



## **Spring Term Events**

### **World Book Day**

We were very impressed by the children's costumes on World Book Day. We all had a lovely day listening to Beatrix Potter stories and having a go at our own water colour illustrations. We have found that basing this day around a whole school theme has enhanced the impact on children's learning.

### **Radcliffe Liaison Group Choral Festival**

Thirty Year 2 children represented Russell Street at the choral festival which was held at St Mary's and St Giles' School. Those children who did not sing at the last festival, and who will not be playing with our strings group, were given this performance opportunity. We had a great afternoon listening to the choirs and singing altogether.

### **Year 2 Library Visit - Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

Every year the Friends of Stony Stratford Library organise an event for local schools. This year a puppeteer was booked to educate and entertain our Year 2 classes. The children and their teachers had a brilliant time. We do appreciate the hard work of the FOSSL volunteers.

## **Summer Assessments**

Over the Summer Term teachers will be making formal assessments of children's learning to inform report writing and for data submission to the government. Please be assured that all assessments will be part of our normal teaching day and will not be conducted as 'tests'. There are materials that we are required to use for Year 1 phonics and for Year 2 English and Maths but these will be integrated into lessons and into individual or group assessment sessions with teachers. You might find that Year 2 children come home excited about the workbooks they have used at school – these are assessment activities. They are always popular with the children!

## **Fair Trade Tea Party**

Thank you to all who supported our tea party. We raised £248.70 for Oxfam.

### **Disco**

The KS1 disco was well attended and raised £291 which will be used to support the costs of school visits and of visitors to school. Examples of how the money was used last year: the Year 2 Safety Centre visit, the African drummers, the Waddesdon visit. Thanks to the teachers who give up their time to organise this event.

## **Washing Instructions**

If your child comes home with paint or glue on their clothes after a creative day at school then do soak the clothes in cold water. Using a stain remover will help. Paint or glue will simply be fixed into a garment by hot washing.

Please do not expect your children to come home clean everyday as exploring materials is a vital part of their learning.

## **Parent Governor**

Laurence Conisbee, the vice chair of our governing body, has resigned from his governor role. We are very grateful for the years of service and support he has given our school.

Gillian Lucas will be taking over his co-opted status and will also be taking on the post of vice chair.

Thank you to Gillian for her continuing commitment to Russell Street School.

As a result of these changes we will have a vacancy for a parent governor. Further information about this vacancy will be distributed after the Easter holiday.

## **Cleaner Vacancy**

Due to the expansion of our wrap around provision we need a cleaner for an hour during the school day. If you think you could combine morning drop off with an hour of cleaning then please contact Jill Eales in the school office.



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## Dates for your diaries

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

12-4-16	Back to school ( <b>TUESDAY</b> )
15-4-16	Last football club
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
22-4-16	Year 2 Hazard Alley Safety Centre visit
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 ( <b>TUESDAY</b> )
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**.