



Newsletter 19th January 2024

Dear Rumboldswyke families,

A huge thank you to the parents who came along to our behaviour and parenting course led by the Early Help Team this week. It was full of helpful and practical ideas to help make family life and parenting that little bit easier.

Our children are growing up in a busy, fast paced world where they are constantly bombarded with sensory information such as screens and computer games. Spending even a few minutes a day playing noughts and crosses, or a card or board game is so beneficial (not just for the children, but us too).

This week, whilst browsing primary schools social media pages, I noticed a post which really made me stop and think about what I was doing. In my head I was working (on my phone), but to my daughter this sent out a very different message.

Put down your phone
Don't miss out on chances to talk with me.

Looking at your phone all the time makes me think you don't want to chat. When we're out and about talk to me about what we can see. I learn new words when we play together so put down your phone and play, talk, sing and share books with me.

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If you couldn't make the sessions this week, don't worry as there will be a further opportunity to take part in a course at St. George's (please see below for further details).

Parenting Course at St George's

St George's Church will be running a parenting course for parents and carers of children up to 10years old.

The course consists of five sessions with refreshments, a talk with practical advice, group discussions and a course booklet. It will run between 12:45 – 2:45pm on the following dates:

- 21st February
- 28th February
- 13th March
- 20th March
- 27th March



Course for parents and carers of children up to 10 years old. Five sessions with refreshments, a talk and group discussion. Course booklet also available

WEDNESDAYS 12:45-2:45
21 Feb, 28 Feb, 13 Mar, 20 Mar, 27 Mar
@ St George's Centenary Centre, Cleveland Road, Chichester, PO19 7AD

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER PLEASE GO TO EVENTBRITE (PARENTING-COURSE-WHYKE.EVENTBRITE.COM) OR WWW.WHYKE.INFO/PARENTING-COURSE/

The topics to be covered are: building strong foundations, meeting your children's needs, setting clear boundaries, teaching healthy relationships and considering your long-term aim.

The course is aimed at every type of parenting situation and is open to anyone in the wider community.

For more information, or to register, please go to Eventbrite <http://www.parenting-course-whyke.eventbrite.com/> or <https://www.whyke.info/parenting-course/>

Please see flyer within newsletter attachments.

Parent's Evening

Our next Parent's Evening is coming up on the **Wednesday, 7th and Thursday, 8th February**. Please check your emails for details on how to sign up and book a place to meet with your child's class teacher.

Bookings will open on Sunday 21st January at 6pm



Blue Class Gallery session

On Tuesday, 6th February, (3:15pm – 3:45pm) Blue Class will be holding a gallery, showcasing some of their learning from this term.

Formal invitations to parents will be coming home soon.

Yellow Class trip to the Novium Museum

As part of their learning experience about 'Toys', Yellow Class will be visiting the Novium Museum in Chichester on Tuesday, 30th January.

Thank you to those parents who have already consented and paid for their child to attend the visit. Please could we ask those that have not yet done so to log onto their Arbor Parent Portal / Arbor app and complete the relevant forms and payments.

Please check your emails for full details and a letter regarding the trip.

Green Class Trip to watch Alice in Wonderland

Green Class have been invited by the Bishop Luffa Arts Faculty to their primary matinee performance of this year's annual production, 'Alice in Wonderland'. The show is part of their 60th Anniversary celebration and is a revival of the 1989 production first performed at Bishop Luffa School. The performance will take place at Bishop Luffa School on Tuesday 27th February. More details to follow via email next week.

Job Vacancy

We are currently looking to appoint an Inclusion Teaching Assistant / Temporary Midday Meal Supervisor, to join our wonderful team here at Rumboldswyke.

If you, or anyone you know, has experience working with children and would like to come and work at our lovely school, please find further information on our website (<https://www.rumboldswyke.org.uk/about-us/job-information/>)



UK Harvest

Many people are finding things tough at the moment due to rising goods and energy prices, inflation and cost of living pressures.

If you are struggling with food, UK Harvest run local community food hubs, there is even one at St George's Church every other Friday 10am – 11am and you don't need a referral to attend. ANYONE can go. It is also to help reduce the amount of food going to waste and landfill. For further information and other local hubs, please see the link below.

<https://www.ukharvest.org.uk/education/community-food-hub>

For more general information regarding other support that is out there, please see the attached 'Supporting You Information leaflet'.

Young Carers Award

Rumboldswyke have signed up to take part in the new Young Carers award. Teaching staff have already received training on identifying and supporting the Young Carers in our school. The Young Carers in Schools programme helps primary and secondary schools improve outcomes for young carers and celebrates good practice through the Young Carers in Schools Award.

Young carers are responsible for emotional, practical or physical care for a parent, sibling or other family member who has a physical disability, mental health issue or substance misuse issue. The 2011 Census statistics revealed that there are just over 166,000 young carers in England, but research reveals that this is just the tip of the iceberg. The true figure could be closer to 800,000 young carers in England, equivalent to one in five school children many of whom are unrecognised and unsupported.

With very best wishes,
Lisa Harris





Diary Dates

January 2024

22 nd Jan	Football Club (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)
23 rd Jan	Swimming – Red Class
25 th Jan	Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2)
28 th Jan	Chichester Symphony Orchestra Concert at Bishop Luffa
29 th Jan	Football Club (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)
30 th Jan	Yellow Class trip to the Novium Museum

February 2024

1 st Feb	Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2)
5 th Feb	Football Club (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)
6 th Feb	Swimming – Red Class Blue Class Gallery
7 th Feb	Parents Evening
8 th Feb	Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2) Parents Evening
12 th – 16 th Feb	Half Term
19 th Feb	INSET Day (no children in school)
20 th Feb	Back to school
22 nd Feb	Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2)
26 th Feb	Football Club (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)
27 th Feb	Green Class trip to see Alice in Wonderland at Bishop Luffa School
29 th Feb	Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2)

March 2024

4 th March	Football Club (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)
7 th March	Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2)
11 th March	Football Club (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)
14 th March	Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2)
18 th March	Football Club (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)
21 st March	Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2)
25 th March	Football Club (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)
28 th March	Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2)
29 th March	Good Friday (School closed)
1 st – 12 th April	Easter Holidays

Term Dates 2023 - 2024

Spring Term 2024

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

INSET Day Monday 19th February – children not in school

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15th April – Tuesday 23rd July
Half Term – Monday 27th – Friday 31st 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.