

Russell Street School Newsletter



Summer Term 2 - 2021



Message from our Headteacher

It is hard to believe that there is only half a term left of this academic year. We can't thank you all enough for your support through yet another unusual year.

When we return to school in September 2021 staggered entry into school will no longer take place. We will revert back to our normal start and end times which are starting at 8:40am (registration takes place at 8:50am) and closing at 2:55pm for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Nursery times are 9.00am -3.00pm. These times have been discussed with SMSG to ensure start and finish times do not clash.

Dates to be aware of:

- **8th June** – World Oceans Day.
- **9th June** – Ark Farm in school – all classes to take part.
- **11th June** – Queen's Birthday celebration – children are asked to wear red, white and blue clothes to school.
- **18th June** – African Dance Workshops – Year 1.
- **22nd and 23rd June** - Transition days for current Year R, 1 and 2 (SMSG children). Please see further details below.
- **12th July** – PA Summer Fair – for children only – further details to follow from the PA.
- **13th July am** - Sports Day for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on SMSG field (should social distancing allow).
- **16th July** – School closes to pupils.
- **19th July** – Transition meetings for new Nursery and Reception parents.

Class Concerts – Various dates (see below).

Ice-cream Friday - The PA will be selling ice-creams every Friday after school on the Key Stage One playground.

Please remember that everything we do is always fully explained on our website.

Kind regards
Mrs Robinson

Classes for September 2021 (also see full staffing overview on the final page of this newsletter)

	<p>Nursery Ducklings – Mrs Francis Puffins – Mrs Clack Nursery Lead – Mrs Jeffery</p>	<p>Year 1 Moles – Mrs Camp (Previous teacher – Mrs Tucker) Hedgehogs – Mrs Krater & Mrs Titley (Previous teacher – Mrs Ingrouille) Badgers – Mrs Green (Previous teacher – Mrs Green)</p>
	<p>Reception Squirrels – Mrs Ingrouille Otters – Mrs Van Rooyen</p>	<p>Year 2 Newts – Mr Thompson (Previous teacher – Mrs Krater & Mrs Titley) Owls – Miss Cottam (Previous teacher – Miss Cottam) Kingfishers – Miss Draisey & Mrs Campbell (Previous teacher – Mrs Camp)</p>

Transition Days



All children will be spending two days in their new classes on **22nd and 23rd June**.

Year 2 children going to SMSG in Year 3 will be spending these two days at SMSG. Miss Holland will be sending details of this event to all SMSG parents. Those children that are not going to be moving to SMSG will be helping the KS1 children settle into their new classes. Year 2 children not going to SMSG should meet Mrs Robinson (Year 2 teacher) on the KS1 playground at 8:40am and be collected at 2:50pm.

Entrance and exits into school on the 22nd and 23rd June:

Current Reception children should enter school using the Key Stage One gate at 8:40am where they will be greeted by their new teachers on the Key Stage One playground. Please collect these children from the Key Stage One playground at 2:50pm.

Current Year 1 children should enter school using the Key Stage One gate at 8:50am where they will be greeted by their new teachers on the Key Stage One playground. Please collect these children from the Key Stage One playground at 3:00pm.

Nursery times, entrance and exits remain unaltered for these days.

Current Nursery children will be spending some time in Reception on Wednesday 30th June. Their new teachers will also be visiting them in the Nursery setting to read them stories.

Please note transition activities for **NEW** Nursery and **NEW** Reception children take place on Monday 19th July.



Early Years (Nursery and Reception Classes)

The curriculum changes for all Nursery and Reception classes in September 2021. So that our Early Years building matches the needs of the curriculum we are currently redesigning the layout of all learning areas within the setting.

The changes have been made to the Early Years Framework by the Department for Education to:

- improve outcomes at age 5, particularly in early language and literacy.
- ensure staff have more quality time with the children in their care.

Photographs of the new learning environment will be sent to all families once completed.



New Chapter Books

We have many new chapter books now in school. These books form part of our reading scheme for children in Year 1 who have completed grey Bookbag Books and children in Year 2 from level 8/purple.



Thank you for all the pennies you have donated for our school pets.



Class Concerts (various dates)

End of year class concerts will take place on the Key Stage One playground. Apart from Nursery, classes will perform individually. Places are limited to 2 per family – younger siblings may sit on parents’ laps.

