

Russell Street School Newsletter



Summer Term 1 2022



Message from our Headteacher

Welcome back to the first half of the Summer Term. I hope that you all had a wonderful Easter holiday and feel rested. As always, it was a delight to welcome the children back to school. They settled in to their learning enthusiastically straight away. With long summer days and time in the fresh air; there is so much to look forward to. This term is one of transition as we prepare to welcome new faces and say fond farewells. We are looking forward to our community coming together for many events during this special time.

OFSTED Report

We received our OFSTED report today and are extremely pleased and proud of the findings. The inspector truly captured how wonderful your children are as well as how hard the staff have worked to bring about the rapid improvements they have made to the school over the past couple of years. We should be able to send you the report very soon.

Some of our Summer Term learning



Summer Uniform

If you would like your children to wear summer uniform could this please be navy or red gingham dresses or black or grey shorts.

Please remember that everything we do is always fully explained on our website.

Kind regards
Mrs Robinson



25th April – Indian Dance Workshop – Year 2

All Year 2 children will be taking part in Indian dance workshops as a sparkling start to their new topic.



29th April – International Dance Day

April 29th is International Dance Day, so put your dancing shoes on and get ready to step out. Dancing is universal — woven into virtually every society all over the world. Humans simply love dance. It brings us together whether we are the ones on the dance floor or are watching the professional performance of others. Dancing is exhilarating and impressive. Let's honor the world of dance today, together!



2nd – 8th May

In the UK alone, there are over 10 million people living with some form of hearing loss, whether it is mild or profound.

Deaf Awareness Week is all about promoting the positive aspects of living with deafness. This event aims to raise awareness of the isolation that deaf people can occasionally experience, and promote the importance of social inclusion around the deaf community.

The event also raises awareness of BSL (British Sign Language), which is a language used by many people in the UK who are born deaf.

The UK Council on Deafness wants to celebrate all of the amazing local organisations around the UK that support deaf people and their families and friends during Deaf Awareness Week.

Five Deaf Awareness Facts

1. Hearing loss and deafness is defined as a hidden disability.
2. As well as BSL, there are international sign languages including American Sign Language and French Sign Language.
3. Within the UK, there are regional variations of BSL just like there are with spoken language.
4. Lip-reading helps deaf people to understand what others are saying, but even the best lip-readers still miss up to 40% of what has been said.
5. The Royal College of Speech & Language Therapists highlighted that the rise in the use of face masks due to the Covid-19 pandemic makes it harder for people with hearing loss to communicate. Face coverings with a transparent panel over the mouth have now been created so that people can still lip-read through masks.

9th May - Mental Health Awareness – Loneliness

Mental Health Awareness Week is an annual event when there is an opportunity for the whole of the UK to focus on achieving good mental health. The Mental Health Foundation started the event 21 years ago. Each year the Foundation continues to set the theme, organise and host the week. The event has grown to become one of the biggest awareness weeks across the UK and globally.

Why loneliness?

Loneliness is affecting more and more of us in the UK and has had a huge impact on our physical and mental health during the pandemic. Our connection to other people and our community is fundamental to protecting our mental health and we need to find better ways of tackling the epidemic of loneliness. We can all play a part in this.

So, in May 2022, we will be raising awareness of the impact of loneliness on our mental wellbeing and the practical steps we can take to address it.



Pyjamarama is back for 2022! Friday 13th May

Pyjamarama is all about getting children excited about reading, and fundraising to make sure every child gets their bedtime story.

Children around the country, in schools and nurseries, and at home, will be spending the day reading, enjoying and sharing stories, all in the comfort of their pyjamas. Donations to BookTrust to help all children have access to stories and to reading (suggested £1) will be collected on the KS1 & Reception gates & Nursery door. Children may come to school wearing their pyjamas/onesies for the day. Outdoor shoes must be worn.

Walk to School Week – 16th May

Walk to School Week is a national celebration of walking to school and the health benefits this brings, organised by Living Streets. It aims to encourage more children to walk to school and to make this possible across the country.



The Queen's Jubilee

Since her ascension to the throne, Her Majesty the Queen has become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of service. We will be getting involved in celebrating Her Majesty's historic reign in the run up to the Platinum Jubilee Central Weekend. Further details will be sent.

Jubilee Tree Planting

A Jubilee Tree has been planted in our orchard. A huge thank you to Ron and Eileen Cox for sponsoring the tree, plaque, stake, tie and compost, and another huge thank you to Judy Deveson from Stony in Bloom, Kate Shaw and Andy Malleson for helping our House Captains plant the tree.



Assessment dates to note for this term are:

Year 2 SATs Assessments will take place between 1st and the 31st May.
Year 1 Phonics screening will take place week commencing 6th June.

Our New Pets



Our Nursery tortoise (named 'tortoise' by our Nursery children).



Our second Year 2 tortoise (named Rufus by Year 2).



Metamorphosis with the Live Butterfly Garden – Nursery and Reception.

Nursery and Reception children will have the opportunity to watch caterpillars change into chrysalides and then emerge as beautiful Painted Lady Butterflies that are then released into the wild. This process takes between 3 and 5 weeks. If you would like to try this at home, home kits are available from <https://www.insectlore.co.uk/>



The Big Battery Hunt

We are taking part in the Big Battery Hunt. Please send your used batteries into school to be recycled.

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