

# Rumboldswyke Newsletter 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

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Dear Rumboldswyke families,



Next week our **Harvest Festival service** will take place in St. George's Church on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October @ 9.30am. During worship, the children have been reflecting on how fortunate we are to have food in our tummies and how we can show thanks and kindness by helping others who are less fortunate than ourselves. We have discussed the important work of Chichester Foodbank and how they have helped individuals and families when they have needed it.

The children are keen to organise a collection to be taken to the Foodbank so they can help others like the kindly farmer helped Ruth and Naomi in the Bible.

During the service, we would like each child to contribute an item to the Foodbank.

Items which are particularly welcomed by the Foodbank a

*Tins of: Custard, Fish, Fruit, Potatoes, Rice Pudding,*

*Soup, Sponge Puddings and Vegetables*

*Long Life Fruit Juice*

*Squash.*

*UHT Milk*

*Jam or spreads*

*Rice*

*Teabags*

*Toiletries: Deodorant, Shampoo, Shower gel/soap, Shaving foam.*

*Cleaning products: multipurpose cleaner, washing powder or gel, Washing up liquid.*

**Please send your child in with their donation by Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October.**



Parents/ Carers are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### Book Fest

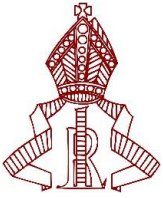


On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October we will be welcoming a local author into school to inspire our children. We are thrilled to be part of the Chichester Children's Bookfest (<https://www.childrensbookfest.com/>) and, as a result, we will be welcoming Poppy O'Neil to work with our children in Yellow and Red Classes.

She will be talking to the children about her book: Be Cool, Be You, a book about making friends, which the children will be lucky to bring home their very own copy.

### Parents Evening

We will be holding our autumn term Parents Evening on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October between 3:30 – 6pm. This is a good opportunity to come and find out how your child has settled into their new class, take a look at their work and have a 10-minute chat with their teacher(s). Please sign up when you come to collect your child at the end of the day. Appointment slots will be available next week on an A-frame board near the gate where you collect your children.



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## Attendance

This year one of our main school improvement priorities is attendance. After a month at school our attendance is looking greatly improved and above National attendance figures. Thank you so much for continued support and a huge well done to Yellow Class with 97.2% attendance so far this year!

Whole school attendance to date	Blue Class	Yellow Class	Red Class
95.5%	95.6%	97.2%	96.0%

As a school we aspire to **high standards of attendance** from all pupils and parents and strive to build a culture where all can, and want to, be in school and ready to learn. The law entitles every child of compulsory school age to an efficient, full time education. It is the legal responsibility of every parent to make sure their child receives that education. **Good attendance is learned behaviour so it is important to develop good patterns of attendance from the outset.**

## Monitoring

The DfE expects schools to monitor and analyse weekly attendance patterns and trends in order to intervene and support where attendance does not meet the required level. School has clear procedures in place to monitor attendance.

If your child is absent from school, you should contact school before 8.45am, and leave a message providing the child's full name, reason for absence and the anticipated length of the absence.

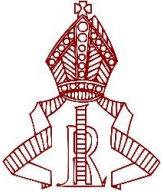
## School monitoring

If your child arrives after 8.45am they will be marked as late. If they have not arrived by 9:15am and there is no reason provided for absence then you will receive a phone call requesting a reason. If absence isn't notified and / or confirmed further contact will be made by contacting additional named emergency contacts to ensure safeguarding. An unauthorised absence will be noted on the register.

Unauthorised absences may lead to enforcement action by the Local Authority.

As a school we systematically analyse school attendance data to identify pupils that may need support. Where school begins to have concerns about a child's attendance we will initiate school-led support.

**For any leave of absence**, parents are required to write a letter with details of the dates their child will be absent and should explain the reasons for their absence. School can only grant a leave of absence in exceptional circumstances.



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## Hand Sanitiser & Medication

Please **do not** send your child into school with hand sanitiser. The school has a supply that all children have access if they wish to use it.

Also, please remember that no medicines, throat sweets, lip balm or ointments of any kind, should be brought to the school by the children.

Some medicines are required to be given regularly to enable a child to attend school. First Aiders are able to administer this, provided it has been agreed by the Head of School and a 'Parental Request for Rumboldswyke Church of England Primary School to Administer Medicine' form has been completed. If this is on-going medication, a Health Care Plan may also be required.

All prescribed medicines should be given to the First Aiders/School Office in their original containers with the child's name, date of birth and dose as dispensed by the pharmacist.  
No medicine should ever be left in school bags

## School Drop Off

A child was hurt with a piece of bamboo this morning at drop off time. Please ensure that your child does not pick up anything from the drive and use it as a toy. Please may you also ensure that they stay with you at all times as staff cars may be damaged. Thank you for your understanding.

## PTA



All parents automatically become members of the PTA / Association of Friends of Rumboldswyke School (AFRS) when their children join the school. During the year, we hope to run a few fund-raising events.

These help to raise money and provide you and your children with a variety of experiences.

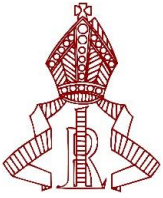
We would very much welcome parents, carers or grandparents to become part of our wider school community to provide our children with the opportunity and resources to enhance their school experience.

Anyone wishing to be involved, share ideas or expertise, please call into the office and see Mrs Gilbert or Mrs Flint.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Lisa Harris



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## Diary Dates

### October

- 4<sup>th</sup> Book Fest – Poppy O'Neil author visit
- 5<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival, 9.30am, St George's Church
- 7<sup>th</sup> Influenza nasal spray vaccination
- 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening
- 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Half term
- 31<sup>st</sup> INSET Day - No school for children

### November

- 1<sup>st</sup> Fire Fighters to visit Reception and Yellow Class

### December

- 2<sup>nd</sup> AFRS Christmas Fete 3pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Festival of the Carols, Bishop Luffa Carol Service at the Cathedral  
Time TBC
- 16<sup>th</sup> Last day of autumn term

### January 2023

- 3<sup>rd</sup> First day of spring term

### February

- 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Half term
- 20<sup>th</sup> INSET Day – No school for children
- 31<sup>st</sup> Last day of spring term

### April

- 17<sup>th</sup> First day of summer term

### May June

- 29<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term

### July

- 21<sup>st</sup> Last day of summer term for children

