



Parent Visits

Now that the children are settled in school, teachers will be putting up a calendar for parents to book a visit to their child's class. Do come in if you can to join in with a lesson.

If you have time for a regular slot in school then please see your class teacher. Parents can help with display, hearing readers, gardening, looking after our library etc. Training offered.

Tummy Bugs

Please keep children off school for 48 hours after a tummy bug. This stops the bug from spreading through school.

Head Lice

Please comb through your child's hair weekly with a fine tooth comb and hair conditioner. This will prevent lice from multiplying and spreading.

Harvest

Thank you for your harvest donations. These have been collected by Milton Keynes Food Bank to support local people in need.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to those parents who supported this event. £37 was raised.

Book Fair

Thank you for supporting the book fair. This raised £111 in commission for school book stocks.

A big thank you goes to staff for giving up their time to organise and man the fair.

Children's Toilets

No adults in children's toilets please. If your child needs to visit the toilet at pick up or drop off time they must go independently.

Parent Governors

We are very pleased to be welcoming Naomi Sumpter, Carolyn Stokes and Rachael Withe to our Governing Body. They have been appointed as Parent Governors. We had three nominations for three vacant positions so there was no need for an election.

**Please keep our children safe: park
in local car parks and walk to
school!**

Attendance

Regular attendance at school is essential for children's social and academic success.

Attendance below 95% is a cause for concern. If your child's attendance falls below this level we will write to you to ensure that you are aware of this fact.

Children who miss 23 or more days are classed as 'persistent absentees' by the DfE. Whatever the reason for the absence, we will be working with children and families to improve attendance levels. This work can be supported by the school nurse or the Children and Family Practices Team. We also issue Fixed Penalty Notices where this is necessary.

We cannot authorise holidays in term time. A week's holiday combined with time off with sickness easily lowers attendance below the required 95% and often into 'persistent absentee' status.

Please always inform us first thing in the morning if your child will be absent. We need to be sure where children are and that they are safe.

Planned absences must always be applied for two weeks in advance.

Staff Absence

Staff have worked exceptionally hard this half term to ensure the best provision for the children. Extra pressure has been caused by the fact that we have faced five absences due to surgery and recovery time. Despite this pressure we have had a successful seven weeks; we are proud of how well the children have settled into their new classes. Do look at the new displays around school to see what the children have been learning and how well their skills are progressing.

School Partners

We have been successful in gaining some Erasmus funding for a mathematics project with our partner Swedish School. Our project is entitled 'Adventures in Mathematics' and will focus on creating real and exciting contexts for learning and applying mathematics. Two teachers from Sweden will be visiting us during the week beginning 14th November.

Hot School Lunches

Please note that school does pay for the school lunches. If you have booked a lunch and then do not need it please do phone Essence and cancel the order.



Russell Street School

Dates for your diaries

See also: www.russell-street-school.co.uk

21-10-16	Last day of the half term
1-11-16	Back to school (TUESDAY)
3-11-16	Curriculum Evening 7pm – 8pm – SEE DETAILS BELOW <u>Owls' Parents Evening 3:30pm – 8pm</u>
7-11-16	Autumn in the Park Week Volunteers welcome to support class walks
9-11-16	Open Day 9:30-11:30am, 1:30-2:30pm
14-11-16	Anti-bullying Week Swedish teachers visiting
18-11-16	Wear Blue for Anti-bullying Day
24-11-16	Open Day 9:30-11:30am, 1:30-2:30pm
28-11-16	Last week of curricular clubs
12-12-16	Christmas Concerts this week Year 1& 2 mornings in the Church Reception afternoons in the hall
14-12-16	Nursery Christmas Party
15-12-16	Key Stage 1 and Reception Christmas Parties Key Stage 1 Disco
16-12-16	Last day of term
4-1-17	Back to school



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Curriculum Evening

Thursday 3rd November 7pm – 8pm

Come and find out how to support learning at home in:

- Mathematics
- Reading
- Phonics

Please return the reply slip, **or a note** to confirm your attendance, to your class teacher by Tuesday 1st November.

Year 1 and 2 presentation will be in the main building.

Nursery and Reception presentation will be in the Early Years building.

Access to both will be **down the lane side of the main building.**

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Childs Name (please print):

Class:

Number of parents/ carers / grandparents attending: