



Newsletter 9th February 2024

Dear Rumboldswyke families,

Can you believe that today marks the halfway point of the academic year? Time does fly when you are having fun.

Thank you to all the parents who managed to attend parents' evening this week. It was very well attended, in fact it was probably the busiest parents' evening we've ever had.

A huge thank you if you completed and returned your questionnaire. We always appreciate your feedback as it can help us strive to provide the best education and care for your children. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive with some very valid suggestions for improvement.

I have attached the results of the questionnaire for you to look through. We received 50 responses, therefore each response is worth 2% of the respondents. It was lovely to see that 100% of respondents receive the weekly newsletter and would recommend the school to other parents. This is important as we receive applications through word of mouth. We no longer have a catchment so we do not come up in any catchment searches. Even if a resident of Rumbolds Close searched for their nearest catchment school, Rumboldswyke would not show up!

The areas parents have requested improvement are as follows:

- communication of progress
- healthier lunches
- reward systems
- structured homework
- the Arbor App
- Wrap around care

We will certainly look at ways to improve these areas.

We are already in the process of reviewing homework. On our Inset day on Monday 19th February, we will be receiving training on building resilience in the children we work with and we will also be looking at our homework provision and developing a policy to suit our community. If you have not already completed the Google form on Homework, please do so this weekend. We only have 11 responses so far. Homework is something people often have strong opinions on so it would be very helpful to have your opinion too!

<https://forms.gle/QWK8yDfYAyRuyfnP8>

Some parents asked for further clarification on the rewards system in place. Currently, staff and children look and listen out for any children demonstrating one of our core values: love, compassion, respect, hope. They can then nominate a recipient for a core value certificate using the red postbox outside of the staff room. We encourage the children to articulate the reason for the nomination and state what that person did or said, rather than just stating they

were kind (we expect everyone to be kind 😊). Younger children are supported to do this. Certificates are issued every Friday during our celebration/singing worship.

This term, we have also been looking out for evidence of our monthly value, which for February is cooperation. Children who are noticed for this value get to add a coloured token into our celebration pot. The class with the most coloured tokens at the end of the month earns an additional playtime on Friday afternoon.

The school council has also been discussing ways to develop the reward system. So far we have discussed:

- a golden certificate for children who earn all four value certificates,
- hot chocolate and story/ game Friday with Mrs Harris,
- star of the week,

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



- sharing work in assembly for children who have gone above and beyond.

If you have any further ideas you would like me to take to the school council, please drop me an email and I can take your ideas to them. head@rumboldswyke.org.uk

Librarian visit to Bishop Luffa

On Thursday, our amazing librarians visited Bishop Luffa library where they met the author Stewart Foster. They were such a credit to Rumboldswyke and joined a Year 8 class to listen to Stewart talk about his books and the inspiration for them. Their behaviour was impeccable.



Blue Class' Kadinsky Gallery

Thank you to the parents of Blue Class for attending the Kadinsky Gallery. We raised an amazing £102!!



Swimming / PE / Forest School for next term:

Please find below the PE, Forest School and Swimming timetable for this half term. On the days when your child has PE, they can come to school in their PE uniform.

On Tuesdays, Red Class will be continuing with their swimming lessons and may come to school in their PE kits on this day and bring their swimming costume etc with them in a named bag.

Yellow Class will be taking part in Forest School next half term. Please can all children come to school in their normal school uniform and bring with them suitable clothing to change into for their Forest School session in the afternoon.

	PE	Swimming	Forest School
Monday	Reception Yr 1 Yr2		
Tuesday		Red Class (no swimming 20th February)	
Wednesday	Red Class (Yr3&4) Green Class (Yr5)		Yr 2 (21st Feb – 6th March) Yr 1 (13th – 27th March)
Thursday	Reception Yr 1 Yr 2		
Friday	Green Class (Yr5)		

Choir Club (Yrs 2 – 5)

Just a reminder, if your child is interested in signing up to Choir Club next term, you can do this via the Arbor Parent Portal / Arbor App.

Sessions will run on a Tuesday afternoon between 3:15pm – 4:15pm.





Dance Club (Reception, Yr1, Yr2)

For those parents in Blue & Yellow class, you will have today received an email about a new Dance Club that will be starting after half term.

Sessions will be run by Natalie from Fitjoy on a Wednesday afternoon between 3@15pm – 4pm.

If your child would like to sign up you will need to contact Natalie directly on

natalie@fitjoy.co.uk.

Please check you emails for further details and a flyer.



Diary Dates

12 th – 16 th Feb	Half Term
19 th Feb	INSET Day (no children in school)
20 th Feb	Back to school
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
	Choir Club (Yr 2 - 5)
28 th Feb	Dance Club (Reception, Yr1 &2)
29 th Feb	Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2)

As always on a Friday, the children love having their disco lunchtime, and today was no different. It is so wonderful seeing them all have such fun and dance freely and we couldn't resist taking a couple of photos!



Have a wonderful half term!

With very best wishes,
Lisa Harris



March 2024

4 th March	Football Club (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)
5 th March	Choir Club (Yr 2 - 5)
6 th March	Dance Club (Reception, Yr1 &2)
7 th March	Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2)
11 th March	Football Club (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)
12 th March	Choir Club (Yr 2 - 5)
13 th March	Dance Club (Reception, Yr1 &2)
14 th March	Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2)
18 th March	Football Club (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)
19 th March	Choir Club (Yr 2 - 5)
20 th March	Dance Club (Reception, Yr1 &2)
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	Choir Club (Yr 2 - 5)
27 th March	Dance Club (Reception, Yr1 &2)
28 th March	Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2)
29 th March	Good Friday (School closed)

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1 st – 12 th April	Easter Holidays
15 th 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.