

Rumboldswyke Newsletter 24th February 2023

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Dear Rumboldswyke families,

Welcome to the 2nd half of the Spring term. I always find this is a busy 6 weeks, with lots in the school diary so please check the diary sheet attached to this newsletter.

There has been lots of exciting learning taking place in school this week. I have seen exploding rockets in Blue class, awesome maths in Yellow Class and lots and lots of Computing in Red Class. It is really lovely to see that our new laptop trolley, purchased with AFRS funds, has made such a huge difference to our curriculum and experiences we are able to offer.

Charity Day – Grassroots – Friday 17th March

Yesterday, Sharon from our nominated charity this year – Grassroots, visited to share with us how they are supporting children in Tanzania. Sharon delivered an inspiring message to show how we can change a challenging situation into something beautiful. Sharon also met with the School Council who are currently developing posters to promote the important work Grassroots does. The School Council have requested we hold a non-school uniform day on Friday 17th March. All money raised will go directly to the Grassroots charity.



Worship Club and Easter Service/Eucharist



Every Thursday, a team of Bishop Luffa students come over to Rumboldswyke to lead worship. This usually involves lots of singing, dancing and acting out stories from the Bible. Our children always look forward to Thursday worship and are inspired by the Bishop Luffa team, often pleading to take a leading role themselves.

Fr. Angus and I would like to set up our own Rumboldswyke Team who will help put together our Easter Service/Eucharist, which will take place in St. George's Church at 2pm on Thursday 30th March. The whole school will be involved in the service and parents/families are very welcome to attend. If your child would like to take an active part in the service, please sign them up to three club sessions on Monday 13th, 20th and 27th March. To sign your child up please contact the office.

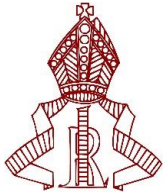
The Club will take place in St. George's Church straight after school. The children will need to be collected at 4pm from the church. If any parents are able to join us at 3:15 and supervise the walk to the church please contact the school office.

Parent's Evening

We will be holding our spring term Parents Evening on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th March between 3:30 – 6pm. This is a good opportunity to come and discuss your child's progress and next steps, 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.

Yellow Class - Walk to Chichester 9th March 2023

As part of our topic 'A Place Called Home' Yellow Class are planning a walk around Chichester to see some of its historical and geographical landmarks. The walk will take place in the morning and the children will be back in time for lunch. Further information to follow.



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Strike Action – Thursday 2nd March

I'm sure you will be aware that the NEU, one of the teaching unions, will be taking industrial action on Thursday 2nd March. Rumboldswyke will be open as normal on that day, as we do not have a high number of staff in that union. This will not be the case for all schools, and we could be affected in the future if other unions decide to take action.



World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March

World Book Day this year is on Thursday 2nd March. We know the children like to come to school in different attire however we understand that the requirement of a World Book day costume can put additional financial pressures on families. **Therefore, we are inviting the children to come to school in their pyjamas for the day.** They may bring their favourite bedtime story to share with others. Children will be bringing home their £1 book token today which entitles them to one free World Book Day 2023 book or £1 off a book of their choice.

Staffing news

At the end of this term, we will be saying a teary farewell to Mrs Flint. Mrs Flint has been at Rumboldswyke for over 30 years! In her time here, she has been a teaching assistant, our AFRS secretary, learning mentor, deputy safeguarding lead, business manager and my 'rock' over the past two years. She has helped run/organise/manage/coordinate nearly every event for many years and I am not sure what we are going to do without her. She knows everything! (I have been secretly hoping she will change her mind, or I will wake up and it will have all been a dream.) Mrs Flint will be sorely missed! However, we wish her all the best and hope she enjoys more time with her lovely family.

Admin Assistant and Playground Leader

Do you know of anyone with administrative experience who would like to come and work at our lovely school? Please send them to the following link for further information;



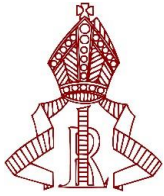
<https://www.rumboldswyke.org.uk/about-us/job-information/>

School Uniform and Equipment

To ensure your children make the best possible progress it is vitally important that they have their book bags in school every day. It is also important that children wear appropriate footwear in accordance to the uniform policy.

- Footwear: Black comfortable shoes. **Not trainers or boots** Open toed and slip on sandals or shoes with heels are not appropriate footwear for school.
- Black / white plimsolls or trainers for P.E. fashion trainers are not permitted.

A number of children are coming to school without a change of shoes for P.E. and are wearing boots to school. Wearing boots for physical activities is unsafe! If you are having difficulty finding appropriate shoes/ plimsolls please pop in and let me know.



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School Photographer

The school photographer will be in school on the morning of Monday 6th March. All children will have individual and a class photographs taken during the school morning. There will be an opportunity to purchase copies of the photographs at a later date when you child brings home samples for you to see with an order form.



Attendance

Whole school attendance to date	Blue Class	Yellow Class	Red Class
(National average is 93.4%) 92.58%	92.19	92.52	92.89%

Reminder for Easter Holiday Lunch Pack Scheme

For families who received an email with details on 10th February. Don't forget to register for the 'Holiday Lunch packs for Kids' at Chichester Foodbank as registration closes at 6pm on Wednesday 1st March.



Important Reminder

There should be **no** parking outside of the school gates.

Yellow zig-zag lines outside schools, hospitals, fire, police or ambulance stations indicate the length of road where stopping or waiting is strictly prohibited. The Highway Code states that you should keep these areas clear of stationary vehicles, **even if picking up or setting down children.**

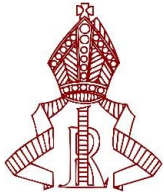


Red Class Swimming

There will be no swimming for Red Class on Monday 6th March and the 17th April the first Monday back after the Easter break.

With warmest wishes,

Lisa Harris



Diary Dates

February

27th Swimming - Red Class
28th Blue Class – Forest School activities

March

1st Dance Club
2nd World Book Day
6th **No Swimming** - Red Class
School Photographer
7th Blue Class – Forest School activities
8th Dance Club
9th Yellow Class – Walk into Chichester
Board Games Club
13th Swimming - Red Class
14th Blue Class – Forest School activities
Parents Evening
15th Dance Club
Parents Evening
16th Board Games Club
20th Swimming - Red Class
21st Blue Class – Forest School activities
22nd Dance Club
23rd Board Games Club
27th Swimming - Red Class
28th Blue Class – Forest School activities
29th Dance Club
30th Board Games Club



Easter Holiday Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April

Summer Term-

Monday 17th April – Friday 21st July
School will be closed: - May Bank Holiday Monday 1st May
- Monday 8th May
(Bank Holiday for the King's coronation.)

Half Term Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June