



Finnish Partners

Two teachers from our Finnish partner school will be visiting us next week. They will be visiting classes to observe lessons. On Wednesday we will have a 'Finnish Day' when the teachers will help us to learn about their own country and culture. They will also be joining in with our royal birthday celebrations on Thursday.

Summer Key Stage One Extra Curricular Clubs
Clubs will start in the week beginning 25th April. There are still some spaces in our multi-sport and football clubs. Please contact the office if you wish to book a place.

Wrap Around Clubs

This term our wrap around care is based in the old nursery building while we prepare to expand our Key Stage One classes. These clubs are extremely popular. Enquire at the office to check availability

Charging for before and after school activities

We continue to charge £3 an hour for any activities outside of the school day. This is to pay for staffing and resources. In the case of the disco the money is used to fund enrichment activities during the school day.

Saturday 16 April 2016 - 2.00-3.00pm at Central Library

As part of The Art of Islam Festival, Milton Keynes Libraries is hosting a traditional storytelling session with the award winning Al Khayaal Theatre Company.

This family event is suitable for children aged four upwards.

Tickets are £5 each and should be booked in advance by visiting the Enquiry Desk, first floor at Central Library, phoning 01908 254067 or online at www.buckscountymuseum.org

Our student teacher, Fairiza Jochia, is working in Year 1 this term. Fairiza will be joining us as a permanent member of staff next term.

Thursday 21st April

The Queen's Birthday

We will be celebrating the Queen's birthday on Thursday with an afternoon tea party. In the morning the children will be learning about the Queen and will be painting majestic portraits.

Children may come to school dressed in red, white and blue if they wish.

Parent Questions and Concern

We had some excellent feedback after our parents' evening. Thank you to everyone who returned their comment form.

If there is particular feedback that you wish to have about your child's day then do ask staff. There is always someone available before and after the school day.

Recent queries from parents have included:

Wasteful use of paper for pictures: we do need to encourage as much fine motor practice as possible. The more children draw and write the more they will achieve the expected standards at each key stage. We do reuse paper and recycle.

More information about whether children eat their lunch: we do let parents know if there is a problem. If this is a particular concern for you then do let teaching staff know that you would like additional feedback.

Some printed letters, including lunch forms have not arrived at home: we will let you know by Parentmail if an important letter has been sent home via bookbags.

Children's Safety

For the safety of the children before and after school:

- supervise your children on the playgrounds
- traversing only on the wall, no climbing over
- no wheeled toys on the playground
- no dogs on the school site

Thank you for your co-operation.



Russell Street School

Dates for your diaries

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

18-4-16	Two Finnish teachers in school this week
20-4-16	Finnish Day
21-4-16	Queen's Birthday Celebrations 3pm Great Gappo (Booking closed)
22-4-16	Year 2 Hazard Alley Safety Centre visit
25-4-16	Clubs start this week
2-5-16	Bank holiday – school closed
6-5-16	Parent Coffee Morning
9-5-16	Healthy Schools Week
12-5-16	Parents, Teaching and Learning Committee meeting
13-5-16	Active Day
16-5-16	Walk to School Week
27-5-16	Last day of half term
7-6-16	Back to School (TUESDAY)
8-6-16	Class photographs
17-6-16	Parent Coffee Morning
20-6-16	Summer in the Park Week
29-6-16	Spanish Day
1-7-16	1pm Sports Afternoon
4-7-16	Induction and Transition Evening Induction and Transition Week
11-7-16	Current Reception and Year 1 parents invited to meet next year's teachers during this week
14-7-16	KS1 disco
20-7-16	2:15pm Year 2 Leavers' assembly
21-7-16	Last day of term

Comments, questions, queries or concerns?

- Grab Mrs Lewis or Mrs van Rooyen before or after school
- Drop us a note
- Come to our next coffee morning on **Friday 6th May**.