- Monday 5th July – 9:15am Squirrels
- Monday 5th July – 2:15pm Otters
- Tuesday 6th July – 9:15am – Foxes
- Tuesday 6th July – 2:15pm – Moles
- Wednesday 7th July 9:15am – Nursery
- Wednesday 7th July 2:15pm – Hedgehogs
- Thursday 8th July 9:15am – Badgers
- Thursday 8th July 2:15pm – Kingfishers
- Friday 9th July 9:15am – Owls
- Friday 9th July 2:15pm - Newts

World Oceans Day - Our ocean is our future – Tuesday 8th June

When we think of public health risks, we may not think of the ocean. Increasingly, however, the health of the ocean is intimately tied to our health. Some organisms discovered at extreme depths are used to speed up the detection of COVID-19, and it is the environment that could give a solution to humankind. This is one of the multiple reasons why we are celebrating World Oceans Day: to remind everyone of the major role the oceans have in everyday life. They are the lungs of our planet, providing most of the oxygen we breathe.



Ark Farm - 9th June

Ark Farm will be in school all day providing an exciting experience for all classes. The farm will be bringing: sheep, a miniature donkey, kune kune pigs, ducks, chickens, pygmy goats and a friendly farm dog. The staff are also likely to bring young animals (such as lambs or piglets).



The Queen’s Birthday

On the 12th June, it is the Queen’s official birthday. We will be celebrating this day in school on Friday 11th June. Please send children to school in red, white and blue clothes.

African Dance Workshops – Year 1 – 18th June

To enhance their learning about Africa, all Year 1 children will be taking part in African dance workshops taught by the company Primary Workshops for Schools.



World Music Day – Monday 21st June

We will be celebrating World Music Day in school by watching and listening to music as well as learning songs associated with our summer units of work.



Sports Day- 13th July am

Sports Day for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will take place on the SMSG field/MUGA from 9:30am until 11:30am – further details will follow.



School Closes for the Summer – Friday 16th July

New Nursery and New Reception children Transition Meetings – Monday 19th July





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Staffing Overview

September 2021

Dawn Robinson
Headteacher

Jayne Van Rooyen
Deputy Headteacher - Class Teacher - Otters

Sonia Camp
Assistant Headteacher - Class Teacher - Moles

Lydia Read
Social Worker and Safeguarding Lead

<p>Shelley Jeffery Nursery Lead Deputy SENDCo</p>	<p>Ellie Ingrouille Reception Lead Class Teacher - Squirrels</p>	<p>Sonia Camp Assistant Headteacher Class Teacher – Moles</p>	<p>David Thompson SENDCo & Year 2 Lead Class Teacher – Newts</p>
<p>Tracy Francis Nursery Nurse Key Worker – Ducklings</p> <p>Ellei Clack Nursery Nurse Key Worker – Puffins</p>	<p>Jayne Van Rooyen Deputy Headteacher Class Teacher - Otters</p>	<p>Sophie Green - Year 1 Lead Class Teacher – Badgers</p> <p>Laura Titley & Vicky Krater Class Teachers Hedgehogs</p>	<p>Alice Cottam Class Teacher – Owls</p> <p>Anne Draisey & Kim Campbell Class Teachers Kingfishers</p>
<p>Sarah Jones Teaching Assistant</p>	<p>Michelle Thorne Teaching Assistant</p> <p>Sharon Sarjoo Teaching Assistant</p> <p>Michele Odds Nursery Nurse</p> <p>Kelly Lyons Teaching Assistant</p> <p>Deb Styles SEN Support</p>	<p>Gemma Devereaux Teaching Assistant</p> <p>Hayley Hobday Teaching Assistant</p> <p>Nikki Chapman Teaching Assistant</p> <p>Kris Applegarth SEN Support</p>	<p>Karen Moone Teaching Assistant</p> <p>Caroline Simmons SEN Support</p>
<p>Ali Starr Business Manager</p> <p>Caroline Croxford Site Manager Administrative Assistant</p> <p>Mick Kelly Caretaker</p> <p>Maria Riding Cleaner</p>	<p>Julia Thurgood Specialist Maths Teacher</p> <p>Dorothy Palmiero Specialist Writing Teacher</p> <p>Michele Odds Reading leader Sue Vinden Forest School Lead</p>		