



Staffing

We send Laura Titley, Kim Campbell and Fairiza Jokhia our very best wishes for their maternity leaves next term. Fairiza had planned to come back for two weeks after Easter but has now decided to leave on Wednesday 11th April. There will be a three day overlap with Leanne Stawniczy to ensure a thorough handover for Hedgehogs Class.

Mrs Camp has been off school with a chest infection. Mrs Thurgood, our maths teacher, has been covering Moles with Sue Vinden. We look forward to seeing Sonia back at school after the Easter break. We are also hoping to be welcoming Ellie Ingrouille back after her recent operation. Anne Draisey will return from her maternity leave at the end of June.

It has been a challenging winter with several nasty viruses doing the rounds. Hopefully the Summer Term will see healthier staff and children!

Easter Holiday Clubs

Premier Sport will be running holiday clubs at Russell Street over the Easter break. See their website for further details:

<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!

Keep our children safe and get yourselves fitter - use the car parks and walk to school!

Mr Cooksley has asked me to mention the children's parties that he organises and runs. Find more information about 'Mini-Legends Parties' on Facebook.

Contact Details

Please notify us of any changes in your contact details so that we can reach you in an emergency. We also need to know exactly who is authorised to pick your child up at the end of the day. Keep your child's teacher up to date with pick up arrangements, including in an emergency.

Any Concerns, Niggles – or Positives?

Do talk to us. Mrs Lewis is around in the mornings at drop off; alternatively, make an appointment.

Erasmus 'Adventures in Mathematics' Project

Linda and Nina, two teachers from Strandskolan School in Sweden, have been with us this week. The focus of our project has been on using stories as a context for teaching mathematics. Next term we will be focusing on using and developing mathematical skills in group and team situations.

Children's Voices

Every term we ask children what they like about school and what improvements they would like to see. This term, children's 'tickled pinks' were: hot lunches, art lessons, role play areas, teachers, friends, visits, reading, class rewards, design technology and playtimes. Children's 'green for growths' were to have more: discos, PE, story assemblies, music, visits and outside toys. Staff are planning next term's curriculum to respond to children's requests. The PA are supporting our development of outside play opportunities.

Summer Assessments

Next term the teachers will be making end of year assessments of each child's achievements. Year 1 will have a phonics assessment which is done 1:1 with their teacher and the Year 2s will have some 'special booklets' to fill in. These are done as part of the children's normal day and are usually very popular! Otherwise all assessments are 'teacher assessments' and are the result of ongoing observations and marking. We do not put the children through any formal 'test' situations! End of year reports will inform you of assessment outcomes.



Dates for your diaries

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

- 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
- 24-4-18 'Wild Science' visit to KS1
- 7-5-17 May Bank Holiday – school closed
- 14-5-18 Last week of clubs
Healthy Schools Week
PA Boot Camp Sponsored Event
- 17-5-18 Active Day
- 23-5-18 Class Photographs
- 25-5-18 End of Half Term

- 4-6-18 INSET day
- 5-6-18 Back to school (TUESDAY)**
- 22-6-18 Year 2 Safety Centre visit
- 2-7-18 Induction and Transition Week
- 11-7-18 Reception Disco 3pm-4pm
- 12-7-18 KS 1 Disco 3pm-4pm
- 13-7-18 Reports to Parents
- 17-7-18 Sports Day
- 20-7-18 Last Day of Term