



Harvest

The children will have a Harvest Assembly on Friday. For this event we have been collecting food for the Milton Keynes Food Bank. Donations of dried, UHT and tinned foods are gratefully received. Boxes for the collection are outside classrooms. Milton Keynes Food Bank are collecting donations in the afternoon

Leave of Absence

Our school attendance policy is available on our website. Please note that all planned leave of absence must be applied for in advance. Forms are available on our website or from the school office. Absence can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the headteacher.

Punctuality

We appreciate all of those parents who arrive on time every morning. **Registers are taken at 8:50am** in both Reception and in Key Stage 1. This means that children need to be settled in class by this time. In order to keep children safe, we need to be locking the gates promptly at 8:50am. From this time children are moving around the site collecting and delivering registers.

Curriculum Clubs

Please note that Curriculum Clubs finish at 4pm prompt. If a child is picked up late 3 times, they will lose their club place. Many of our curriculum club leaders move straight onto their next club, either here or at another setting.

Please do not bring **prams and buggies** into school. They will impede any attempt to exit the building in an emergency. A member of staff is stationed at the Reception doors to watch over any siblings left in their buggies.

British Legion

After half term, we will be selling Poppies and other Remembrance items for the British Legion. The minimum donation is £1. The snap bands are £1.50.

Holiday Club

Mr Cooksley is running a Sports Activity club over the half term break. Contact scsports0@gmail.com to book sessions.

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

Autumn Term Events

Please see the calendar below for dates and times of next half term's events.

Year 1 and 2 Concerts are held at St Mary and St Giles Church. Please note that Moles and Newts Concert is in the afternoon this year. The Church has plenty of space so all are welcome.

The Reception Concerts are held in the school hall which can accommodate no more than 4 guests per child, including children.

No food or drink in either venue, thank you.

Discos are fund raising events run by the teachers. The money raised contributes to school events; such as, the Indian Dance Workshops. They cost £9 for three (a disco each term) or £3.50 each, payable by Parentmail.

Children should be in school uniform except for our 'blue for anti-bullying day', party day and for Christmas Jumper Day. They will still be playing out on these days so they do need to be warm and wearing safe footwear. KS1 children can bring disco clothes to change into on the WEDNESDAY 18th December.

Essence Christmas Lunch is on Thursday 19th December. The lunch needs to be ordered by half-term.

School Improvement Priorities

This year there has been a complete change in the OFSTED Inspection Framework. The focus of the framework has been on English and Mathematics; it will now be on the wider curriculum, with more of a focus on children's personal development. We have always valued a broad and balanced curriculum which supports children's personal development. Our development work this year will be on reviewing our existing curriculum and provision, especially the ways that these are evidenced for external evaluation.

We are also continuing to work on last year's mathematics mastery project. In addition, we will be auditing our ICT and International Schools Provision in preparation for re-applying for ICT and ISA Awards.



Russell Street School

Dates for your diaries

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

The Parents' Association have information on Facebook
(Please note that this is not a school site)

<u>TUESDAY 5-11-18</u>	Back to school
7-11-19	Flu immunisations
8-11-19	Bollywood Dance Day
13-11-19	Open Morning 9:30 to 11:00am
18-11-19	Anti-bullying Week National Nursery Rhyme Week
22-11-19	Wear Blue for Anti-bullying Day
25-11-19	Open Morning 9:30 to 11:00am
30-11-19	Stony Lights KS1 singing in the Church 10am PA stall in Stony
2-12-19	Last week of clubs
6-12-19	Christopher Columbus visiting KS1
12-12-19	PA Christmas Fair 3pm – 4pm
13-12-19	PA Cake Stall 3pm
16-12-19	Badgers and Owls Concert 10am Church Moles and Newts Concert 2:15pm Church
17-12-19	Squirrels Concert 9:30am School Hall Foxes Concert 2:15pm School Hall
18-12-19	Hedgehogs & Kingfishers Concert 10am Church Otters Concert 2:15pm School Hall Nursery Party Day KS1 Disco 3pm – 4pm
19-12-19	KS1 and Reception Party Day Essence Christmas Lunch Reception Disco 3pm-4pm
20-12-19	Christmas Jumper Day (donations to Save the Children) PA Show Last day of term