



Dear Rumboldswyke families,

I am sorry but I am going to have to say it: Christmas Day is only 45 days away which means we are only 25 school days away from the end of term, and what a busy 25 days it will be! There is excitement and lots of singing in the air (and I don't just mean in my office).

Firstly though, I would just like to say how proud we are of our local hero Emily, who has been chosen to turn on the Christmas lights in Chichester on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

Last year, Emily demonstrated bravery and courage when her mum had a medical emergency at home.

The world is truly a brighter place because of this superstar!



**Phonics Workshop**

Don't forget - Phonics and Reading Workshops on **Wednesday 22nd November at 3:30pm**, all parents are invited. The children of the parents who attend are welcome to come to Red Classroom at 3:30pm where Mrs Farrelly and Mr Dickin will supervise them. Please email the office to let us know if you will be attending and whether you would like your child/children to be supervised by Mrs Farrelly and Mr Dickin.



**Children in Need Day**

Next Friday (17<sup>th</sup> November) is Children in Need day. The School Council have requested we support the charity by holding a non-school uniform day. They have asked children to come to school in something spotty (or yellow) in exchange for a monetary donation.



Donations can be made through the Arbor Parent Portal / Arbor app. Just scroll down to 'School shop' / 'shop products' and you will find the product 'Children in need' there. Please see the link below for a more detailed guide.

<https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/5068444710813-Purchasing-School-Shop-items-on-the-Parent-Portal-or-Arbor-App>

**Christmas card competition**

This year we have been invited to take part in an annual Christmas card competition. The competition is open to all primary school-aged children in Chichester.

The winning design will become Gillian Keegan's official Christmas card which is sent to her constituents, colleagues in Parliament and across West Sussex. Even the Prime Minister!

Entries should be on A4 or A5 paper and preferably coloured in paints, felt tips or crayons as coloured pencils and slitter to not print well.

If your child would like to take part, please see the attached letter and poster for more details.

**All entries must be returned to school by Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.** We will submit these on the children's behalf.

Please see the link below for more details.

<https://www.gilliankeegan.com/campaigns/gillian-launches-2023-christmas-card-competition>



**Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day**

We will be having our annual Christmas dinner for the children on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December.

If your child would like a Christmas dinner on this day, please ensure you select the 'roast' option for their meal choice through the Arbor Parent Portal / Arbor App.





**All Christmas dinners must be ordered through the Arbor Parent Portal by Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November.**



Children are also welcome to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper over their normal uniform for the day.

### Christmas Party

This year we are having a Christmas Party for the children on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. There will be dancing, games and lots of Christmas cheer!! So get your party outfits ready.

Please see timings for the event below:

KS1 (Blue & Yellow Class): 4pm – 5pm

KS2 (Red & Green class): 5:15pm – 6:30pm

Further details and information regarding how to purchase your child a ticket for the party will be sent via email shortly.

**In order for this event to run and the children to have a great time, we are looking for parent volunteers. If you are able to help please get in touch with the school office at**

**[office@rumboldswyke.org.uk](mailto:office@rumboldswyke.org.uk) and let us know.**

### Yellow Class Christmas Play

This week, Yellow Class have begun practising for their Christmas Play: 'Everyone loves a baby'.



There will be two performances on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December: one at 2pm and the other at 5pm. Further details and information on how to purchase tickets to follow shortly.

### Red Class singing at Chichester Cross

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November, Chichester Rotary Club have invited a class to sing carols at Chichester Cross to spread Christmas cheer. Red Class will leave school at 10am, ready to sing at 11am. They will

return to school for lunch. We are looking for volunteers to accompany them on the walk into Chichester. If you are able to join us for a few hours, please let the office know.



### St George's Christmas fair

Our School has been invited to sing carols and run a stall at St George's Church Christmas Fair on Saturday. I would like to get an idea of how many of your children would like to be involved. Please note that parents will need to remain with their children during the fair.



The Christmas fair will run from 10.00am-2.00pm and our singing time would commence at approximately 12.00 midday and would last for 10 minutes maximum. I will be in attendance.

I would be very grateful if you would indicate via the google form link below, whether you would be prepared to commit to this event. Ideally with enough volunteers we would like to create a rota for running a stall. Perhaps a good reason to visit the Fair!

<https://forms.gle/TyMupiF3Ek6aSPs28>

### Nativity Service

Our Nativity service will take place in St. George's Church at 10am on Thursday



14<sup>th</sup> December. The service will be led by Fr. Angus and the children of Blue Class.

The whole school will be in attendance and all parents are welcome to join us.

