

### Russell Street School Newsletter

January 2016

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THE CARDS AND GIFTS SENT IN FOR STAFF. THANK YOU ALSO FOR SUPPORTING ALL OF OUR CHRISTMAS EVENTS.

#### **Red Cross Christmas Appeal**

Thank you for contributing to our Christmas appeal. We raised £424.05 for the work of the Red Cross at home and abroad.

# MK Special Educational Needs and Disability Information Day

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February
The Ridgeway Centre, Wolverton
MK SEND Information, Advice and Support
Service (formerly Parent Partnership) and
PACAMK (Parent Carer Forum) are organising
an information event for parents and carers of
children and young people with a SEN or
disability.

#### Our Value this half term is Perseverance.

This fits into our PSHE focus of 'Going for Goals'. We will be encouraging children to persevere to learn new skills. Do notice when your child perseveres and achieves something difficult at home.

We always encourage children to have a 'Growth Mindset'; to believe that, with perseverance, they can improve and master new skills. When activities are difficult we know that we are learning!

#### **Student Placements**

Fairoza Jokhia, a trainee teacher, is working with Ellie Ingrouille and the Reception team.

Kristen Tenanty, from San Diego in California, is here for her internship (the equivalent of a sixth form work experience). She will be working in classes across school over the next three weeks. She will be helping us with a USA morning on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January.

#### Clubs

**Extra-curricular clubs** start next week. Parents have been notified if their child has a place. The payment deadline is today (Friday).

**After school club** is becoming increasingly popular. Some sessions are fully booked this month. We are currently looking at staffing solutions so that we can cater for more children.

#### Handing in forms and money

Do use the white boxes for handing in club and other forms. This prevents forms from being lost during the busy teaching day!

#### **Parent Visits**

Parent visit timetables will be displayed outside classrooms next week. Please sign up for a session. If you are not able to pop into school then please ring the office to book a slot.

#### **Parent Helpers**

We are extremely blessed to have a strong body of parent / grandparent volunteers. This support enables us to maintain our Forest School provision and to provide extra reading opportunities for children.

We are looking for a small group of parents who could help with the preparation of displays. During display weeks TAs currently have to suspend some of their intervention work. If you think you could spare some time to help with backing work or taking down displays then do let us know.

#### **Parking**

A very upset parent reported a near miss at the end of term caused by a parent parking on double yellow lines. Please think about the safety of our children and park in the nearby car parks. The life of a child is worth a five minute walk!

Parking on the lane beside school is absolutely not safe as it is not possible to see children running out from behind the hedge or the Russell Street garages.

**Comments, questions, queries, concerns?** Grab Mrs Lewis before or after school, drop her a note, come to a coffee morning.



### **Dates for your diaries**

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

11-1-16	Clubs start this week
22-1-16	Parent Coffee Morning with Mrs Lewis 9am
25-1-16	Winter in the Park Week
27-1-16	USA morning
10-2-16	Parents' Evening 3pm – 6pm
11-2-16	Parents' Evening 3pm – 5pm, 6pm – 8pm
	Governing Body PTL Committee meeting
12-2-16	Last day of half term
22-2-16	Back to school
22-2-16	Fairtrade Week
25-2-16	Governing Body Resources Committee meeting
26-2-16	Fairtrade Tea Party
1-3-16	World Book Day
4-3-16	Parent Coffee Morning with Mrs Lewis 9am
10-3-16	Full Governing Body Meeting
21-3-16	Spring in the Park Week
	Last week of clubs
23-3-16	KS1 Disco 3pm £3
24-3-16	Last Day of Term
12-4-16	Back to school