Russell Street School



Newsletter

Summer Term 2 - 2022



Message from our Headteacher

Welcome back to the final half term of this academic year.

We ended last half term with a wonderful 'Queen's Platinum Jubilee Picnic' on the SMSG school field, followed by fabulous maypole dancing on our Key Stage One playground. We had a wonderful week of learning across all year groups about Queen Elizabeth II and her life.

Our OFSTED report has been released and can be found using the following link: 50183816 (ofsted.gov.uk).

Classes for the academic 2022/23 can be found within this newsletter. I am unable to share yet where staff other than class-based teachers will be placed. This information will be available on our school website by September.

Dates to be aware of:

- w/c 6th June Phonics Screening Check.
- w/c 6th June Arts Week & Stony Live.
- 8th June World Oceans Day.
- w/c 13th June Healthy Eating Week.
- **27th and 28th June** Transition days for current Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 (SMSG children).
- 6th July Nursery and Year 1 Concerts.
- 12th July am Sports Day for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on SMSG field.
- **20th July pm –** Year 2 Leavers Singing (on the playground).
- 21st July School closes to pupils.
- **22nd July** New Nursery and Reception parents Stay and Play sessions.

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

NEW CLASSES!

Classes for September 2022

Nursery

Ducklings – Mrs Francis Puffins – Mrs Clack Nursery Lead – Mrs Jeffery

Year 1

Moles – Mrs Camp (Previous teacher – Mrs Ingrouille)

Badgers – Mrs Green (Previous teacher – Mrs Van Rooyen)

Mrs Krater is also still teaching across Year 1.

Congratulations to Mrs Titley who starts her maternity leave in September.

Reception

Otters – Mrs Van Rooyen Bees – Mrs J Robinson (We welcome Mrs Robinson back from maternity leave)

Year 2

Newts – Mr Thompson (Previous teacher – Mrs Green)
Owls – Miss Cottam (Previous teachers – Mrs Krater and Miss Titley)
Kingfishers–Mrs Campbell & Miss Draisey (Previous teacher – Mrs Camp)

Transition Days



All children will be spending two days in their new classes on 27th and 28th 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. Year 2 children not going to SMSG should meet on the KS1 playground at 8:40am and be collected at 2:50pm.

Entrance and exits into school on the 27th and 28th June:

Current Reception 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 2:55pm.

Current Year 1 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.

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

Current Nursery children will be spending the day in Reception on Monday 27th June.

Please note transition activities for **NEW** Nursery and **NEW** Reception children take place on Friday 22nd July.

Phonics Screening Check – w/c 6th June



The Phonics Screening Check will be taken by children in Year 1. Children will take this mostly w/c 6th June, unless the child is absent from school, in a one-to-one setting with a teacher. During the Phonics Screening Check, children are asked to read (decode) 40 words. Most of these words are real words but some are pseudo-words. Pseudo-words (alien/nonsense) are included to ensure that children are using their decoding skills and not just relying on their memory of words they've read before.

Arts Week – w/c 6th June (This is the same week as Stony Live)

A variety of Arts events will be taking place in school across the week.

Over the period of Stony Live 6th - 12th June, Gallery Live will turn the High Street of Stony Stratford into a walking outdoor gallery. Shop and business owners along the High Street will be supporting artists by having their work in their windows.



Celebrate World Ocean Day! 8 June and every day One Ocean, One Climate, One Future - Together

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

For 2022, World Ocean Day is raising awareness and support for the global movement to protect at least 30% of the world's lands, waters, and ocean by 2030 (30 by 30). Safeguarding at least 30% through a network of highly protected areas can help ensure a healthy ocean and climate. https://www.unep.org/events/un-day/world-oceans-day-2022

Healthy Eating Week – 13th – 17th June

We are getting involved in the British Nutrition Foundation's 10th Healthy Eating Week from 13-17 June 2022. The message for the week this year is, 'Eat well for you and the planet', helping everyone on a journey to having a healthier and more sustainable diet. Children will learn about 'Eating the Rainbow'.





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.

Year 2 children will be taking part in the Milton Keynes Key Stage One Music Festival on Wednesday 23rd June. Further details will be sent to Year 2 families.

Class Concerts - 6th July

Nursery and Year 1 concerts will both be taking place on Wednesday 6th July. Further details will follow from Year Leads.

Places are limited to 2 per family – younger siblings may sit on parents' laps.





Sports Day-Tuesday 12th July

Sports Day for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will take place on the SMSG field/MUGA. Provisional times are:

9:15 - 10am - Reception.

10am - 12pm - Years 1, 2 & 3.

Further details will follow.

End of Year Reports

End of years reports will be sent out as close to Friday 8th July as possible. If you have any specific concerns about your child's report, you will be given the opportunity to discuss these with the class teacher after this date.





Year 2 Leavers

Bank Holidays

Year 2 will be singing some of their favourite songs from this year to their families on the Key Stage One playground (weather permitting) at 2:15pm on Wednesday 20th July. The singing will otherwise take place in the school hall.

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School Opening & Closing Dates