

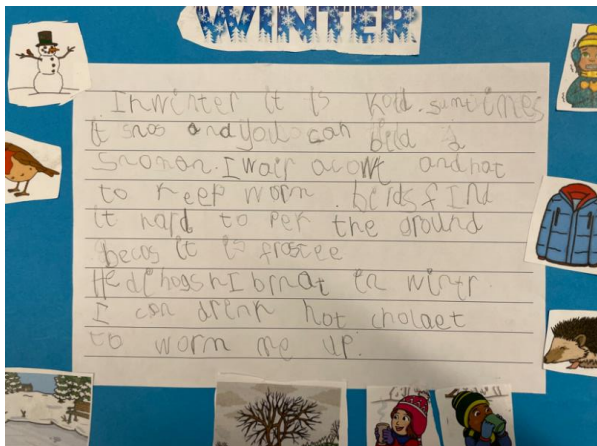


Newsletter 26th January 2024

Dear Rumboldswyke families,

Our value of the month is Pride. The children have been exploring what this means to them. We have talked about good pride and bad pride and what that may look like.

I am 'proud' to say I have seen so many examples of good pride, from children using their initiative to tidy and organise the playground equipment to taking care with the presentation of their work. Look at this fabulous example from one of our Year 1 children.



Inset Days

Each year schools are allocated 5 INSET Days where staff can undertake training. Two of these INSET days were taken in the Autumn Term and we have another one planned on **Monday 19th February** which will be spent working alongside other primary schools in the Chichester District. We have two further INSET Days to take. I can confirm these will be attached to the Easter and May half term holidays.

- Monday 15th April
- Monday 3rd June



Musical Concert in Chichester Cathedral

Every Thursday we have a wonderful pianist and music teacher (Mr Servant) who joins us for worship with the Bishop Luffa team. Mr Servant is coordinating a musical concert in



Chichester Cathedral on the 18th

April (time to be confirmed). He has asked if Red Class would like to get involved as he has been incredibly impressed by their enthusiasm for singing in worship. Many children and adults commented on the beautiful sound coming from the hall as they had their first rehearsal yesterday.

Uniform donations

We are looking for donations of some tights and pants (boys and girls) for our Reception class. If anyone has any spare items they would be happy to donate we would be very grateful!

SAVE THE DATE: Grounds day

This year, we are looking to develop our 'nature areas' and Forest School in and around the school grounds, so that the children can really benefit from these different learning environments.

Sam Kelly, who has worked with other Primary Schools before and is currently helping over at St George's Churchyard, has kindly offered to come and help guide us in developing our outdoor areas with wildlife, function and safety in mind.

But we need some parent helpers!

So please save the date for our 'Ground day' on Saturday 9th March.



Pancake Party at St George's Church

The season of Lent is approaching which means it is also time for pancakes! All are welcome. There will be time for crafts, a story and singing in church, a pancake race and pancakes in the church centre.

The afternoon begins at 3pm on **Saturday 10th February** and will finish around 5pm. There is a suggested donation of £3 per family at the door. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

To come, please register on Eventbrite (pancake-party-whyke.eventbrite.com).



Home Start Chichester and District

Home-Start Chichester & District offer 'Stay and Play' Family Groups across the district.

For over 15 years they have worked with families who have at least one pre-school child in the home who are finding parenting difficult; this may be due to disability, mental health, anxiety, isolation, or poverty.

There are several Family Groups accessible to families that are referred to them.

- Monday Toddler Family Group - Chichester
- Monday Baby (New Parent) Group – Chichester
- Tuesday Family Group (all pre-school children) – Bracklesham Bay
- Wednesday Family Group (all pre-school children) - Midhurst
- Wednesday Family Group (all pre-school children) – Chichester
- Thursday Monthly Military Family Group – Thorney Island

If you would like further information, please come and see me and/or read the information leaflet on the attachments document.

Wraparound Childcare Survey

The national wraparound childcare programme is part of the childcare reforms announced at the 2023 Spring Budget. The government's ambition is that by 2026, all parents and carers of primary school-aged children who need it will be able to access term time childcare in their local area from 8:00 to 18:00, so that parents can access employment and improve labour market participation. As part of this reform West Sussex Services for Schools are running a parent survey to better understand what the current and future childcare need might be. Please click on the link below to complete the survey and find out more information. **The survey closes 2nd February 2024:**

<https://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/family-information-service>

Tax Free Childcare (TFC)

Tax-Free Childcare (TFC) is a childcare top-up for working parents. It can be used to help pay for accredited holiday clubs, childminders, or sports activities. TFC enables parents and carers to access childcare during the school holidays, saving them money. It is estimated that there are 1.3 million working families who are eligible for TFC in the UK, however only a small percentage are making use of the scheme. Around **75% of families are losing out** on this support.

TFC is available for children aged up to 11, or 17 if the child has a disability. Please visit [Childcare Choices](#), to see if you are eligible. You can find out more about the scheme [here](#).

Many parents don't realise that TFC can be saved up on their accounts. Even if childcare is not required throughout the school terms, there is still the option to save up funds which could be used for holiday clubs or out of school care.





Useful links and additional information:

- [Tax Free Childcare can help towards the cost of children's summer holiday activities | GOV.UK.](#)
- [Childcare Choices | 30 Hours Free Childcare, Tax-Free Childcare and More | Help with Costs | GOV.UK.](#)
- [Get Tax-Free Childcare: step by step - GOV.UK.](#)
- www.westsussex.gov.uk/FIS - to help parents search for childcare.

With very best wishes,
Lisa Harris

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FRIDAY



January 2024

28 th Jan	Chichester Symphony Orchestra Concert at Bishop Luffa (see attachments for details)
29 th Jan	Football Club (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)
30 th Jan	Yellow Class trip to the Novium Museum

February 2024

1 st Feb	Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2)
5 th Feb	Football Club (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)
6 th Feb	Swimming – Red Class Blue Class Gallery (3:15 – 3:45pm)
7 th Feb	Parents Evening
8 th Feb	Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2) Parents Evening
12 th – 16 th Feb	Half Term
19 th Feb	INSET Day (no children in school)
20 th Feb	Back to school
22 nd Feb	Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2)
26 th Feb	Football Club (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)
27 th Feb	Green Class trip to see Alice in Wonderland at Bishop Luffa School
29 th Feb	Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2)

March 2024

4 th March	Football Club (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)
7 th March	Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2)
11 th March	Football Club (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)
14 th March	Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2)
18 th March	Football Club (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)
21 st March	Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2)
25 th March	Football Club (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)
28 th March	Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2)
29 th March	Good Friday (School closed)

April 2024

1 st – 12 th April	Easter Holidays
15 th April	INSET Day (no children in school)

Term Dates 2023 - 2024

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

INSET Day Monday 15th April – children not in school
INSET Day Monday 3rd June – children not in school

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'