



Staffing

We are excited to announce that Anne Draisey will be having a baby in October. She will be finishing her year with Foxes Class and will begin her maternity leave early in the new school year.

We bade a tearful farewell to Inma Aleman at the end of term. We do hope that she is enjoying her new job at Denbigh School. Budgetary pressures mean that we are not able to replace this role. Teachers will continue to teach Spanish using the curriculum and resources prepared by Inma.

Tracey Francis and Sarah Jeffries are currently absent from school; they are both recovering from surgery. Deb Styles and Karis Pattinson are covering for them.

School Budget

As explained in our last newsletter, we are facing significant budgetary pressures. We are looking at every penny we can save to try to maintain staffing levels into the future. We also have to look at ways that we can generate additional funding ourselves.

A small thing that parents can do for us **is not to order school meals that are not required.** We pay for those meals from our budget and every £2 that we save goes towards provision for our children. If a child orders a school meal and brings in a lunch box, we will be expecting them to eat the school meal.

We have had a good take up of places for Reception next academic year which is a great help. We do still have vacancies in our current Year 1 and in next year's Nursery class.

Volunteers from Santander did a great job of painting our outdoor furniture and railings over Easter. We are grateful for their time and for the money their hard work has saved us!

Girls' Football Club

Tuesday 3pm-4pm, £3 per session

We have a few places left in Mr Cooksley's girls' football club. If there are any girls, including those in the Reception classes, who would like to join the club then please see Ali Starr in the office.

Adventures in Mathematics

Children in Nursery and Key Stage 1 enjoyed their cross curricular mathematics this week. Children learned mathematics through music, PE, art, technology and science activities, both indoors and out. We will share these activities with our Swedish partners who, in turn, have been keeping us up to date with their ideas and activities.

Reception will be having their mathematics day on Wednesday.

This term our project focus is on learning mathematics outdoors, using the resources that the Erasmus project funding has purchased.

Heating Project

The heating contractors made good progress over the Easter break. The pipe work and heaters have all been removed and new pipe work is now being installed. **Badgers'** classroom is ready and Badgers have moved back in. **Hedgehogs** are now based in Mrs Camp's room (opposite the KS1 boys' toilets) until the middle of next week.

My thanks go to Reception parents who are waiting patiently for access to the Reception doors until after our Breakfast Club has moved into school. Thank you also to Nursery parents who are negotiating the new drop off and pick up arrangements.

York House Plant Sale & Coffee Morning

Saturday 29 April, 9:30am – 12:30pm

There will be lots for children to do including a Family Planting Workshop at 10.30am, colouring activity, face-painting and lots of cake!
Profits go to Stony in Bloom and the York House Community Gardens.

Keep our children safe

Please remember that there is no parking:

- outside school between 8am and 6pm
- on the private lane beside school
- on Anthony Court

There are three car parks within easy walking distance from the school. Three cars have now had parking fines.



Dates for your diaries

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

24-4-17	Clubs start this week
8-5-17	Healthy Schools' Week Walk to School Week
9-5-17	Active Day
10-5-17	Year 1&2 African Dancers
11-5-17	Governors - Pupils, Teaching and Learning Committee
15-5-17	Swedish teachers visiting all week
25-5-17	Nursery Open Day Governors - Resources Committee meeting
26-5-17	Last day of the half term
5-6-17	Back to school
19-6-17	Summer in the Park Week
21-6-17	Reception to Woodside Farm
22-6-17	Full Governing Body meeting
24-6-17	School gardens open for Stony Open Gardens
26-6-17	Induction Evening for Nursery and Reception
27-6-17	Sports Afternoon
3-7-17	Year 1 and 2 Transition Evening Transition Week Last week of clubs
8-7-17	School Fete
10-7-17	Parent meetings for September's Year 1 and 2s
12-7-17	Reception Disco 3pm – 4pm
13-7-17	Year 1 and 2 Disco 3pm – 4pm
19-7-17	PA children's event 3pm – 4pm
20-7-17	Year 2 Leavers' Assembly 2:20pm
21-7-17	Year 1 Assembly 2:30pm Last day of term