



**Thank you to** our fantastic PA who have organised lots of successful events and raised a significant amount of money towards our Waddesdon visit and our covered playground project. The cover will be built over the summer holidays.

**Thank you** also to our volunteers and parent helpers who have supported children's learning, educational visits and our Forest School provision.

**Best wishes to our Year 2 children and their families.** We have loved having the children with us over the last three to four years. We are sad to see them go but know that they are all ready for their next challenge.

We are really proud of all of the children for their behaviour, courage and enthusiasm over our **Waddesdon visit, our Sports Day and our end of year performances.** It is easy to forget how very young these children are when they show such mature team spirit and cooperation!

### **Heating Project**

The new heating system will be completed over the holiday. We look forward to being cosy and warm over the winter! We will also be relieved to have access to our Early Years building via the lane side of the building again. This will ease the congestion at the beginning and end of the day. Thank you for your patience over the last term.

### **Book Bags**

If you need a new book bag for next year, they are available from the school office, £5.50 each.

### **Lost Property**

Please have a good look through lost property if you have mislaid any clothing. We do clear out lost property over the summer holiday. It is also worth checking your child's cloakroom to ensure they have brought everything home.

### **Reports**

We hope that you found your child's end of year report informative. Thank you to all parents who have returned their comment slip. Your feedback is always much appreciated. Do, please, return these slips before the end of term.

One parent has asked about the curriculum summary on the reverse of the KS1 report. This is not personalised as it is meant as a summary of learning. The level of detail in a report is always a balance between keeping the learning going while teachers have the additional work load of reports, and making the additional workload so excessive that it interferes with teachers' ability to keep teaching effectively.

### **2Simple Reports**

Early Years parents will have received their child's 2Simple Learning Journey via email. Assessment processes are very different in **Key Stage 1** where the demands of the National Curriculum lead approaches to assessment. Learning Journeys are not a feature of assessment at this stage of learning. In response to parental requests teachers do collect some photographic memories of the year and send these via 2Simple.

### **End of Year Assemblies**

**Year 2 Leavers' Assembly** will be in the hall at 2:15pm today.

**Year 1 Assembly** will be in the hall at 2:15pm tomorrow.

Access will be via the front door from 2pm.

Buggies will have to be left outside the hall.

No coffee cups and refreshments in the hall, thank you.

### **Attendance Reports**

Well done to all of the children who achieved the expected 95% attendance. Government pressure on schools will be increasing next year, with the expectation that we will issue fixed penalty notices for holidays of 5 days and above, regardless of attendance levels. Check our website for school holiday dates.



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## Dates for your diaries

See also: [www.russell-street-school.co.uk](http://www.russell-street-school.co.uk)

- 4-9-17 Year 1&2 back to school
- 6-9-17 Reception morning sessions
- 8-9-17 Parentmail workshop 9am
- 11-9-17 Reception – morning and lunch
- 13-9-17 Reception - all day offer
- 20-9-17 Nursery sessions begin
- 21-9-17 Governors: Parent, Teaching and Learning Committee
- 22-9-17 Harvest Assembly (for the children)  
Food Bank Collection – tinned and dried goods please
- 29-9-17 Pipe and Tabor band perform for Year 1&2
- 3-10-17 Individual photographs (including IN SCHOOL siblings 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
- 18-9-17 Parents’ Evening
- 19-10-17 Parents’ Evening
- 20-10-17 Last day of the half term
- 31-10-17 **TUESDAY** – back to school