



## Parent Helpers

We are very lucky to have an enthusiastic group of volunteers who help us at school. If you are interested in joining the team then please let us know. We always appreciate help with preparing displays, organising the library and other resources, hearing readers and helping with cooking etc. Training is provided.

## Curriculum Evening

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our Curriculum Evening. We have attached supporting information to the Curriculum page of our website. We had some very useful feedback which will help us with planning future events.

For those parents who were unable to attend an evening session we will be running a workshop on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 9am. Please let your class teacher, or the office, know if you would like to attend.

## Poppy Collection

Thank you for your contributions for the poppy appeal. We do not yet know how much money was collected. Children were very respectful and all joined in with a silent reflection on Armistice Day.

## Values Education

We focus on a value every half term. This is the theme for assemblies and circle times. All staff look out for behaviour that demonstrates the value and make a point of celebrating this with the children. Our value this half term is 'Thoughtfulness'. We hope that you are seeing good examples of thoughtful behaviour at home!

This week has been our Anti-bullying Week. We have all been learning what bullying is and how to protect ourselves. All children should be clear about what to do and who to go to for help if they are feeling bullied.

**Please keep our children safe, park in local car parks and walk to school!**  
**Please note that two parents have recently been caught and fined for parking on the zigzags.**

## Educational Visits

Each year group plans an educational visit each year as a stimulus for work back at school. Visits include Sulgrave Manor, Whipsnade Zoo and Woodside Farm. We are able to ask for voluntary contributions towards these visits. We can only ask for the exact cost of the visit shared between the number of children involved. Parents are increasingly opting out of contributing to the costs of these visits. Unfortunately visits are becoming unsustainable at a time of diminishing budgets. A shortfall in visit funds means that we have to use money planned for books and curriculum resources.

## Community Links

We are extremely lucky to be situated in the heart of Stony Stratford as our curriculum benefits from a wealth of community support. This term we have benefitted from gardening support from Stony in Bloom and reading support from Friends of Stony Stratford Library.

Year 2 had a very successful visit to St Mary's and St Giles' Church where they had a music session. Father Benjamin recently visited us to join in with an assembly and has a few further visits planned this term.

## STONY LIGHTS

All Reception and Key Stage 1 children are invited to **sing in St Mary's and St Giles' Church this Saturday at 10am**. If your child would like to sing then bring them along at 9:50am. It will be busy so your patience is appreciated, especially at the end of the performance when we have to take care not to lose any children in the crush.

## Children's Birthdays

A reminder that we do not hand sweets or cakes out for children's birthdays.



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### Dates for your diaries

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

- 25-11-15 Open Day 9:30 – 11am, 1:30 – 2:30pm  
All welcome
- 28-11-15 Stony Lights - 10am singing in SMSG Church
- 26-11-15 Y1 Sulgrave Manor visit
- 27-11-15 Y2 Sulgrave Manor visit
- 30-11-15 Last week of clubs
- 10-11-15 Mr Magician 3pm- 4pm £3 (Reception & KS1)
- 11-12-15 Christmas Bazaar 3pm-4pm
- 14-12-15 Year 2 Christmas Concert 10am  
St Marys and St Giles Church
- 15-12-15 Year 1 Christmas Concert 10am  
St Marys and St Giles Church
- 16-12-15 Year R Christmas Concert 10am  
St Marys and St Giles Church
- 17-12-15 Reception and KS1 parties  
Essence Christmas Lunch  
KS1 Disco 3pm £3
- 18-12-15 Last day of term
  
- 5-1-16 Children back to school (TUESDAY)

Spring term 16:	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 16	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 16
	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 16	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March

Summer term 16:	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 16	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 16
	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 16	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July