



Values Education

Our theme for Personal, Social, Health and Emotional Education this half term is 'Getting on and Falling Out'. We will be focusing on the value of **Thoughtfulness**. You can support this element of our curriculum at home by noticing and celebrating thoughtful behaviour. This work includes our current anti-bullying week. This Friday children can **come to school dressed in blue** to show their support for our anti bullying campaign.

We do not raise money for Children in Need on the 17th November because we do not want to dilute our focus on our anti bullying campaign. We are also very aware that we have just sold poppies and that parents are paying for their child's Christmas cards. We will be holding a Christmas charity collection during our school concerts.

Speaking and Listening Skills

These skills are key to all learning. Where we have concerns, we do a thorough assessment of children's skills and have trained staff who support intervention programmes. There is an excellent website: www.talkingpoint.org.uk that is very useful for parents and for supporting learning at home.

Thank you to everyone who attended our **Curriculum Evening**. The supporting documents are all available on our school website. For those who have booked the daytime session, this will be held in the KS1 building

Congratulations to Mrs Campbell and to Mrs Titley who are both expecting babies in the summer. They will continue working until the end of the spring term. We have begun the process of finding teachers to cover their maternity leave and will notify you later in the spring term when arrangements are finalised.

Christmas Fete

The Parents' Association will be running a Christmas Fete for all the children of the school, and their families, after school on Friday 8th December. Please put the date in your diaries for some festive fun. If you are able to volunteer to help with any of the PA activities, please contact Louise and her team.

Seasonal Events

Please see the calendar overleaf for dates and times.

Reception Concerts

Each Reception class will hold their own concert in the school hall. All concerts will start at 2:20pm and will last for about 20 minutes. Parents and Grandparents can attend (4 audience members per child maximum).

Key Stage One Concerts

There will be three concerts in St Mary and St Giles' Church, all at 10am. Check overleaf for which class is performing on which date. The church has plenty of seating.

Party Days

Nursery will have a 'Cha Chimps' session on their party day. Details of the party organisation will be included in the Nursery Newsletter.

Essence Christmas Lunch is available on Reception and KS 1 party day. Please ensure that you have ordered a lunch if your child would like one.

Year 1 and 2 Disco

Party Day ends with an after school disco between 3pm and 4pm. Booking and payment is via Parentmail. Teachers will be running three discos over the year. These come as a package for £9. Booking a single disco will cost £3.50 to cover the Parentmail administration charge. The money raised by teachers at discos is used to enhance the curriculum by funding performance groups and supporting school visits.

Christmas Cards

In December, there will be post boxes in the Reception and Nursery shared areas, and in the KS1 building corridor. To aid delivery, cards will need to have the recipient's full name and their class on the envelope. Class lists will be available from teaching staff.

Christopher Columbus is visiting KS1 on the 22nd November! Children can dress up in period costume for the day if they would like to. A Google search for 'Tudor Peasant Costume' will give you some simple ideas for a home-made outfit.



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Dates for your diaries

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

- 17-11-17 Wear blue for anti-bullying
- 22-11-17 Handy Tips for Parents' session 9-10am
- 23-11-17 Open Day
9:30am to 11:30am and 1:30pm to 2:30pm
- 27-11-17 Last week of curriculum clubs
- 2-12-17 Stony Lights
10am Year 1 & 2 children invited to sing in the church
- 6-12-17 PA event for children 3-4pm
- 8-12-17 PA Christmas Fair 3-4pm
- 11-12-17 **Christmas Concerts:**
Kingfishers and Hedgehogs 10am Church
Squirrels 2:30pm School
- 12-12-17 **Christmas Concerts:**
Newts and Badgers 10am Church
Foxes 2:30pm School
- 13-12-17 **Christmas Concerts:**
Owls and Moles 10am Church
Otters 2:30pm School
Nursery Party
- 14-12-17 Essence Christmas Lunch
Reception & Year1&2 parties
Year 1 and 2 Disco 3-4pm
- 15-12-17 Last day of term
- 3-1-18 **WEDNESDAY** – Back to school

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