



Parent Support

When the children are settled in their new classes we would encourage all parents to visit their child's class for a session to experience the learning for themselves.

If you have time for a regular slot to help in school then please see your class teacher. Parents can help with display, hearing readers, gardening, looking after our library etc. Training offered.

Children's Birthdays

We celebrate children's birthdays with a song and a birthday sticker. Please note that we do not hand out sweets or share cakes etc. If you wish to treat your child's class then a new story book is always welcome for story time.

Wrap Around Care

Remember that, along with our Breakfast Club, we also offer after-school care to support working parents.

The sessions run from 3pm to 6pm Monday to Friday. The cost is £9.00 per session and includes a snack time. Activities include PE, art, technology, cooking, free play and Spanish.

Bookings and payment will need to be:

- made in advance by Parentmail or by Childcare vouchers (we will need to know the provider for vouchers e.g. : ComputerShare, Edenred & Co-op)
- booked and paid monthly **in advance** by the end of the preceding month

Registration Forms and Booking Forms are available from the school office.

Harvest

The children will have a Harvest Assembly on Friday 23rd September. For this event we will be collecting food for the Milton Keynes Food Bank. Please bring in donations of dried, UHT and tinned foods from Monday 19th September. Boxes for the collection will be positioned outside classrooms.

**Please keep our children
safe: park in local car
parks and walk to school!**

Parent Governors

The terms of office for three of our parent governors come to an end in October. We will be sending information out shortly for nominations for three new parent governors. If you are interested in a governor role then visit <http://www.nga.org.uk/Be-a-Governor.aspx> to find out about the role.

Year 1 and 2 Curricular Clubs

The curricular clubs letter will be published this week. We have increased the number of clubs offered in line with increased pupil numbers. Mr Cooksley will be offering football, girls' football and multisports. He will also be trialling a gymnastics club. Art and Design Technology will continue. We will also have a music club run by Joanna Weinberg, a trained primary school teacher who works part time at Priory Rise School.

Our criteria for offering club places is as follows:

- Free school meals / Looked after children
- Forms that are in by the closing date
- Children who did not get a place in the previous round
- Children that are not in another club (allocate one each initially)
- Consult year group teachers for SEN, G&T, EAL needs
- Names out of a hat

Parentmail

Please make sure that you are signed up. This will ensure that you receive the communications that you need from school. Ask at the office if you are having any problems with this.

In response to our parent questionnaires we will be sending a weekly message about the following weeks' curriculum and events. This is in addition to our half termly curriculum newsletters.

Our new **website** <http://www.russell-street-school.co.uk> includes a detailed calendar and copies of newsletters.

Is your child eligible for Pupil Premium?

Please continue to apply for Pupil Premium (the old free school meals grant) if you are eligible. This money has a significant impact on our funding. It allows us to offer the eligible children free clubs, including infant strings, and visits. It also ensures that we can maintain Reading Recovery, Numbers Counts and other targeted provision.



Russell Street School

Dates for your diaries

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

14-9-16	Nursery Class opens Reception Classes full-time offer
19-9-16	Harvest week – collection for the MK Food Bank Year 1&2 Curriculum Clubs start
22-9-16	Governor Pupils, Teaching and Learning Committee
29-9-16	Curriculum Workshop 7pm Individual pupil photographs
30-9-16	Macmillan Coffee Morning 9am-10am
6-10-16	Governor Resources Committee
11-10-16	Open Day 9:30-11:30am, 1:30-2:30pm
17-10-16	Science Week
19-10-16	Parents' Evening 3pm – 6pm
20-10-16	Parents' Evening 3pm – 5pm, 6pm – 8pm Full Governor Meeting
21-10-16	Last day of the half term
1-11-16	Back to school (TUESDAY)
7-11-16	Autumn in the Park Week
9-11-16	Open Day 9:30-11:30am, 1:30-2:30pm
14-11-16	Anti-bullying Week
18-11-16	Wear Blue for Anti-bullying Day
24-11-16	Open Day 9:30-11:30am, 1:30-2:30pm
28-11-16	Last week of curricular clubs
12-12-16	Christmas Concerts this week
14-12-16	Nursery Christmas Party
15-12-16	Key Stage 1 and Reception Christmas Parties Key Stage 1 Disco
16-12-16	Last day of term
4-1-17	Back to school