



Welcome to a new school year!

We have had a happy and calm start to the new school year. We are very impressed with how well children are settling into their new routines. If you have any questions or concerns then do talk to your teachers and teaching assistants. I (Mrs Lewis) am around school at drop off time so do catch me if you want a chat about anything.

Parent Support

If you have time for a regular slot to help in school then please see your class teacher. Parents can help with display, hearing readers, gardening, looking after our library etc. Training offered. We particularly appreciate the support of Forest School helpers as this provision can only take place if we have enough adults to walk the children to the site.

Children's Birthdays

We celebrate children's birthdays with a song and a birthday sticker. Please note that we do not hand out sweets or share cakes etc. If you wish to treat your child's class then a new story book is always welcome for story time.

Wrap Around Care - Drop Off:

Nursery and Reception children need to be brought down the path on lane side of school and be dropped off at the Reception entry doors. If they have older siblings these can then be taken to Mrs Styles at the Wrap Around Club playground gate. Year 1 and 2 children (without Early Years siblings) need to be brought across the main playground to the WAC building.

Mr Cooksley runs a **girls' football club at the Radcliffe School** on Saturdays. The club will restart on Saturday 15th September. For more information please email girlsfootballstony@gmail.com The aims of the sessions are to get active, socialise, enhance football skills and to have fun.

Water Bottles

All children will have received a school water bottle funded by our Parent's Association. These will be sent home every Friday for washing. We no longer sell bottled water, although you can purchase an additional school water bottle if you need one.

Please keep our children safe: park in local car parks and walk to school!

Harvest

The children will have a Harvest Assembly on Friday 28th September. For this event we will be collecting food for the Milton Keynes Food Bank. Please bring in donations of dried, UHT and tinned foods from Monday 24th September. Boxes for the collection will be positioned outside classrooms.

Is your child eligible for Pupil Premium?

Please continue to apply for Pupil Premium (the old free school meals grant) if you are eligible. This money has a significant impact on our funding. It allows us to offer the eligible children free clubs, including infant strings, and visits. It also ensures that we can maintain specialist targeted provision. Please follow the link: <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schools-and-lifelong-learning/information-for-parents/schoolmeals>

Entry into School

- Year 1 & 2 doors open at 8:40am. Reception doors open at 8:45am. Nursery doors open at 9am.
- Please park buggies outside the buildings so that everyone can exit safely in case of an emergency.
- Parents should not enter the children's toilets.
- Please leave your child at the classroom doors so that all children are able to settle quickly. Many Year 2 children will be ready to come into school on their own.
- As we have children in school until 6pm, parents cannot come into the buildings unsupervised at home time. The school gates will also be locked promptly.
- Pick up from clubs is via the lane side of school.

A message from York House:

Do you have a child (6-16 yrs) who LOVES drama?
Do you live in Galley Hill or Fullers Slade?
We are offering 5 sponsored places for young people from low-income families to join our Act Out (6-11 yrs) or Act Up (12-16 yrs) community drama classes which run at York House Centre on Thursdays during term-time. Interested? E-Mail Terrie Howey actout@redphoenixstory.com or phone 01908 563361 for an application form. Closing date for applications is Friday 14 September.



Russell Street School

Dates for your diaries

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

The Parents' Association have information on Facebook
(Please note that this is not a school site)

SEPTEMBER

- 4th to 7th Nursery Induction visits
5-9-18 Reception morning session 9:00am to 12noon
6-9-18 Reception all day offer
10-9-18 Nursery starts
Clubs start this week
27-9-18 Governor PTL Committee meeting
28-9-18 Harvest collection and assembly

OCTOBER

- 1-10-18 Poetry Week
11-10-18 Open Morning 9:30 to 11:30am
Governor Resources Committee meeting
24-10-18 Individual child photos
Parents' Evening 3pm to 6pm
25-10-18 Parents' Evening 3pm to 5pm, 6pm to 8pm
Full Governing Body meeting

End of half term – please note that Thursday 25th October is the last day of the half term.

- 5-11-18 Back to school
Autumn in the Park Week (local park visits)
8-11-18 'Handy Tips Evening' for Parents 7pm
13-11-18 Open Morning 9:30 to 11:30am
19-11-18 Anti-bullying Week
21-11-18 Open Morning 9:30 to 11:30am
23-11-18 Wear Blue for Anti-bullying Day
10-12-18 Last week of clubs
17-12-18 Christmas performances and parties this week
21-12-18 Last day of term