



Dear Rumboldswyke families,

I want to start by saying thank you to the incredible team who turned up last Saturday for Grounds Day. I cannot believe what was achieved under the direction of Sam Kelly in such a short amount of time. The Forest School and Pond area have been transformed! Sam said 'Let there be light' and with the help of about 30 fabulous volunteers, there was light.



Thank you team! I was totally blown away by the amount of people who tuned up to help. There was a convoy of wheelbarrows walking down Whyke Road. What a wonderful community we have!

Concert Band

On Wednesday we were given a rare and unexpected treat. A professional brass concert band came in and performed for us. The children loved it! It was very loud and very entertaining. They were quite honestly, the best concert band I have seen in my 25 years of teaching. A huge thank you to Mr Servant for organising this.



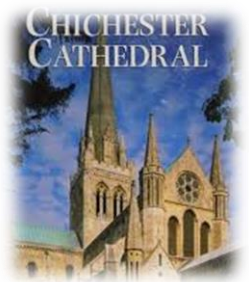
Corporate Challenge

Our three girls did another amazing job at representing our school again this week during their second race of the Corporate Challenge. The determination, positivity and courage of all three of them was wonderful to see. Their final race will be on Wednesday 27th March. We wish them all the best!

Chichester Cathedral Concert

Next term, Red Class will be taking part in a concert at Chichester Cathedral along with other schools from the area.

We are still awaiting full details, but at present we know the concert is to take place during the school day in the afternoon, on Thursday 18th April. Staff will walk the children to the cathedral after their lunch. However, if possible, we are asking parents to collect their child from the cathedral after the concert has finished (timings still to be confirmed). Once we have received the final details, and whether or not parents are invited to attend, we will send out further information and consent needed for your child to attend.



Easter Raffle

Next week, AFRS will be selling raffle tickets to help raise much needed funds for our school and the children. This year the AFRS have helped fund school trips such as the Weald & Downland Museum, Butser Ancient Farm and Amberley Museum, for which we are very grateful. In the past year they have also raised funds for our new laptop trolley and other much needed items around the school for the children.



Those who purchase tickets will be in with a chance of winning a chocolate Easter egg.

Tickets will be on sale for 50p each and can be purchased up until Wednesday 27th March via the 'School Shop' on the Arbor Parent Portal / Arbor App or by popping into the school office (correct change only please).

The draw will take place on Thursday 28th March.



Easter Garden Competition

Just another reminder that the school council is holding an Easter Garden Competition during the last week of term.

Children who would like to enter, must bring their Easter garden into school on Tuesday 26th March. There will be a winner from each class. The winners will receive an Easter Egg!

To make your **Easter Garden** you will need to find out about the key parts of the **Easter Story**. Then, get creative by representing these in a recyclable container or tray to make an Easter garden. You could use boxes, natural resources, paper, card or even paint!



To find out more about Easter Gardens watch this video: [click here](#)

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

Dance Club

Next term we will be continuing with our after school Dance Club, run by Natalie from Fitjoy. The sessions run on a Wednesday afternoon 3:15pm – 4pm and are open to **all** year groups.

Please keep an eye out for an email to be sent out next week with information on how to sign up and make payment directly to Natalie at Fitjoy.



Football Club

Our weekly after school Football Club will also be continuing next term. Again, please keep an eye out for emails being sent out later today regarding sign up and payment.



Choir Club (Yrs 2 – 5)

Choir Club will also be continuing after the Easter holidays. Sessions will run on a Tuesday afternoon from 3:15pm – 4:15pm. Again, please keep an eye for further emails next week on how to sign your child up

