



Welcome to our new families and welcome back to our established families

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 Nursery and Reception entry doors. If they have older siblings these can then be taken to Mrs Styles at the WAC playground gate. Year 1 and 2 children (without Early Years siblings) need to be brought across the main playground to the WAC building.

Places

Wrap Around Club places are in huge demand this year. For the first time we have had to introduce a waiting list. We are sorry that we are unable to be more flexible and meet parental need. This is due to the size of the building and the adult to child ratios.

Harvest

The children will have a Harvest Assembly on Friday 22nd 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 18th September. Boxes for the collection will be positioned outside classrooms.

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

Year 1 and 2 Curricular Clubs

The curricular clubs' letter will be published this week. Mr Cooksley will be offering football, girls' football, gymnastics and multi-sports. Design Technology, Drama and Art clubs will continue. Our criteria for offering club places is as follows:

- Pupil Premium / Looked After Children
- Forms that are in by the closing date
- Children who did not get a place in the previous round
- Children that are not in another club (allocate one each initially)
- Consult year group teachers for SEN, G&T, EAL needs
- Names out of a hat

Parentmail

Please make sure that you are signed up for this service. This will ensure that you receive the communications that you need from school. Ask at the office if you are having any problems. Watch out for a weekly message from teaching teams about the following weeks' curriculum and events. This is in addition to our half termly curriculum newsletters. Our **website** <http://www.russell-street-school.co.uk> includes the school calendar and copies of newsletters.

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 Reading Recovery, Numbers Counts and other targeted provision.

Covered playground

Our quiet playground is now completely covered. We are very grateful to the Parents' Association for their support with fundraising for the cover. We are now working on building up resources for the area.



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)

- 11-9-17 Reception – morning and lunch
- 13-9-17 Reception - all day offer
- 18-9-17 Clubs start this week
Food Bank Collection – tinned and dried goods, thank you!
- 20-9-17 Nursery sessions begin
- 21-9-17 Governors: Parent, Teaching and Learning Committee
- 22-9-17 Harvest Assembly (for the children)
- 29-9-17 Pipe and Tabor band perform for Year 1&2
- 3-10-17 Individual photographs (including **IN SCHOOL** sibling groups only)
- 5-10-17 Governors: Resources Committee
- 9-10-17 'Travelling Books' shop from 2:50 pm all week
- 11-10-17 Open Day 9:30 to 11:30am, 1pm to 2pm
- 16-10-17 Science Week
- 18-10-17 Parents' Evening
- 19-10-17 Parents' Evening
- 20-10-17 Last day of the half term
- 31-10-17 **TUESDAY** – back to school