



# Russell Street School Newsletter

July 2016

## Staffing for September

We are delighted to be welcoming our new teaching staff:

**Fairoza Jokhia** will be joining the Key Stage 1 team. Fairoza successfully completed her teaching course with us this year and will be Hedgehogs' Class teacher.

**Laura Rawlings** will also be joining the Key Stage 1 team. She is moving to us from High Ash School in Great Brickhill. Laura will be Badgers' Class teacher.

**Sonia Camp** has taken on the role of Year One leader. We have a team of four teachers in Year 1 next year. This is to ensure the effective induction of our two new Key Stage One teachers. The following year, one member of this team will be moving to Year 2. At this point our expansion will be complete and we will have 3 classes in each year group.

## Parent Questionnaire Responses - Percentages

	St Agree %	Agree %	Disagree %	St disagree %	Don't know %
Likes School	65	35	0	0	0
Good Progress	49	50	0	0	0
Behave well	44	52	2	0	3
Child not bullied	44	49	2	3	2
Good teaching	65	33	0	0	2
Kept well informed	38	52	10	0	1
School approachable	48	45	5	1	1
Expect child to do their best	52	46	1	0	0
Led and managed well	55	42	1	0	3
Child treated fairly	54	42	0	0	2
Seeks parents' views	36	56	3	0	2
Takes account of suggestions	37	50	4	0	12
Explains how to help at home	53	39	7	0	0
Encourages independence	61	37	1	0	2
Activities enjoyable	63	36	1	0	0
Good induction	60	38	1	0	1

Thank you to everyone who responded to our questionnaire. Governors have analysed the results and discussed all of the attached comments. If individuals would like a response to their comments then do please let us know. The results of the questionnaire will inform our planning for next year. We will be focusing particularly on communication with and information for parents.

If you feel that your child is being bullied then do report this to Mrs Lewis or to Mrs van Rooyen.

Thank you for supporting our **Sports Day**. We were relieved that the weather stayed fine! St Mary's and St Giles' Junior School are always generous with the loan of their field, for which we are grateful. We were unable to organise our cross phase Family Groups this year due to the uneven number of classes. This meant that we had to organise the timings differently to ensure that parents with children in both key stages could watch both sets of races. Thank you for your patience with this.

### **Stony Stratford in Bloom**

Thank you to Judy Deveson and her team who organised the annual photograph competition for Key Stage One. The winners this year are: Jessica Franchi (1<sup>st</sup> Prize), Tyler Kirk (2<sup>nd</sup> Prize), George Stilton, Jamal Javid, Edward Hardwick, Ruby Mutch, Jemima Coles, Fred Blunt, Anna Gilchrist, Lloyd Barrow, Hannah Jones and Regan Hancock (all Highly Commended). Their beautiful photographs are displayed in the library.

### **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Educational Visit to Waddesdon Manor**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 9am – 2:30pm**

#### **Please return your consent form this week.**

- If the weather is hot children will need sunscreen applied before the visit. They should have their skin covered with light clothing and be wearing a sun hat.
- If the weather is wet children will need waterproof clothing and footwear.
- We will be walking all day so the children should wear comfortable, hard wearing shoes or trainers.
- Lunches can be ordered through Essence Catering. If you do not order a lunch, you will need to provide a packed lunch for your child. **Please do not order a lunch if you plan to send in your own. School pays for the wasted lunches.**
- Children will need a rucksack / bag that they can carry comfortably through the day that will hold their water bottle, lunch and spare clothing (hat, waterproof etc.).

### **Dates for your diaries**

See also: [www.russell-street-school.co.uk](http://www.russell-street-school.co.uk)

9-7-16	School Fete
11-7-16	Parents' Meeting Week for Reception and Year 1
14-7-16	KS1 Disco 3-4pm
18-7-16	Reception and KS1 Waddesdon Visit
19-7-16	Krisgar Magic Show 3-4pm
20-7-16	2:15pm Year 2 Leavers' Assembly
21-7-16	Last day of term
5-9-16	Year 1 and 2 back to school
	Reception and Nursery Induction
7-9-16	Reception children start mornings
14-9-16	Nursery Class opens
	Reception Classes full-time

### **IKEA wall cupboards on offer**

We have removed the old IKEA wall cupboards from our corridors and classrooms. If anyone would like one (or more) do come and collect them. They are ideal for the garage wall!