



Dear Rumboldswyke families,

I am very pleased and extremely proud to be able to share our Ofsted report with you. I'd like to start by letting you know the inspector was blown away by the parents, pupils and staff's love for the school. He said he had never seen such a positive ParentView and that you had supported us, not by writing a few words of encouragement, but by writing paragraphs and paragraphs for him to read. Thank you!

It is fair to say that the extended Rumboldswyke community have always been behind this wonderful school. Following the 'inadequate' Ofsted judgement in May 2019, and the subsequent consultation for closure, the community have fought hard to keep the spirit of the school alive, and alive and thriving it is! Flourishing, as the first primary school in the 'Bishop Luffa Learning Partnership.'

Whilst an inspection report cannot ever convey all of the incredibly positive things the inspectors verbalised (the written reports are very brief now), it does capture some real highlights:



*'there is a strong culture of respect'*  
*'Pupils benefit from a well-planned curriculum.... end points are ambitious'*  
*'Pupils with SEND needs are well supported by the school to access the ambitious curriculum'*  
*'Reading is prioritised by the school and is very well taught. This is especially true in Reception'*  
*'Outcomes in Reading are improving rapidly'*  
*'The way the school plans out the curriculum in Reception is **exceptional!***

These comments are testament to the hard work and dedication to everyone who has been involved in the Rumboldswyke journey over the last four years! Whether that be the parents/ Chichester residents, past and present, who fought the closure notice, or our staff and families who chose us and had faith in us!

Ofsted identified the attendance and low-level behaviour of a small proportion of pupils as areas to improve. The inspector noted that the school is taking 'effective action' to improve attendance and that 'most pupils behave very well... with effective support for those who struggle with their behaviour.' However, there is still more work to do. These are areas we had previously identified for improvement. I know it may seem that I send out attendance / punctuality reminders regularly, but it is an area that Ofsted scrutinise and has a huge impact on children's attainment.



I am incredibly proud of the children, they really live out our four core values every day. They loved explaining the core values to the inspectors and told them how they could recognise the values in others. I believe they even taught them actions for the values!

I am also very proud of the staff. They truly do go above and beyond to ensure our children 'live life in all its fullness' whilst providing a creative and nurturing space for them to be themselves. Rumboldswyke really is a special place to be.

Whilst it is wonderful to be validated as a **GOOD** school with an **OUTSTANDING** Early Years, we know that a one-word judgement does not do a school justice, therefore, I hope you enjoy reading the report and celebrating with us what a tremendous (team) achievement this has been!



Please see the attached report or click the link below to our school website page where the Ofsted report can be found:

<https://www.rumboldswyke.org.uk/statutory-information/ofsted/>

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



**Bookfest**

We are very excited to again be a part of the Chichester's Children's Bookfest (<https://www.childrensbookfest.com/>) and as a result next week we will be welcoming two authors into school to inspire our children. KS2 (years 3, 4 & 5) will be meeting with David Owen on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, who wrote 'Alex Neptune – Monster Avenger' and KS1 (years 1 & 2) will be meeting with Simon Philip who wrote 'Wanna see a Penguin?'.



**Harvest Festival**

Next week our Harvest Festival service will take place in St. George's Church on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October @ 2pm**. During worship, the children will be reflecting on how fortunate we are to have food in our tummies and how we can show thanks and kindness by helping others who are less fortunate than ourselves. We have discussed the important work of Chichester Foodbank and how they have helped individuals and families when they have needed it. The children are keen to organise a collection to be taken to the Foodbank so they can help others like the kindly farmer helped Ruth and Naomi in the Bible. During the service, we would like each child to contribute an item to the Foodbank. Items which are particularly welcomed by the Foodbank are:



Long Life Fruit Juice	UHT Milk
Squash	Jams or spreads
Rice	Cleaning Products
Tea bags	Toiletries
Tins of: custard, fish, fruit, potatoes, soup, vegetables, puddings, etc.	

**Please send your child in with their donation by Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October.**

All members of the family are welcome to join us and the children will be able to go straight home from the church with you at the end if you'd like.

**Job Vacancy**

Another exciting opportunity has arisen to join our amazing team here at Rumboldswyke. We are currently seeking to appoint a 'Temporary Meals Supervisor' to join our friendly, dedicated and motivated team.



If you, or anyone you know may be interested in this role, please see our website for further details and to download an application form from the link below:

<https://www.rumboldswyke.org.uk/about-us/job-information/>

**Parents' Evening**

Just a reminder that you can now book your Parents' evening consultation appointments with your child's class teacher, via the Arbor Parent Portal / Arbor App.

Please check your emails for more details and information.



10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Red Class Parents Evening
17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Blue Class, Yellow Class & Green Class Parents Evening



**Communications / Arbor Parent Portal**



**Arbor**

Just a reminder to parents, to **please** keep an eye on your emails on a regular basis. All communications from school, including information about hot meals, payments, club sign up, school trips **and** parents' evening is all now done through our Arbor Parent Portal / Arbor App.

If you are having difficulty using the Arbor App, please pop into the office and we can walk you through it.

Have a great weekend!  
With very best wishes,

Lisa Harris



**October 2023**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct Football Club – Yrs 3, 4 & 5
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct David Owen author to meet KS2
- 4<sup>th</sup> Oct Simon Phillip author to meet KS1  
Forest School – Red Class
- 5<sup>th</sup> Oct Harvest Festival – 2pm (All welcome)  
Football Club Yrs 1 & 2
- 9<sup>th</sup> Oct Football Club – Yrs 3, 4 & 5
- 10<sup>th</sup> Oct Red Class Parents Evening
- 11<sup>th</sup> Oct Forest School – Red Class  
Red Class Parents Evening
- 12<sup>th</sup> Oct Football Club Yrs 1 & 2
- 16<sup>th</sup> Oct Football Club – Yrs 3, 4 & 5
- 17<sup>th</sup> Oct Parents Evening – Blue, Yellow & Green Class
- 18<sup>th</sup> Oct Forest School – Red Class  
Parents Evening – Blue, Yellow & Green Class
- 19<sup>th</sup> Oct Football Club Yrs 1 & 2
- 20<sup>th</sup> Oct **INSET DAY – children not in school**

23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Oct **Half Term**

31<sup>st</sup> Oct Back to School

**Term Dates  
2023 - 2024**

**Autumn Term 2023**

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

**INSET Day Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – children not in school**

**Spring Term 2024**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March  
Half Term – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

**INSET Day Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – children not in school**

**Summer Term 2024**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July  
Half Term – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

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.