



Staffing

We were successful in recruiting a teacher for September to replace Deb Malton who is retiring. Vicky Krater, who worked with Foxes Class earlier in the year, will be returning to take on a class teacher role.

Gemma Devereaux now works full-time in Year 1, covering the hours previously worked by Kirsty Maxwell.

We are sad to announce that Inma Aleman will be leaving us this term as she has been appointed to a language teacher role at Denbigh School. Inma has been instrumental in developing our wrap around provision and in promoting foreign language development across our school. We wish her all the best in her new job.

School Budget

As you will have heard via the national press, school funding is becoming much tighter. Although pay rises and inflation have been low, they are impacting on budgets which have not had corresponding increases. In addition some funding has been lost; for example £7000 has been cut from our Nursery funding this year. We have also had to take on significant increases in National Insurance and pension contributions. This is coupled with the fact that, following expansion, we do not have full classes.

As a result of careful use of expansion funding we have managed to balance our budget this year. The challenge will be much harder the following year when our expansion funding ends.

We will be looking very carefully at any savings we can make, as well as ways in which we can raise additional funding. Unfortunately the Governing Body will need to review all charges made by the school to ensure that they fully reflect the costs incurred.

We currently have places in Reception and In Year 1; if you know anyone who would like their child to join us then do let them know. Increased pupil numbers will help our budget! We expect to have places in Nursery and Reception next school year.

Adventures in Mathematics

Our Erasmus funding supported a very successful visit to Strandskolan (Beach School, Sweden). Alice Cottam and Kim Campbell came back full of enthusiasm. Next term they will be feeding back their learning to teachers and to children. We will update our Strandskolan display in the lobby area with pictures from their visit.

We will conclude this term's work on cross curricular approaches with a special day of mathematics on Wednesday 19th April. We will have no actual mathematics lessons that day but will be learning and applying our mathematics all day through other subjects.

Our next project focus will be on learning mathematics outdoors. Project funding has supported the purchase of lots of additional outdoor mathematics resources.

Heating Project

The heating contractors will begin their work next week. They will use the area down the side of school, adjacent to the unmade lane, as their site compound. There will be no access down this side of school until next September.

Access to Reception and Nursery classes will be across the playground in the mornings. All families will need to wait in the main playground.

- **8:30am Nursery families** can pass through the Breakfast Club playground.
- **8:40 Breakfast Club** children will be taken into school
- As soon as Breakfast Club children are safely in the building the gates will be opened for **Reception families. Please keep our children safe and wait until Breakfast Club enter the school building.**
- **11:30am Nursery pick up** will be from the main playground gate.
- **12noon Nursery drop off** will be via the main playground gate.
- **BADGERS** will be using their usual cloakroom but will be based in Mrs Camp's spare classroom, down the corridor & on the right before the hall.

Congratulations to Mr Thompson

Dave and Amy now have a beautiful baby girl who is called Hattie. Dave is adjusting well to a life of interrupted sleep!



Dates for your diaries

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

31-3-17	Last Day of Term
18-4-17	Back to school
19-4-16	Maths Day
24-4-17	Clubs start this week
8-5-17	Healthy Schools' Week Walk to School Week
9-5-17	Active Day
10-5-17	Year 1&2 African Dancers
11-5-17	Governors - Pupils, Teaching and Learning Committee
15-5-17	Swedish teachers visiting all week
25-5-17	Nursery Open Day Governors - Resources Committee meeting
26-5-17	Last day of the half term
5-6-17	Back to school
19-6-17	Summer in the Park Week
21-6-17	Reception to Woodside Farm
22-6-17	Full Governing Body meeting
24-6-17	School gardens open for Stony Open Gardens
26-6-17	Induction Evening for Nursery and Reception
27-6-17	Sports Afternoon
3-7-17	Year 1 and 2 Transition Evening Transition Week Last week of clubs
8-7-17	School Fete
10-7-17	Parent meetings for September's Year 1 and 2s
13-7-17	Year 1 and 2 Disco
19-7-17	PA children's event
20-7-17	Year 2 Leavers' Assembly 2:20pm
21-7-17	Year 1 Assembly 2:30pm Last day of term