



Dear Rumboldswyke families,

Well the wind blew and the rain came this week. I'm not sure what the science behind this equation is: Wind + children = wild, but it works every time the two are found together. The children have been very excited this week and full of energy, therefore, we had a disco on the field at lunchtime today. My goodness some of your children have some serious moves and great singing voices!



This week in the news, a report has been published regarding attendance:

*'Government data shows one in five pupils were persistently absent from school last year, with an attendance gap widening' (SchoolsWeek)*

We have certainly seen a huge dip in attendance since Covid and the above statistic is also true of the children at Rumboldswyke. 1 in 5 (over 20%) were classed as persistently absent last year. Children who are late are also included in this statistic. This has a **detrimental impact** on their attainment. I track children's attainment and directly compare this to their attendance figures and the correlation is clear. Children need to be at school, on time, to make good progress.

Having said that, we seem to have a bug in school with a number of children spiking temperatures or having upset tummies. Hopefully, after a weekend of rest, they should be feeling much better on Monday morning. Obviously if children are feeling unwell, they should not be at school. However, if they have a cough or a cold, you no longer need to keep them at home to isolate them.

### School Council Elections

On Monday, we will be relaunching the School Council, with elections being held next Friday. Should your child wish to run for election, they may bring home a form to complete. Children in Key Stage 2 may also bring home other application forms for additional responsibilities:

- Year 5: librarian (with training from the Bishop Luffa librarians), shed monitor, lunch supervisor, worship support
- Year 3 / 4: Play leaders



### Hot Meal Ordering

Please remember **all** parents wanting their child / children to have hot lunches between 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> October, need to order their child / children's hot meal choices **by tomorrow morning 11am, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** via the Arbor Parent Portal. An email regarding hot meals was sent out earlier this week, which included a link to a step-by-step guide to ordering hot meals on Arbor Parent Portal (see link below)

<https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/6956696271261-Meal-Menu-choices-on-the-Parent-Portal-or-Arbor-App>

Please note, if meal choices are not ordered by the above mentioned deadline, parents will need to provide their child / children with a packed lunch for the required days where a hot meal was not ordered.

### Pedestrian Cross on Whyke Road

It has come to our attention that there have been some recent incidences at the pedestrian crossing on Whyke Road, where cars have been driving through red lights at the pedestrian crossing. Please can parents and children be extra vigilant when crossing at the pedestrian crossing, ensuring cars have come to a complete stop before crossing. The safety of all our children and their families is extremely important to us.

**'Love life, love learning, love God's world'**



We would urge anyone who witnesses cars driving through a red light at this crossing to report it to the Police by calling 101. Should this be reported on several separate occasions the police may be able to come down and look into the matter further and help rectify the situation.

We would also ask parents to report this to the school office, so that we can monitor the number of incidences where this is occurring.

**Autumn Fair & Produce Show at St George's**

On Saturday 7 October, there will be an Autumn Fair and Produce Show at St George's between 12:30-2:30pm. In addition to a produce competition, there will be food, a fire engine, face painting, book and cakes stalls, and games for all the family.



If you would like to enter produce into the competition, there are categories for vegetables, fruit, flowers, preserves, cakes and bakes and young gardeners. Entry is open to everyone and you may enter as many categories as you wish. For adults there is a 50p entry fee per category, or 3 for £1. Kids enter for free. Staging for the produce show will begin at 9:30am, judging will take place at 11:00am and viewing at 12:30 when the fair starts. For more information, see the leaflet attached.

Have a great weekend!  
With very best wishes,

Lisa Harris



**Diary Dates**

**September 2023**

- 25<sup>th</sup> Sept Football Club – Yrs 3, 4 & 5
- 27<sup>th</sup> Sept Forest School – Red Class
- 28<sup>th</sup> Sept Football Club Yrs 1 & 2

**October 2023**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct Football Club – Yrs 3, 4 & 5
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct David Owen author to meet KS2
- 4<sup>th</sup> Oct Simon Phillip author to meet KS1  
Forest School – Red Class
- 5<sup>th</sup> Oct Football Club Yrs 1 & 2
- 9<sup>th</sup> Oct Football Club – Yrs 3, 4 & 5
- 11<sup>th</sup> Oct Forest School – Red Class
- 12<sup>th</sup> Oct Football Club Yrs 1 & 2
- 16<sup>th</sup> Oct Football Club – Yrs 3, 4 & 5
- 18<sup>th</sup> Oct Forest School – Red Class
- 19<sup>th</sup> Oct Football Club Yrs 1 & 2
- 20<sup>th</sup> Oct **INSET DAY – children not in school**

**Term Dates  
2023 - 2024**

**Autumn Term 2023**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
Half Term - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

INSET Day Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – children not in school

**Spring Term 2024**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March  
Half Term – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

INSET Day Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – children not in school

**Summer Term 2024**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July  
Half Term – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

Please note we are still in the process of organising the remaining 2 INSET days for the next academic year and will share these dates with you as soon as we can.