



First Day Calling

Please telephone school if your child is absent. We are required to know where your child is and that they are safe. If we have not heard from you then we will need to phone through your contact numbers until we are assured that your child is safe.

You will be receiving attendance information this week. We are required to let you know if your child is not achieving 95% attendance, regardless of the reasons for absence.

After School Security

Following a review of after school security we will be locking the main school gates at 3:15pm. Pick up from extra-curricular clubs will be down the lane side of school. Sports Clubs will be released from the hall back door and Art / DT will be released from the double doors adjacent to Hedgehogs classroom. There will be no access to school as the office staff finish at 3:30pm so the doors are locked.

Pick up times

Please make sure that you arrive promptly at pick up times:

Nursery	3pm
Reception	2:50pm
KS1	2:55pm

Your child and their teacher should know who is picking up from school. Please note that **clubs are dismissed at 4pm and children must be collected promptly**. Persistent lateness will mean that we will have to withdraw your child's club place.

Gymnastics Competition

Well done to Mr Cooksley's Gymnastics team: Rommi, Kimi, Poppy L, Katie H, Molly and Isabella A. The girls represented us at an inter schools competition in January and scored the highest points!

Sickness and Diarrhoea - children need to stay at home for 48 hours after bouts of sickness and diarrhoea to avoid contagion.

Half Term Holiday Clubs

Premier Sport holiday clubs at Russell Street over half term - <https://family.premier-education.com/courses/venue/russell-street-school/id/4456>

Please note that there is no parking outside school, down the lane adjacent to school or on Anthony Court (which is a private road). The safety of our children and our neighbours' right of access must be respected. There are three car parks within 5 minutes' walk of school!

Staffing

Mrs Ingrouille's operation was postponed until Friday 9th February. Mrs Stawniczy has continued to work with Squirrels this week to ensure a smooth transition. She will be with Squirrels after the half term holiday until Mrs Ingrouille's return.

Mrs Stawniczy has also been working with Hedgehogs as she will be teaching them in the Summer Term when Miss Jokhia goes on her maternity leave.

We have appointed an experienced Reception teacher this week. We are now finalising arrangements for Otters and Foxes for the Summer Term (from Monday 9th April). We will be informing parents of these arrangements after half term.

Extreme Weather

We are very aware that many parents are expected to get to work whatever the weather. We, therefore, always aim to open school whatever the conditions. Access to school on these days is across the Key Stage One playground. We do operate on a skeleton staff, particularly first thing in the morning, and do not expect parents to bring their children in if they do not need to.

School Nurse Checks – please note that all communications with the school nurse are confidential. We do not know who has declined 5 year old checks or what the outcomes are.



Dates for your diaries

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

- 6-2-18 Hedgehogs Parents' Evening
- 7-2-18 Parents' Evening 3:30pm to 6pm
- 8-2-18 Parents' Evening 3:30pm to 8pm
- 9-2-18 Last day of the half term

- 19-2-18 Back to school
- 26-2-18 Fairtrade Week
- 2-3-18 Fairtrade Tea Party 3pm
(No girl's football club)
World Book Day Celebrations – dress up as a nursery rhyme or favourite poem character
- 12-3-18 Science Week
- 19-3-18 Last week of clubs
Erasmus: 2 teachers here from Strandskolan
- 21-3-18 Reception Disco 3pm-4pm
- 22-3-18 KS1 Disco 3pm-4pm (no DT or Gymnastic Clubs)
- 23-3-18 Last day of term

- 9-4-18 Back to school
- 16-4-18 Spring in the Park Week
Chicks hatching!
School place notification
- 23-4-18 Clubs start this week
- 7-5-17 May Bank Holiday – school closed
- 14-5-18 Last week of clubs
Healthy Schools Week
- 17-5-18 Active Day
- 23-5-18 Class Photographs
- 25-5-18 End of Half Term