



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 21st 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. This is not a school club but is run by Mr Cooksley's company. Local clubs for boys' include Stony Stratford Town Football Club and Wolverton Tigermoths.

Water Bottles

Reception children have a school water bottle, funded by our PA. These are sent home on Fridays for washing.

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

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Ellei Clack to our Nursery team and Jess Robinson to our Year 1 team. Ashleigh Barnes left us at the end of last term for a new post at Fairfield School. Her afternoon post has been filled by Hayley Hobday, who now works full-time in Reception.

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.

'Handy Tips' for Parents

This evening session, on Thursday 19th September from 7pm to 8pm, includes Early Years workshops in our Early Years Building and Year 1&2 workshops in our main building. The workshops will cover ways to support children with phonics, reading and mathematics; including preparing nursery age children for their next steps. Access to the building is down the lane side of school.

Year 1 and 2 Curriculum Clubs

Clubs start during the week beginning Monday 16th September. There are still spaces in PlayActive, Girls' Football and Cheerleading. Please see Ali Starr, in the office, if you would like to book a club.

Attendance

Everyday matters! Children make better progress academically, emotionally and socially if they have good attendance and punctuality. Leave of absence must be applied for via the office and is only authorised in exceptional circumstances.



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

- 9-9-19 Nursery starts
- 12-9-19 Parents' Association AGM
- 16-9-19 Clubs start this week
- 18-9-19 Y1&2 Birds of Prey demonstration
- 19-9-19 Handy Tips for Parents 7-8pm
- 26-9-19 Governor Parents, Teaching, Learning Committee
- 30-9-19 Poetry Week

OCTOBER

- 3-10-19 Open Morning 9:30 to 11:30am
- 4-10-19 NSPCC visit to Y1&2
- 10-10-19 Full Governing Body training session
- 17-10-19 Governor Resources Committee
- 21-10-19 Harvest Week: collection for MK Food Bank
- 23-10-19 Individual child photos
Parents' Evening 3pm to 6pm
- 24-10-19 Parents' Evening 3pm to 5pm, 6pm to 8pm
Full Governing Body meeting
- 25-10-19 **End of half term**

SCSports Holiday Club: Monday 28th – Thursday 31st October
Monday 4th October

Contact scsports0@gmail.com

- 4-11-19 Staff Training Day
- 5-11-19 **TUESDAY** – Back to school