



## School Security

Following this term's fire and lockdown practices we have reviewed the security at the front of school.

As a result of our review, the main door from school into the entrance lobby no longer has a door release button. This door is operated from the office. The door from the office into school now has a magnetic lock which is also operated from the office.

These measures will help us to ensure that children cannot exit the building without an adult and that anyone who enters the lobby is checked and signed in before they can enter school.

## Stony Stratford Library

Our town library is a fantastic resource. In order to ensure its survival we need to keep using it. Do try to have a weekly routine of popping in with your children. A weekly browse and story on the way home from school supports children's reading progress and encourages a love of books.

## Milton Keynes Special Educational Needs and Disability Service

For further information about this service see:

<https://www.facebook.com/MKSEND/>

From February 2017 the Inclusion and Intervention Team will be launching a new parenting programme for parents/carers of children aged 2-5 with Autism Spectrum Disorder/Social Communication Difficulties. Further information is available on the attached link:

<http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/assets/attach/41261/ASD%20SCD%20EYs%20Parent%20leaflet%2016-17.docx>

From January 2017 they are also launching Parent Network Locality Meetings. Further information is available on the attached link:

<http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/assets/attach/41262/2016-10-07%20locality%20parent%20meetings%20A4.docx>

## School Admissions

### Nursery and Year 2 parents:

Please ensure that you have submitted your school applications by the **15<sup>th</sup> January** deadline. If you do not make this date your application will be delayed for a second admissions round which significantly reduces your chance of being allocated a school of your choice.

## Christmas Events

Please see overleaf reminders from last month's newsletter.

### Christmas Post

From next Monday children can post Christmas cards to their class mates. There will be a post box in both buildings. Please write the recipients **full name and class**.

### Christmas Jumper Day

This year our Christmas charity is Save the Children. We will hold collections at our Christmas Concerts so bring along some change. We will also finish the year with a Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December, donations welcome.

## Stony Lights Performance

Lesley Salter, who organises the programme of performances in the church, sent a message to say, 'Please thank all the children and staff and parents for coming to MSG Church on Saturday morning. The singing was fantastic and it delighted everyone. I know how much effort and organisation it takes to involve the children and their families, especially at the weekend, so thank you so much.'

## Forest School Volunteers

Can you spare a regular Thursday or Friday afternoon to join our Forest School team? Please let the office know if you can help.

## Year 1 & 2 Clubs

A few spaces are still available. Please see the office if you are interested.

## Dates for your diaries

See also: [www.russell-street-school.co.uk](http://www.russell-street-school.co.uk)

28-11-16	Last week of curricular clubs
9-12-16	PA Christmas Bazaar 3pm – 4pm
12-12-16	2:30pm Squirrels Concert in the school hall
13-12-16	10am Newts, Hedgehogs, Moles Group 2 Concert in St Mary's and St Giles Church 2:30pm Foxes Concert in the school hall
14-12-16	10am Owls, Badgers, Moles Group 1 Concert in St Mary's and St Giles Church 2:30pm Otters Concert in the school hall Nursery Christmas Party
15-12-16	Key Stage 1 and Reception Christmas Parties Christmas Lunch Key Stage 1 Disco 3pm – 4pm
16-12-16	Last day of term
4-1-17	Back to school

### **Reminders**

#### **Reception Concerts**

Reception classes will hold their concerts in the school hall. All concerts will start at 2:30pm promptly and will last for about 20 minutes. Parents and Grandparents will be able to attend (4 audience members per child maximum).

#### **Key Stage One Concerts**

There will be two concerts in St Mary's and St Giles' Church, both at 10am. As we have 5 classes (rather than 6) this year, Moles class will be split between the concerts. The two Moles' groups are based on their lunch and Forest School groups. The children should know which group they are in; please check with the class teacher if your child is unsure. The church has plenty of seating so we do not allocate tickets (4 audience members per child maximum).

#### **Party Days**

Nursery will have a 'Cha Chimps' session on their party day. Details of the party organisation were included in the Nursery Newsletter.

**Essence Christmas Lunch** is available on Reception and Year 1 party day. Please ensure that you have ordered a lunch if your child would like one.

#### **Year 1 and 2 Disco**

Party Day ends with an after school disco between 3pm and 4pm. Booking and payment is via Parentmail. The year's three discos come as a package for £9. Booking a single disco will cost £3.50 to cover the Parentmail administration charge. The money raised by teachers at discos is used to enhance the curriculum by funding performance groups and supporting a whole school summer visit.