

Russell Street School

Newsletter

Autumn (Second Half Term) 2020



Message from our Headteacher

Welcome back to the second half of our Autumn Term. As lockdown measures heighten across the country, we ask that you support us by ensuring the following measures are adhered to on the school grounds:

- Please utilise the whole of your allotted 10 minute drop-off/collection period to enter and leave the school grounds.
- If you find yourself dropping off at a busier time, could adults please consider wearing facemasks.
- Please use the path on the Key Stage One playground to leave the school grounds maintaining a good social distance. Please do not stand on this path and ensure children do not run across the path during any drop-off and pick-up times.
- Only one adult should enter the school grounds to drop-off or pick-up a child.

As a result of the ongoing COVID restrictions, we realise that many of our children are missing out on celebrating their birthday with family and friends as they usually would. Our children's well-being is very important to us and we would like to give them the opportunity to celebrate their birthday in school with their friends. We are therefore going to hold a small birthday celebration within each class bubble on the last Friday of each month. As all Nursery children are in school on a Wednesday, they will celebrate together on the last Wednesday of the month. You do not need to provide anything. We will provide fun games and a party atmosphere. All children should come to school wearing their normal school uniform. Birthday children may wear a badge if they wish. Please see the second half of this newsletter for party dates.

All year groups in school will be having their own pet. Pets bring many new ways to learn. They enrich the classroom experience, encourage nurturing, build self-esteem and teach responsibility. Nursery already have their pet snail, Thomas. Some of the pets are slightly harder to source, but they will all be in school by the end of term.

Kind regards
Mrs Robinson



Paper Poppies
– any donation



Zip Pulls and Reflectors –
suggested donation 50p



Wristband
– suggested donation £1



Snap Band – suggested
donation £1.50

Poppy Appeal

Poppies and the related items above are for sale in school. All items have been quarantined over half term. Items will be for sale on the KS1 playground during the morning drop-off and in Breakfast Club. The item you wish to purchase will be handed to you by a person wearing gloves. We ask that parents and children do not touch anything in the poppy boxes please.



Birthday Celebration Dates

If your child has already had their birthday during **September and October**, they will have a special celebration on Friday 6th November. Nursery – Wednesday 4th November.

November Birthdays – R/1/2 - Friday 27th November. Nursery – Wednesday 25th November.

December Birthdays – R/1/2 - Friday 18th December. Nursery – Wednesday 16th December.

Read Write Inc Phonics (Book Bag Books)

Reception and Year 1 children learn phonics at school using Read Write Inc. These children will now bring home **Book Bag Books** for their home reading book. These books are closely matched to *Read Write Inc.* phonics work to reinforce classroom learning of phonics, helping children to make even faster progress in reading. Children will also bring home their weekly Read Write Inc classroom book. Children may bring home a **Big Cat Phonic** book before moving onto Book Bag books.

Information Guide: Read Write Inc. Introducing the Book Band Books

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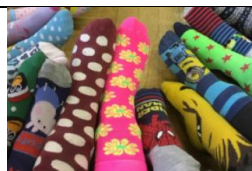
Year 2 Reading

Rising Stars Books have been specifically purchased for Year 2 children. Rising Stars books closely match Letters and Sounds (the phonics scheme taught in Year 2). Year 2 children will initially read these books and will then move onto Oxford Reading Tree.

Letters and Sounds Information: <https://www.letters-and-sounds.com/>

Christmas

Whilst we will not be able to have Christmas performances with audiences in school or at our local church, children will still be taking part in Christmas activities in school. Further details will follow in year group weekly overviews.



Anti-bullying Week – Odd Socks Day

Odd Socks Day takes place on the **first day of Anti Bullying Week** each year to help raise awareness of bullying. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school on **Monday 16th November**.

Houses

Year 1 and 2 children have now been placed in **Houses (Red, Blue, Green and Yellow)** and will start receiving house points. House points are collected in tubes in school. Whilst we are currently not able to hold House Assemblies as this would mix bubbles of children, school staff will be encouraging children to work as House Teams to try to earn as many house points as possible. Year R children still work together to gain their class rewards.

