

Rumboldswyke Newsletter 4th November 2022

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Dear Rumboldswyke families,

Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely, restful break. On Monday's Inset day, classroom staff took part in updated Phonics training using our Read Write Inc scheme. We are making a few tweaks and changes to our phonics and early reading provision; therefore, we would like to invite parents to a Phonics and Reading Workshop on Wednesday 23rd November at 3:30pm. This will be led by Ms Davies, Mrs Wilson and myself and all parents are invited. The children of the parents who attend, are welcome to come to Red class at 3:30pm where Miss Clark and Mrs Gilbert will supervise them.

Please email the office to let us know if you will be attending and whether you would like your child/children to be supervised by Miss Clark and Mrs Gilbert.

Clubs

This week clubs have begun, Choir with me on a Monday, Dance Club with Mrs Knight on a Wednesday and Board games with Ms Davies on a Thursday.

I am planning to take the choir to sing at the Market Cross on Tuesday 6th December and to St. George's Christmas Fair on Saturday 10th December. A letter will be coming home about this. If you would like your child to join choir, there is still time to sign up. Pop into the office for further details.

Fire Brigade Visit

We were visited by the Fire Brigade on Tuesday morning. The children in Reception, Year 1 & 2 had a blast even though they got incredibly wet due to the rain! A huge thanks to West Sussex Fire Service for supporting us in providing the children with a memorable experience.



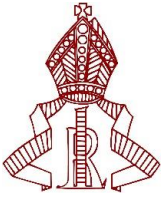
Parental Questionnaire

During parent's evening, we asked you to complete a parental questionnaire, the results of which are attached to this email. Thank you so much for taking the time to complete the questionnaire. We were very grateful for your lovely comments and suggestions for improvement. We received 41 responses in total, although some questionnaires did not have all questions completed. Percentages have been calculated on the number of responses for each question. Where parents ticked the line between agree and disagree, a mark has been attributed to both agree and disagree.

We received many comments about the welcoming school community, the progress this term and the Christian values. 100% of you would recommend Rumboldswyke to another parent which is incredible. Thank you!

However, we realise there is always room for improvement so we are making plans to address some of the points you raised. Here are some of the plans we have to help improve the school

- A few parents have requested more books at home, or books other than our Read Write Inc reading scheme books. We are running a phonics, early reading workshop for parents on the 23rd November to give more information on this. We will also add information in the reading records about the books sent home, making it clear the purpose of each book. Children who are in the early stages of reading and Read Write Inc phonics speed sound lessons, bring home a Read Write Inc book as their reading book. This is recorded in the front of their reading record book. They also bring home a reading for pleasure book which is for sharing with an adult. This will be recorded in the back of their reading record book.



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- Reviewing home learning and producing a homework policy. Later this half term we will consult with you about homework provision. We are currently in the process of setting up an online system for Homework for Year 3 and 4.
- Our behaviour policy is currently being reviewed and will be taken to Governors at our next Local Governing Body meeting. Once approved, this will be shared with you. Our current version can be found here: <https://www.rumboldswyke.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Behaviour-Policy.pdf> it is based on the work of Paul Dix who advocates positive praise, the building of relationships, restorative conversations and intrinsic motivation.
- Last year we developed our values certificates. Children can be nominated for a value certificate if they do something which fulfils one of our core values: Love, compassion, respect, hope. They receive a token to place in the Values box. Once the children have collectively received enough tokens, they earn a whole school reward. This is being decided by the school council later today.
- We welcome parents becoming involved in school life. This week we had our first AFRS meeting of the term where plans are put in place for the Christmas Fair. Everyone is automatically a member of AFRS and we welcome ideas and parental involvement.
- This week we have taken delivery of a new shed for our forest school area. If anyone has any contacts/ expertise is preparing a base and erecting a timber structure, please do get in touch.
- This academic year we have moved over to a new information management system: Arbor. Once fully set up, this will make paying for lunches, trips etc a much easier process.

School Christmas Fair

We are looking to canvas local businesses for raffle prizes for our Christmas Fair. If you know anyone who would be willing to donate a raffle prize or you are able to take letters round to companies on our behalf, please do come to the office where letters are available for you to deliver.

A letter about the school Fair is in your child's book bag today. Attached to it is a form which for you to complete if you can help at all. Please make sure that this is returned to school by the 14th November so that we are able to continue our planning.

Thank you!



Poppy Appeal

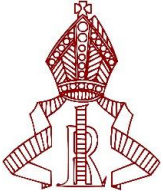
Each year, as a school, we like to support the Poppy Appeal. If you would like to make a donation to this charity and receive a poppy in exchange, please pop into the school office.



Our value for the month of November is Courage.

What is courage? Is courage climbing to the top of a diving board and jumping? Is it saying, "I'm sorry" after an argument? Courage is this and more.

There are many ways people show courage and it can take many forms. Courage is being the first to make up after an argument, or trying new things before saying "I don't want to". Courage is riding your bicycle for the



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first time without stabilisers, it is breaking bad habits, or holding on to your dream. Courage is being yourself, leading by example and standing up for what you believe. As poet Christina E Brown so eloquently said in her poem:

'Courage':

Courage to stand out.

Courage to be me.

Courage to laugh.

The feeling to be free.

Courage to accept I have courage.

As always, we have an open door, so if you need to ask us about anything please pop in or drop us an email.

Best wishes

Lisa Harris