

Rumboldswyke Newsletter 19th May 2023

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Dear Rumboldswyke families,

We made it to the end of our first full week since April! On Monday, I have to say I was worried this would be a challenge for us all, but the week has flown by. Well done everyone! Hopefully the sun is here to stay for the weekend to ensure we all have a bright conclusion to Mental Health week. 😊

The children in Yellow Class have been learning about how the curriculum at school helps us stay safe at home too. They have particularly been focussing on ‘how to stay safe online’.

I feel even as adults we can never have enough education about the online world. The internet is essential in 21st century life. As children move up through the school, their access to various types of technology increases and it stands to reason that their exploration and curiosity increases too. My children can certainly do things with technology that I cannot fully comprehend.

The positives of the digital world overwhelmingly outweigh the negatives, but children, schools and parents all need to be aware of online risks.

Over the week, staff have been asking children about their online habits and what they would do if they saw something they did not like or knew they should not be looking at. It was surprising how many children said they knew what they should do but they wouldn’t as if they spoke to a grown up their device would be taken away from them.

There is also an increase in the number of children (as young as 5) who are becoming increasingly worried about their self-image. Whilst I love to play with apps that can make me look 20 years younger, or 10lbs slimmer, this is damaging to impressionable minds and sets a dangerous precedent in how we should look.

Please ensure you monitor what your children are playing and watching online. Play the games with them and discuss what they are watching. Remember YouTube is also a type of social media which anyone with an account can post on. I have included information on some of the most popular online games that we have heard children at Rumboldswyke talk about. Please check out their age ratings and advice on how your child can play safely.

Go online together!



Breathe, Think, Do with Sesame (4+)

This app will help you teach your child skills such as problem solving, self-control and planning.



Numbots – app/website (£7.20 per year for up to 3 children)

Engaging platform for learning to add and subtract. *NumBots recommend children start using between the ages of 5 – 7 years old.*



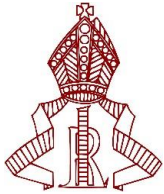
YouTube Kids (4+)

YouTube Kids was created to give children a more contained environment. *Remember not all videos have been manually reviewed so if you do find something then flag it for fast review.*



Duolingo - Language Lessons (4+)

Learn a new language or your child can practice what they’re learning in school. This app is free although a paid subscription is available for further functionality and no ads.



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Broadband set up

Have you set up appropriate settings on your broadband/Wi-Fi? Most broadband providers include parental controls for free as part of their broadband package, which means that any device that connects to your Wi-Fi will be protected by any controls you set up.

Further information: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guideand-resource/parental-controlsoffered-by-your-home-internetprovider> Test Your Internet

Please see further information regarding internet use on an email sent to you.

Suncream

Now the weather has (finally) brightened up, please do make sure you apply sunscreen before your child comes to school each day and that they have their water bottle and a sun hat with them.



Summer Fair Raffle

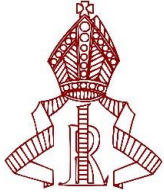
Do you know of any companies who would help support our lovely school by donating a prize for our Summer fair Raffle? If you do, please do get in contact. Miss Boyd has a long list of companies who have been keen to donate gifts / vouchers in the past. We have letters in the office ready to take in to local companies who may be able to help. Please do pop in to collect one.

Latest Attendance Figures

Whole school attendance to date	Blue Class	Yellow Class	Red Class
(National average is 93.7%) 92.6%	90.37%	92.45%	93.35%

With warmest wishes,

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