With very best wishes,
Lisa Harris

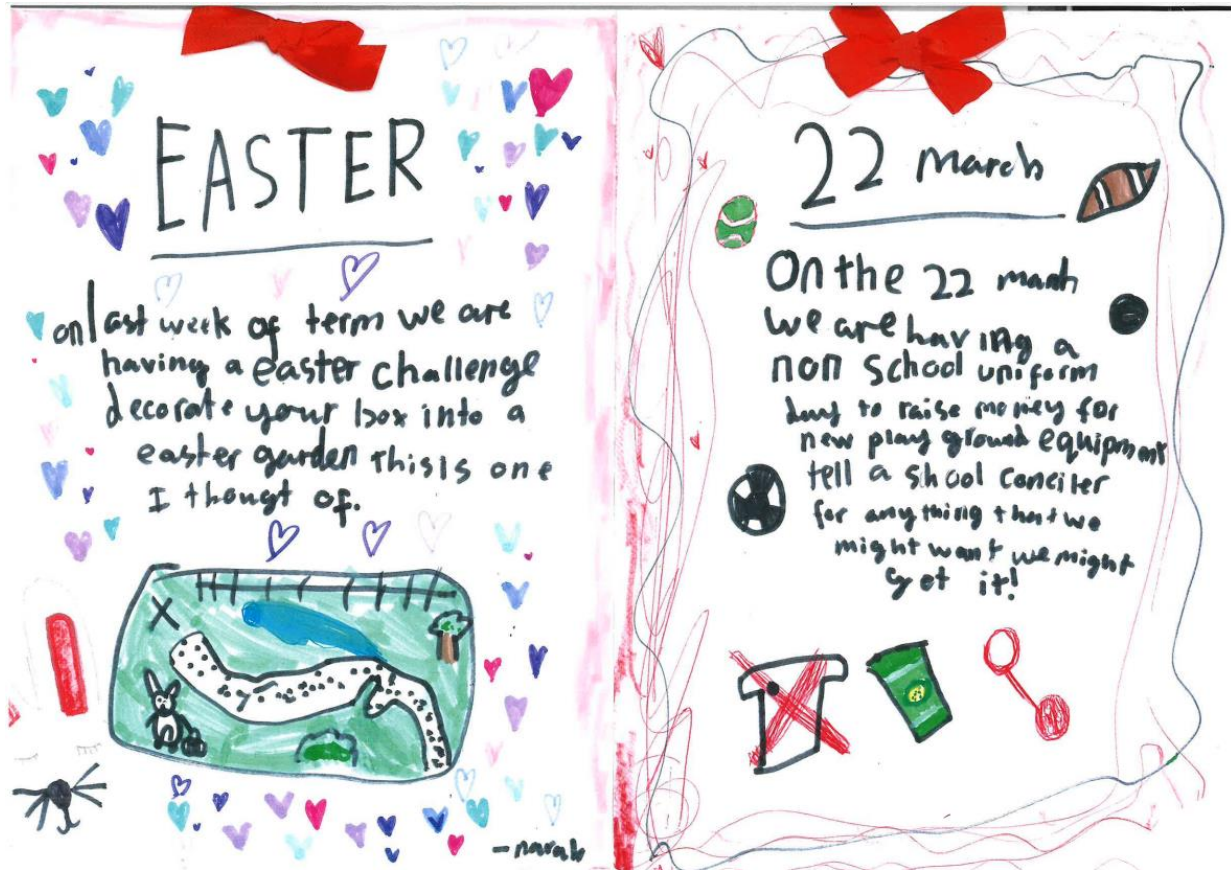
Diary Dates

March 2024

17 th March	Choir Club invited to sing at All Age worship at St George's Church (10am)
18 th March	Football Club (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)
19 th March	Swimming Lessons (Red Class) Choir Club (Yr 2 - 5)
20 th March	Dance Club
21 st March	Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2)
22 nd March	Non- School Uniform Day
25 th March	Eucharist at St George's Church (2pm) Football Club (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)
26 th March	Easter Garden Competition Swimming Lessons (Red Class) Choir Club (Yr 2 - 5)
27 th March	Dance Club
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)
17 th April	Dance Club (3:15 – 4pm)
18 th April	Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2) Chichester Cathedral Concert (Red Class)
22 nd April	Football Club (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)
23 rd April	Swimming (Red Class)
24 th April	Dance Club (3:15 – 4pm)
25 th April	Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2)
29 th April	Football Club (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)



**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