



Newsletter 8th September 2023

Dear Rumboldswyky families,

It has been a joy to see our entire Reception class children playing and exploring their new classroom together. What a scrumptious bunch they are: so polite, friendly and calm. Today, they joined us for the morning and lunch, and we look forward to next week when they are with us full time.

I cannot put into words how lovely it is to hear a buzz of excited learning in every class in the school. Your children have been incredible this week; especially in the heat. I hope you are able to make the most of the glorious weather this weekend.

At this time of year, we like to update you with our plans for developing the school. Rumboldswyke has been on an exciting and at times challenging journey over the last few years. We are passionate about moving the school forward to provide the best opportunities and experiences for your children. Our main priorities for the academic year are as follows:

- 1. To strengthen leadership at all levels** - this means everyone at school, including the children. The staff will be taking on leadership of subjects and driving progress in opportunities and outcomes. We will also be developing children's leadership further this year and they will be taking on greater responsibilities in school.
- 2. To deliver high quality Mastery Maths teaching across the school that leads to increased pupils' outcomes** - a mastery maths approach is a teaching and learning approach that ensures children develop a deep understanding of maths.

3. To promote the children's oracy skills - this is the ability to express yourself confidently and fluently in a variety of topics and subjects. If children can teach it (explain it) they are likely to have a greater understanding.

4. To improve the personal development, behaviour and welfare of pupils - we are looking to enhance and expand the opportunities our children have. We will do this by: building up the PTA, developing our grounds (woodland area, spiritual garden), making links with the local community, ensuring the children utilise their classroom environment effectively to support their learning, promoting a sense of community, self-responsibility, respect and tolerance for others.

There are many ways you will be able to support us with these priorities, which will be shared through parental workshops, Parents' Evenings, Newsletters and curriculum letters.

One of the most important things you can do with your children is to develop a love of reading. Share books/audio books with them and get them to read books to you. Reading is the gateway to a wealth of knowledge and extended imagination. Five minutes sharing a book everyday makes a huge difference and gets your child off to a fabulous start. Even our year 5's benefit from having books read to them.



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



ATTENDANCE, PUNCTUALITY and HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME



There is a strong correlation between attendance, punctuality and children's outcomes. Please ensure your children are here, ready to meet their teacher, when the gate opens at 8:40. The gates remain open until 8:45. Children who arrive after this

time need to report to the main office; if they arrive after 8:50 they will be marked as 'late' (L). Ongoing and repeated lateness is considered as unauthorised absence.

If your child arrives after 9.00am, this will be marked as an unauthorised late (U).

We urge families NOT to book holidays during term time - not only will this disadvantage your own children, but it will also have a negative impact on other children in your child's class.

For further information, click the link below which takes you to our attendance policy.

<https://www.rumboldswyke.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Attendance-Policy-2023.pdf>

Advance notice - Temporary Maternity Cover Teaching Assistant, Breakfast Club, Lunchtime Assistant Vacancy.



You may have noticed that our lovely Mrs Lodge will shortly be welcoming a bundle of joy to the Lodge household. We are all extremely excited about this and can't wait to meet the littlest Lodge. We need a very special person to join our team in Mrs Lodge's absence. Do you know someone with experience of working with children who would like to come and work at our lovely school?

Next week we will be advertising the above position on our website. For further information pop in to chat to me or drop me an email: head@rumboldswyke.org.uk



Have a great weekend!
With very best wishes,

Lisa Harris



18th Sept Football Club - Yrs 3, 4 & 5
20th Sept Football Club Yrs 1 & 2

***Term Dates
2023 - 2024***

Autumn Term 2023

Friday 1st September – Friday 15th December
Half Term - Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October

INSET Day Friday 1st September – children not in school
Children's first day of school will be Monday 4th September

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 3 INSET days for the next academic year and will share these dates with you as soon as we can.