



Staffing

Although we are very excited about our staff pregnancies, we have faced a considerable challenge in arranging cover for three teachers. This is even harder with the overlap with Ms Draisey's maternity leave, and with further staff medical operations and recovery. Recruitment of fixed term staff was unsuccessful; however, two of our teachers wish to return as a job share. This enabled us to appoint Mrs Green, a highly experienced early years' teacher, to a permanent position. Mrs Green is currently an Early Years Advisory Teacher in Bucks.

In order to cover the three classes affected, we will be reorganising our teaching team for the Summer Term.

Ms Barnes, our part time nursery nurse, has extended her hours in **Nursery** and is currently working alongside Mrs Jeffery with Green Group. She will be taking over as Green Group's key worker for the Summer Term.

Mrs Jeffery will continue as our Nursery leader alongside Mrs Kerley, our lead nursery nurse. She will, however, be teaching **Otters Class**. She will continue to work with the nursery children when Otters have activities such as their outdoor and PE time.

Mrs Green will be teaching **Foxes Class**. She will be visiting school on Friday 9th March and Monday 19th March, when she will meet the children and have a 'handover' with Mrs Titley. Mrs Green will be around at drop off and pick up time to meet parents.

Mrs Stawniczy will be teaching Hedgehogs. She will be in school every morning and on Tuesday afternoon. On the other afternoons the children have PE, Forest School and Music with Mr Cooksley, Mrs Vinden and Ms Cottam. Ms Jokhia will still be with us for the first two weeks of the summer term.

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->

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!

Anybody choosing to park in any of these locations is putting the lives of children at risk. Surely children's safety is worth a 5 minute walk!

Road Closure

Please note that there will be no vehicular access from Russell Street into Vicarage Road from March 12th to March 26th. Access to the car parks on Ostlers Lane and Vicarage Road will still be possible via Queen Eleanor Street. There will be pedestrian access from Russell Street.

Extreme Weather Update

Please note that, unusually, if we have extreme weather we may need to close school as we currently have fewer available staff living in walking distance. Recent staff relocation and sickness could have an impact. If we do close there will be notifications on the LA Closure System <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/closures> We will also put a notification up on our website: <http://www.russell-street-school.co.uk/website>

Sports Premium

Look out for a new trim trail down the lane side of school. We are using our Sports Premium to extend our outdoor PE facilities and to further encourage children's physical activity. We are hoping that the trail will be in place for the summer term – weather permitting!

Marie Curie daffodils are available in school. Children can bring in a donation if they would like a daffodil badge.



Dates for your diaries

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

- 26-2-18 Fairtrade Week
- 2-3-18 Fairtrade Tea Party 3pm
(No girl's football club)
World Book Day Celebrations – dress up as a nursery rhyme or favourite poem character
- 9-3-18 PA Mother's Date event (sold out!)
- 12-3-18 Science Week
- 19-3-18 Last week of clubs
Erasmus: 2 teachers here from Strandskolan
- 21-3-18 Reception Disco 3pm-4pm
- 22-3-18 KS1 Disco 3pm-4pm (no DT or Gymnastic Clubs)
- 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
- 7-5-17 May Bank Holiday – school closed
- 14-5-18 Last week of clubs
Healthy Schools Week
- 17-5-18 Active Day
- 23-5-18 Class Photographs
- 25-5-18 End of Half Term