### Uniform donations

We are looking for donations of some uniform and / or PE items (in particular socks, tights and plimsols). If anyone has any spare or old uniform they no longer use or need, we would be very grateful for any donations!



As our school grows, it has come to my attention, that some children are **creating and uploading their** own content on YouTube. Children must be at least **13 years old** to use the service. Some children are giving away personal information, such as their name and age in their user names, and they have been encouraging comments on their content which has caused disagreements in school.



We regularly teach about personal information and online safety in school. We are in the process of arranging for our local Police liaison officer to visit and carry out a workshop on social media in Green Class.

Please ensure you supervise your children online, keeping a careful watch on what your children are accessing and (in some cases) possibly uploading.

- Check age ratings of sites / games they are using.
- Check their usernames – do they give away any personal information which could identify them?
- Are they uploading photographic or video content?
- Are they commenting on online content?

Remind them that anything they post online remains online forever! Even if they delete it, someone may have already taken a screenshot.

If we work together on this, we can keep children safe online and free from any unkindness or misunderstanding.

### **Watching videos online: what parents and carers need to know**

Watching videos is one of the most popular ways children and young people consume content online. 91% of 5-15-year olds watch video-on-demand content online and 97% use video sharing platforms, with YouTube being the most used platform.

There are many reasons why children might enjoy this online activity. Videos can be entertaining, funny, creative or educational. From silly animal videos to slime-making or video-game tutorials, the internet has it all. But the amount and availability of content children of all ages can enjoy does increase the risk that they may see something inappropriate.

### **What is inappropriate video content?**

### **How could my child see inappropriate video content?**

### **What can I do to help keep my child safe when watching videos?**

To find out the answers to the questions above follow this link

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/parents-guide-to-watching-videos-online/>

### **Sleep Advice**

At any given time up to 40% of adults and 50% of children (this rises to 80% with a SEND diagnosis) have difficulties with their sleep. Yet in a recent survey, almost 60% of adults felt there was a lack of support for sleep issues. Sleep problems can leave people feeling isolated and lonely.

Our free helpline is run by trained sleep advisors, many of whom are specialists in working with SEND. We can talk to young people directly, or parents (we can also talk to adults, including older people, about their sleep issues).

The helpline is open 5 times a week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday evenings 7-9pm, and Monday, Wednesday mornings 9-11am. The number is 03303 530 541.

You can read more

here: <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/national-sleep-helpline/>

### **West Sussex Parent Carer Forum**

West Sussex Parent Carer Forum are moving to a new membership and mailing list provider. This is so they can tailor the information and event invitations that you receive to your individual needs and make your experience with the forum more user friendly!

To continue your membership with them, and have access to their **free** information and events, they will require you to complete their new and improved sign up form. Sadly, no details will be automatically transferred or stored once their current membership



platform is closed, so please take a moment to complete this form **before 15th November**. Please click the Parent sign up link below or use the QR code/

For anyone unsure on who West Sussex Parent Carer Forum are then please see their website for full information: [West Sussex Parent Carer Forum | Information | Training \(wspcf.org.uk\)](http://www.wspcf.org.uk)

[Parent Carer Sign Up Form](#)



Have a lovely weekend!  
With very best wishes,  
Lisa Harris



## Diary Dates

### November 2023

13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Football Club – Yrs 3, 4 & 5
14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Swimming – Red Class
15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Forest School – Yellow Class
16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Football Club – Yr 1 & 2
17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Non-uniform day – Children in need
20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Football Club – Yrs 3, 4 & 5
21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Swimming – Red Class Deadline for Christmas dinner orders
22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Forest School – Yellow Class Phonics workshop for parents
23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Football Club – Yr 1 & 2
27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Football Club – Yrs 3, 4 & 5
28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Swimming – Red Class
29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Red Class singing at Chichester Cross Forest School – Yellow Class
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Football Club – Yr 1 & 2

### December 2023

4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Football Club – Yrs 3, 4 & 5
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Swimming – Red Class
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper & Christmas dinner day Forest School – Yellow Class
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Football Club – Yr 1 & 2
8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Party: 4-5pm – Blue & Yellow Class 5:15-6:30pm Red & Green Class
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	St George's Christmas Fair
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Yellow Class Christmas Play (2pm & 5pm) Football Club – Yrs 3, 4 & 5
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Swimming – Red Class
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Forest School – Yellow Class
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nativity at St George's Church Football Club – Yr 1 & 2
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of term

### January 2024

2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Back to school
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### 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 1<sup>st</sup> September – children not in school  
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.

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