

Rumboldswyke Newsletter 6th January 2022

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Dear Rumboldswyke families,



Welcome to the first newsletter of 2022 and a very Happy New Year to everyone. I do hope you all had a happy and peaceful Christmas break. I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all the staff, to thank you once again for the many wonderful cards and gifts we received at the end of last term. Thank you, they were very much appreciated.

It is lovely to see the children back in school and hearing all their stories about their Christmas holidays. They all returned so positively and enjoyed seeing and being with their friends again. They have also displayed a fabulous attitude towards their learning. We're looking forward to a busy Spring Term and it didn't take long for the term to get off to a great start. Both classes have launched into new and exciting learning experiences. Blue class have been looking at where our food comes from and where it grows, whilst Red class whizzed straight off to Paris on the Eurostar to sample a continental breakfast. Unfortunately, I was told I could not accompany them as I had forgotten my passport, however I am looking forward to the culmination of their learning in a few weeks time. Something we are hoping to invite parents along to.

Gamification and Online Safety:



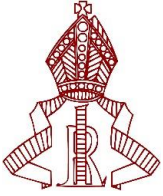
Safer Internet Day

This year, Safer Internet Day 2022 will be celebrated on 8th February with the theme 'All fun and games' which will 'explore respect and relationships online'. Safer Internet Day 2022 celebrates young people's role in creating a safer internet, whether that is whilst gaming and creating content, or interacting with their friends and peers.

West Sussex County Council are inviting parents to sign up to a 2-hour webinar which will explain how children can create more positive relationships online, through being mindful of their own online behaviours. We know some of our older children use the internet to game and interact with their peers online so thought it useful to share this with you so you can ensure your children are safer online.

Covid mitigations and Positive cases

Thank you for being so incredibly supportive of our Covid Risk Assessment. Whilst ensuring increased ventilation is not new - we have had the windows open every day since the beginning of the pandemic, as advised by the government - January and February are notoriously cold months so please do send your children in with additional layers beneath their uniform and a spare pair of nice warm socks. Children can always take additional layers off if they get too warm and put on a thick pair of socks if their feet get cold.



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Up until July it was the responsibility of the school to undertake the Track and Trace process of identifying close contacts, and since then the government has taken on this role. However, we feel it only fair to keep you informed if we have any cases within school. We will not identify individuals but will keep you updated about cases and new mitigations accordingly.

We have been incredibly fortunate and avoided any positive cases in school since the beginning of the pandemic. Unfortunately, I have tested positive for COVID-19 today so will not be in school for at least the next week. I had been identified as a close contact and as such I wore a face mask in school on Tuesday and limited my movements around the school to reduce the risk of transmission. In my absence Mrs Toy, Mrs Flint and the rest of the wonderful team are being supported by Mr Hindman to ensure the usual running of the school.

To minimise the impact of this and in line with our risk assessment, the following precautions have been put into place.

- All staff have been advised to take a lateral flow test daily.
- Staff are wearing face masks in all communal areas

We will of course keep you updated and if you have any further concerns you can contact me: head@rumboldswyke.org.uk

Water Bottles in school

Can we remind you to only fill your child's water bottle with plain water?
No squash or flavoured water please.



School water bottles are available to purchase for 50p each. Replacement lids are free.

With warmest wishes,

Lisa Harris