

Rumboldswyke Newsletter 17th December 2021

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Dear Rumboldswyke families,

What an incredible end of term week! This week is always my favourite of the school year: It is full of love, faith, excitement and spirituality. The joy the festive season brings is something quite beautiful and magical. I am so sad that I have not been well enough to join in with the festivities this week but am really pleased the children have had the opportunity to shine in their nativity services and plays, enabling them to flourish and experience 'life in all its fullness' John 10:10.

Blue Class Nativity Service

Last Friday, Blue class put on a magnificent nativity service in St. George's Church. Their performance of 'We're Going on a Baby Hunt' was wonderful and the excitement in their eyes and voices was simply gorgeous. We certainly have some stars in the making who are destined for the stage in later life! Thank you to all the parents who came along to join us and help fill the church with glorious singing (even in masks). Once again, the Rumboldswyke community demonstrated kindness, compassion and generosity by donating £55.50 to the Children's Society. Well done Team Rumboldswyke.



A huge thank you to Mrs Wilson and Mrs Toy for working so hard with Blue Class and for making these wonderful memories.

Stickman

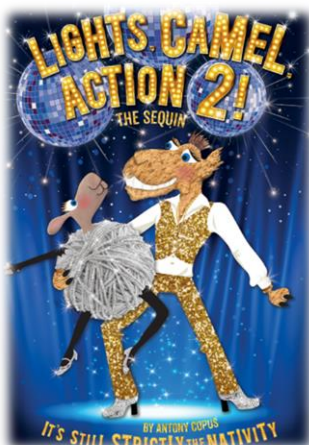
On Tuesday, the children visited Chichester Festival Theatre to watch a live performance of Stickman. Mrs Wilson said the awe and wonder in their faces was joyous. If only we could capture that and bottle it up to share with the world. Thank you to Mrs Nicholds for organising the tickets, return coaches and for coming in on her day off when I was unable to attend.

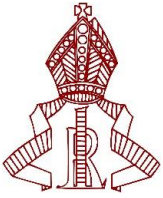
Lights, Camel, Action 2: The Sequin.

I have read some of the reviews of this show and I hear it was absolutely phe-nom-in-all!

I am so proud of each and every one of the children as it takes enormous courage to get up on stage, in front of lots of people, and perform. Over the past three weeks I have watched the children grow in confidence and heard the most incredible progress in their singing and the projection of their voices.

Thank you to our wonderful parents who have supported us with costumes and returning the children to school for the evening performance. The majority of the children was able to return and shine like stars in front of some of their special people. Hopefully you have all been able to see some of the photographs shared on Seesaw.





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Once again, I would like to extend my gratitude to the staff who pulled together at the last minute to ensure the show went ahead. Behind the scenes, support with costumes, the set, technology and ticketing all contributed to a fabulous show. We had three members of staff who were unable to work in school on Thursday so the Rumboldswyke staff and Bishop Luffa staff worked together, some even coming in on their day off or working way past their contracted hours. They certainly went above and beyond. I am so proud to be part of such a kind, supportive and selfless partnership.

Over the past three weeks, Ms Davies has worked tirelessly, organising costumes, scripts and music. She has worked incredibly hard and dedicated the best part of her waking hours to building the children's confidence and getting them to believe they can, and boy could they! Thank you, Ms Davies!



Next Term Year 3 Swimming



We are very pleased to let you know that Year 3 will be starting swimming lessons on Monday 10th January with Mr Blewitt from Bishop Luffa. More information to follow on our return to school on Tuesday 4th January. To give you prior notice, the children will need a swimsuit, swimming goggles and towel. All named please.

Final message

I cannot believe I have been part of the Rumboldswyke family for a whole year! From my first day when schools were plunged into lockdown to today. During that time, I have been humbled by the love and generosity of the Rumboldswyke community. It is an incredible place made special by you all.

The staff would like to say a heartfelt thank you for your thoughtful words, cards and gifts. They have been sending me photographs of the cards, letters and contributions you have given to show your appreciation to the team. Your words mean the world and we are very grateful you have taken the time to share them with us.

The Christmas holidays have now arrived! May your festive time be filled with love, joy, faith and hope. From the entire Rumboldswyke Team - Have a very Happy Christmas. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 4th January.

With best wishes,

Lisa Harris

