week there has been great excitement in the air as we approach the festive season. Both classes have embarked on new learning experiences which culminate in our visit to the Festival Theatre on the 14<sup>th</sup> December and Red classes performance of 'Lights, Camel, Action: The sequin' on the 16<sup>th</sup> December.

### Red Class Christmas Production

On Monday, **Red Class** emerged through the iridescent curtains to a kaleidoscope of lights and the Strictly Come Dancing theme tune. **Lights, Camel, Action: The Sequin** rehearsals are now underway. It is so lovely to hear the excited chatter, a chorus of songs and sounds of dancing feet fill the school after the absence of performances.



We are hoping to stage two performances on the 16<sup>th</sup> December for parents. This will depend on Covid numbers in the school community. We have been advised by Public Health England and West Sussex County Council, to monitor the situation closely before putting on any large gatherings. (Please see attached letter from the Director of Education). Therefore, we are planning to go ahead with live audiences but this may change depending on any confirmed cases. We will be asking the audience to wear face coverings and follow government advice on administering a lateral flow test before visiting a busy space.

At present, tickets are limited to two (in total) per family. This is to limit numbers on site and to ensure every child is able to have at least one person watching each performance. Parents have the option to request **either** 2 tickets for the afternoon performance, **or** 2 tickets for the evening performance **or** one of each. We have also given parents the opportunity to request additional tickets which will be allocated nearer the time if our risk assessment allows this. Children in Blue class will get the opportunity to see the production in school time as they will make up the audience for the dress rehearsal. **Children are welcome to come along to the performances but will count in the two-ticket limit.**

### Blue Class Nativity Service

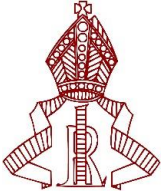
A reminder that we have planned for our Nativity service to take place in St. George's Church at 10am on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. The service will be led by Fr. John and the children of Blue Class; therefore, we are inviting the parents/carers of the children in Blue Class to join us. To mitigate Covid risks we need to limit numbers in church so two family members per child are welcome to come along to the service. We politely ask you wear a face mask at this event.



### Blue Class

On Tuesday, Blue class found a mysterious message written on some leaves. An intriguing set of clues led them to a very special visitor who was 'hanging out' in the forest area. A huge thank you to 'Bunch' florists, 2 West Street, Chichester, for loaning their incredible Stickman figure; to the Bishop Luffa team for collecting him for us and to Mrs Wilson and Mrs Toy for creating, organising and providing such a wonderful and memorable experience.





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## Christingle

Initially we planned to hold our Christingle service in St. George's Church on the 30<sup>th</sup> November. Unfortunately, we have needed to adapt our plans and will not be able to invite parents to this service, due to lack of space. The Christingle will now be in the school hall and led by our Chair of Governors: Reverend Paul Collins of the Immanuel Church, Chichester. We are very grateful to Rev. Paul and the Immanuel Church for helping us ensure this event goes ahead.

## St George's Fair

A reminder to all members of the choir: I will meet you at 11:55 near the altar in St. George's Church to sing as part of the Christmas Fair. Please come along in your school jumper /cardigan so everyone knows who we are. We should be performing for around 10 minutes.

## AFRS Meeting and the Christmas Fair

Our meeting to finalise the details for the Christmas Fair is at 9am on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Everyone is invited to attend.

Thanks to all who have secured Raffle prizes, please do keep them coming in. Thanks also for the tombola donations received today. We are also holding a children's tombola. For this could you please send in a clean jar filled with sweets. Feel free to decorate the jar and make it look all Christmassy. Please send the jars in by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. After the success of the cake sale for Children in Need we will also hold a cake sale at the Christmas Fair. Please send your cakes in on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December.



## Children in Need and Poppy Appeal

Once again, you demonstrated the size of your hearts in supporting two amazing charities. We were humbled by the quantity of cakes and amount raised for Children in Need last Friday. Our small school raised a whopping £164.85 for Children in Need.

We also raised £22.63 for the Poppy Appeal. Thank you so much for your generosity. Supporting these charities demonstrates all of our core Christian values: love, compassion, respect and hope.

## Christmas Tree

Can any of you help us? We would love to have a real tree up in school if possible. If anyone has any contacts with someone who may be willing to donate one please do get in touch – thank you!



## Year 3 Football tournament

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> December, some of our Year 3's will be taking part in a Football tournament at Bishop Luffa School. To participate, the children **must wear** shin pads and football boots/astro shoes. If you have any unneeded football kit that you can donate to the school, it would be gratefully received, so all children who want to participate are able to do so.

Best Wishes,

Lisa Harris

### FSM Holiday Clubs

There are a wide range of activities for children who are entitled to Free School Meals (whose parents are in receipt of income support). Parents and carers can search for activities near them on the [Family Information Service Online Directory](#).