

#### School Calendar and Events

For official information about the school calendar and events, please check monthly and weekly updates on **Parentmail.** The calendar is available on the home page of our **website**:

## http://www.russell-street-

### school.co.uk/website/home

If you would like a printed copy of the dates, please ask at the school office.

#### School Values

Each half term we focus on a value linked to our Personal, Social and Health Education Curriculum. This half term our value is **Perseverance,** linked to the theme of 'Going for Goals'. You can support this work at home by noticing when your child puts in extra effort and perseveres to achieve something that they find tricky.

#### **Extreme Weather**

We are very aware that many parents are expected to get to work whatever the weather. We, therefore, always do our best to open school. We do operate on a skeleton staff and **do not expect parents to bring their children** in if they do not need to.

If a decision is made to close all **or part** of school, this will be announced on the Milton Keynes Council website under the school closures page. You can sign up for free text and email alerts at <u>https://www.milton-</u> keynes.gov.uk/Closures/Subscribe

We will also send a message via Parentmail and place a banner on our website.

Please note that there is no parking outside school, down the lane adjacent to school or on Anthony Court (which is a private road). The **safety of our children** and our neighbours' right of access must be respected. There are three car parks within 5 minutes' walk of school!

#### Half Term Holiday Clubs

Mr Cooksley's SC Sports Company will be running 4 days of holiday clubs at Russell Street over half term. Book at: <u>scsports0@gmail.com</u>

#### School Uniform

We appreciate your support in ensuring that children follow our school uniform policy. For the benefit of families new to the school, the uniform details are as follows:

- Red or **navy** sweatshirts / cardigans
- Polo shirts (red, white or blue)
- Grey, black, navy 'bottoms', e.g. trousers, shorts, pinafores, skirts
- In the summer an optional extra of red or blue gingham dresses
- Sensible footwear, i.e. closed toed and flat
- A change of clothes for PE including: plimsolls, black shorts and a white 'T' shirt
- No jewellery, other than plain stud earrings which should be taped on PE days

#### **Communication and Support**

If you have any questions or concerns then do speak to us directly. Class teachers are around before and after school, as are Mrs Lewis and Mrs van Rooyen. If you are at work, then do give school a ring. Check out our newsletters, weekly updates and website. WhatsApp and Facebook are not always reliable sources of either information or feedback.

#### This half term's <u>Curriculum Events:</u> Science Week

Science teachers and students from the Radcliffe School will be supporting exciting practical activities during this week. We will also have visit from Professor Bubbleworks.

#### Winter in the Park Week

We will all take part in seasonal walks around Stony Stratford to observe seasonal changes.

#### **Chinese Dragon Dance**

As part of our ongoing work on festivals and celebrations we will be learning about Chinese New Year. This will include dance activities provided by a visiting dance group.



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## Dates for your diaries

# See also: <u>www.russell-street-school.co.uk</u>

| 20-1-20 | Science Week   |
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| 23-1-20 | Professor Bubbleworks visiting Y1 & 2                            |
| 27-1-20 | Winter in the Park Week  |
| 29-1-20 | Chinese Dragon Dance workshops for YR, Y1, Y2                    |
| 12-2-20 | Parents' Evening 3:30pm to 6pm                                   |
| 13-2-20 | Parents' Evening 3:30pm to 7:30pm                                |
|         | Governor Teaching and Learning Committee                         |
| 14-2-20 | End of Half Term   |
| 24-2-20 | Back to School   |
|         | Fairtrade Week   |
| 27-2-20 | Governor Resources Committee                                     |
| 28-2-20 | World Book Celebrations based on Anansi Stories                  |
|         | Fairtrade Tea Party  |
| 11-3-20 | Y2 to Radcliffe Choir Festival                                   |
| 19-3-20 | 'Shake, Rattle and Sound' workshops begin                        |
|         | 3 week course for Nursery parents, 9am start                     |
|         | Full Governing Body Meeting                                      |
| 23-3-20 | Spring in the Park Week  |
|         | Chicks hatching in school  |
| 01-4-20 | Reception Disco 3-4pm  |
| 02-4-20 | KS1 Disco 3-4pm  |
| 03-4-20 | Parents' Association Show (during the school day)<br>End of Term |