



Newsletter 23rd February 2024

Dear Rumboldswyke families,

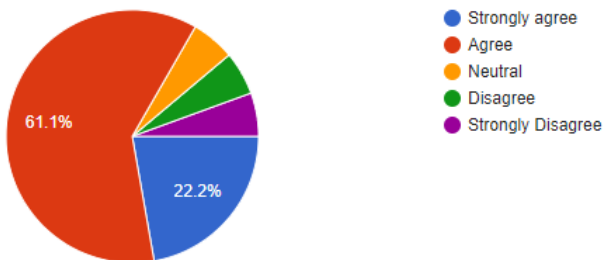


Hopefully the weather has begun to change and we will see more of the sun in the next few weeks. I have to applaud you on getting your children into school this week! I know some of you walk a long way and have

gotten soaked on more than one occasion. Why does it always choose to pour with rain at 8:30 and 3:15? Many of the children needed to get changed on arrival at school on Wednesday and Thursday and dry their clothing on the radiators. If your child has come home with clothing which does not belong to them please send it back in. Similarly, if your child is missing an item of clothing, please let us know.

Homework

Just before half term we asked you to complete a homework questionnaire. Thank you to those who were able to do this. It was really useful to read through your comments about homework and use these to set out our expectations on homework in our updated Homework guidelines (attached to this email).



The majority of parents believe homework is an important part of learning for children, if given in small chunks. Homework should **not** be a battle, and certainly should not be overwhelming.

However, it should help prepare children for secondary school and give parents an insight into what their child is learning at school so some consolidation activities can occur.

Most parents feel quite strongly that children should not be punished for non-completion of homework as this is up to parents to enforce. Having said that, school is here to provide opportunities for homework and support families overcome barriers with homework, if possible.

The expectation in all years is to read daily, this includes adults reading to children and discussing stories too. Developing a love of books and excitement about plot is crucial in enhancing children's vocabulary so please do continue to share books with them.

In Early Years and Key Stage 1 (Blue and Yellow Class), we will continue to use Seesaw to set homework. In KS2 (Red and Green Class), we are using a new platform called Atom Learning to set homework. <https://atomlearning.com/> We will also be using a platform called TTRockstars <https://trockstars.com/> to build up children's fluency with their times tables. Details of how to access these will be sent home with your child. Remember, you can use the class email accounts to email the teachers directly.
Year 5 / 6: greenclass@rumboldswyke.org.uk
Year 3 / 4: redclass@rumboldswyke.org.uk

Homework guidelines come into practice from today so please do read the attached document(s) so you are aware of homework expectations.

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



Tesco Stronger Starts Grant

Just a reminder that voting is open for opportunity to win the Tesco grant **until 31st March**. So please let your friends and family know too and pop down to the Tesco Extra to pop some of those blue tokens into our box!!



love of reading. We are asking that children come to school on this day wearing animal print (spots, stripes, patterns - be as creative as you like) or dressed as an animal. We do not expect or encourage parents to go out and purchase new costumes, please use something you already have or can borrow.



Ground's day



You may remember us previously asking parents and carers to save the date for our upcoming Grounds Day on Saturday 9th March.

We are looking to develop our 'nature areas' and Forest School at Rumboldswyke and need a few parent helpers to make it a reality.

If you are able to help, please could we ask that you complete the Google Form below, letting us know when you would be available to help out. We will then let everyone know the planned timings of the day, once we have received the responses. Thank you!

<https://forms.gle/sXrFACb7X38iyyu59>

World Book Day

Thursday 7th March is World Book Day (WBD). On this day, the whole school will come together to be introduced to a text based on animals (we are not sharing the title of the book until this date). The day will be spent exploring the book and all activities will be based on the text and

Parking

Parking near schools is always tricky and we do appreciate that parking near Rumboldswyke School is no exception. However, the situation in Rumbolds Close is getting dangerous! I have walked out on a few occasions and seen cars parked across driveways and on the pavement, meaning children are walking out on the road. This is not acceptable. Parking in Rumbolds Close is permit only and as such our parents SHOULD NOT be parking there unless they have a permit. We have sent frequent reminders about parking and we have also approached / telephoned families who park in the Close, warning them they are breaking the law and could receive a parking ticket. Yesterday I contacted the parking enforcement officer to let them know how concerned I am.





School Photos

This year Yellow Photography will be in school on **Monday 4th March**. All children will have individual and a class photograph taken during the school day. There will be an opportunity to purchase copies of the photographs at a later date when your child will bring home samples for you to see, along with an order form.



Choir Club (Yrs 2 – 5)

Just a reminder, if your child is interested in signing up to Choir Club this term, you can do this via the Arbor Parent Portal / Arbor App. Sessions will run on a Tuesday afternoon between 3:15pm – 4:15pm starting next week (Tuesday 27th February).



Dance Club (All years)

Following a successful start to our new Dance club that runs on a Wednesday afternoon after school (3:15pm – 4pm), Natalie from Fitjoy, who runs the sessions has offered to open up the club to **all years**.

If your child is interested in signing up to Dance Club please contact natalie@fitjoy.co.uk directly. Please see the flyer on the following page, for full details.



With very best wishes,
Lisa Harris



Diary Dates

February 2024

21 st Feb	Dance Club (Reception, Yr1 & 2)
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
	Swimming Lessons (Red Class)
	Choir Club (Yr 2 - 5)
28 th Feb	Dance Club
29 th Feb	Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2)

March 2024

4 th March	School Photos
	Football Club (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)
5 th March	Swimming Lessons (Red Class)
	Choir Club (Yr 2 - 5)
6 th March	Dance Club
7 th March	World Book Day
	Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2)
9 th March	Grounds Day (helpers needed)
11 th March	Football Club (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)
12 th March	Swimming Lessons (Red Class)
	Choir Club (Yr 2 - 5)
13 th March	Dance Club
14 th March	Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2)
18 th March	Football Club (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)
19 th March	Swimming Lessons (Red Class)
	Choir Club (Yr 2 - 5)
20 th March	Dance Club
21 st March	Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2)
25 th March	Eucharist at St George's Church
	Football Club (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)
26 th March	Swimming Lessons (Red Class)
	Choir Club (Yr 2 - 5)
27 th March	Dance Club
28 th March	Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2)
29 th March	Good Friday (School closed)



Rumboldswyke

Church of England Primary School

Aril 2024

1st – 12th April Easter Holidays
15th April INSET Day (no children in school)

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

INSET Day Monday 15th April – children not in school
INSET Day Monday 3rd June – children not in school

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.



BROADWAY
Boogie Kids ★

FUN, ENERGETIC, CREATIVE

Rumboldswyke Primary School
Wednesday 3.15-4PM

FITJOY DANCE FITNESS
Broadway Boogie Kids is a fun and energetic dance fitness class. Inspired by all things stage and screen, the programme incorporates musical theatre with the principles of fitness, offering a fun workout that will leave everyone wanting more.
The class also includes party games using props too.

21st, 28th Feb
6th, 13rd, 20th and 27th March
6 weeks £30
CONTACT NATALIE
07738249612 NATALIE@FITJOY.CO.UK

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