

# Rumboldswyke Newsletter 14th July 2022

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Dear Rumboldswyke families,

As another year draws to a close and another chapter in the life of Rumboldswyke ends, as always, it is good to reflect on the year that we have had! And what a year it has been! This time last year, we hoped for a more settled year and that Covid was a long distant memory. Well, we could not have been more wrong, but despite this, we have continued to work hard to make Rumboldswyke the wonderful place it is for our fabulous children.



The community has continued to work hard to support the school and I truly believe we will be starting 2022-2023 stronger than ever before. As a school, we have grown, not only in pupil numbers, but in the strength of the whole school community: children, families, school, the Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership, the church and wider community. It is a united approach and together this makes even stronger, which is all for the good of our little 'Rumblers'. Thank you to you all for buying into what we do and believing in us for the good of your children. It would be impossible to do what we do without you all. It would, again, be remiss of me, not to mention our amazing staff team as well as the Governing Body who have again been fabulously supportive of one another the whole year through.

### Heatwave



Due to the unprecedented heatwave, and temperatures forecast to soar into the early thirties next week, we are relaxing our school uniform rules on Monday and Tuesday next week. Please send your child into school in their P.E. Kits on these days.

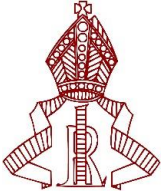
We would like children to be their school uniform for our church service on Wednesday, which is forecast to be cooler. We will keep you informed if this changes.

To ensure we keep children as cool as possible, we will continue to keep them in the shade during playtimes. Jugs of water will be available all day, so their water bottles can be topped up and they will be given frequent breaks.

Please ensure your child comes to school with sunscreen applied, a sun hat and a full water bottle. If you are able to, please feel free to add some ice to their water bottle

### Staffing News

As you know, we have two new teachers joining us in September: Miss Clarke and Mrs Gilbert. The children of Red Class met them both on Transition Day on the 6<sup>th</sup> July. We are looking forward to welcoming them properly to the Rumboldswyke Team after the Summer holidays.



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Some of you have also met the lovely Mrs Light who has joined our Office Team. Mrs Light will be working on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. We are sure we will benefit from the expertise and experience Mrs Light brings to our school

Earlier this term we received the news that Mrs Hooper will be leaving us at the end of the summer term. Mrs Hooper has been a familiar friendly face and an integral part of Rumboldswyke's journey over the last 15 years, being instrumental in the running of Breakfast Club and supporting/enhancing the education of many children.



We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Hooper for her years of kindness, support and compassion; we wish her all the best for the future and we will be sad to see her leave. Hopefully, she will come back and visit us next year to tell us of her adventures.

We are currently seeking to appointment an Inclusion Assistant, Midday Meals Assistant and Breakfast Club Supervisor, to fill Mrs Hoopers' position. Interviews for this role are dues to be held next week.

### End of term Service



Our July value of the month is one of our core values: love. We will be reflecting on and celebrating memories we have loved over the past year.

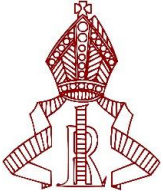
On the last day of term, Wednesday 20th July, we will be holding an end of year service in St. George's Church at 2pm.

We encourage families to attend and join in. You are welcome to collect your children from church after the service or from school at the usual time of 3pm.

### Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme

Since 2018, the Department for Education has run a holiday activities and food programme to provide support to children in receipt of free school meals through holiday periods.

Booking for Summer Holiday Activity places is now well underway. West Sussex County Council will shortly be sending each school an individual list of eligible children and their HAF codes. Once received we will forward these to the eligible families.



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In the meantime, if your child is entitled to free school meals, the link below will take you to a search that will show all providers who offer the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme in your area.

<https://familyinfoservice.westsussex.gov.uk/SynergyWeb/PublicEnquiry/Enquiries/Search.aspx?searchID=171>

### Reminder Change to the timing of the school day from September

Our newsletter last week, informed parents of the consultation outcome regarding changing the timings of the school day.

From September 5<sup>th</sup>:

- the blue gates will open at 8:40am. **Children must be in school at 8:45 for registration.**
- the end of the school day will be 3:15pm. This ensures we are meeting the Governments expectation that children are in school for 32.5 hours per week.



Please attached Attendance and Absence information

### School Uniform in September

It is vitally important that children wear the correct uniform and school P.E. kit. This encourages a sense of belonging to our community, promoting a feeling of pride and equality. Historically, the children have brought in their own 'club clothes' when attending after school club. This has led to children wearing fashionable clothes and shoes for their P.E. lessons in school, some of which are unsafe and not appropriate. This can make it very difficult/ expensive for parents whose children want to bring in their favourite clothes (or possibly ask for new clothes/shoes to match their friends). Therefore, from September, the children **will only be permitted to wear school P.E. kit for lessons and extra-curricular clubs.** The only exception to this will be for Forest school activities.

Before purchasing your child's uniform and P.E. kit, please do check the attached School Uniform information.



With warmest wishes

Lisa Harris