



Our **Christmas Concert Collections for the YMCA** totalled £362.37. Thank you for your generosity.

Our **Christmas Jumper collection** raised £157.50 for Save the Children.

Stony Lights Performance

Our thanks go to all the families who supported our singing at Stony Lights. The children performed brilliantly.

Key Stage 1 Curriculum Clubs

If you missed the first round of club applications, there are still places in Street Dance, Girls' Football and Gymnastics.

Pupil Premium Registration

If you have not yet filled in a Pupil Premium Registration form then do call in at the office or find the form on Parentmail. The associated funding has a significant impact on our budget.

Christmas Concerts

We are very proud of all of the children for their amazing Christmas Concerts. Thank you to everyone who supported these performances. We are very grateful to Dave King for his time and wonderful piano playing. We also appreciate Father Ross' generosity in allowing us to use the Church for the KS1 Concerts, the perfect venue for our Nativity Plays.

School Admissions

Nursery and Year 2 parents:

Please ensure that you have submitted your school applications by the **15th January** deadline. If you do not make this date your application will be delayed for a second admissions round which significantly reduces your chance of being allocated a school of your choice.

Our **Book Fair** raised £750 worth of books for the school. Thank you for your support.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR!

Staffing

We would like to welcome Hayley Hobday and Sharon Sarjoo to our support staff team. Hayley and Sharon both work mornings in our Early Years team.

Next half term, we will also be joined by two trainee teachers, Lyndsey Marriot and Anna Parsons. They will be working with Mr Thompson and with Mrs Camp.

Sports Premium

We have been investing our Sports Premium funding in fitness equipment around our school site. Our project this year is to replace our old gazebo with a new climbing and balancing frame. This work will begin next half term.

Mathematics Mastery project

Dave Thompson and Vicky Krater are leading our Mathematics Mastery project. They are attending half termly training sessions alongside White House Primary School. Next term, they will be joined by Sonia Camp and Ellie Ingrouille in observing teachers from Shanghai. Sadly this will be in Milton Keynes not China!

Santa has been very busy this year. He has had a video chat with all of our KS1 classes and has written letters to Reception children. There are also rumours that he actually plans to visit us before the end of term!

School Events

Please take responsibility for checking for dates, times and information about school events. Print the dates overleaf and put them on your fridge or bookmark the school website calendar. Collect a printed version from the office if you need one.



Russell Street School

Dates for your diaries

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

- 21-12-18 Christmas (or favourite) Jumper Day for Save the Children
Last day of term
- 7-1-19 **Back to school**
- 10-1-19 Open Morning 9:30 to 11:30am
- 14-1-19 KS1 Curriculum Clubs begin this week
- 15-1-19 Deadline for school place applications
- 21-1-19 Mrs Camp, Mrs Ingrouille, Mr Thompson and Mrs Krater observing maths teachers from Shanghai this week
- 28-1-19 Winter in the Park week
Work begins on our new climbing equipment
- 29-1-19 Stony Live: Year 2 visit St Mary and St Giles Church to see a Tudor Pirate Band
- 13-2-19 Parents' Evening for Reception, Y1&2 - 3:30pm to 6pm
- 14-2-19 Parents' Evening for Reception, Y1&2 - 3:30pm to 5:30pm, 6pm to 7:30pm
- 15-2-19 Last day of half term
- 18-2-19 to 21-2-19 Premier Education Activity Clubs (sport, arts and crafts)
- 25-2-19 Staff INSET Day (Maths Mastery)
- 26-2-19 **TUESDAY** Back to School