



MK Special Educational Needs and Disability Information Day Saturday 3rd February

For further information and for booking, please click the link below:

<https://mksendinformationday2018.eventbrite.co.uk>

School Calendar and Events

For official information about the school calendar and events, please check monthly and weekly updates on **Parentmail**. The calendar is available on the home page of our **website**:

<http://www.russell-street-school.co.uk/website/home>

Adventures in Mathematics

Last term, along with our Swedish partner school, we explored approaches to teaching and learning mathematics through the use of ICT. This term our project will focus on teaching mathematics through stories.

Two teachers from Strandskolan will be visiting us in March to observe maths lessons and to share effective practice.

School Admissions - Nursery and Year 2 parents:

Please ensure that you have submitted your school applications by the **15th January** deadline. If you do not make this date your application will be delayed for a second admissions round, which significantly reduces your chance of being allocated a school of your choice.

Congratulations to Ms Jokhia who is expecting a baby in the summer. She will continue working until April 24th 2018. We have begun the process of finding a teacher to cover her maternity leave and will notify you later in the spring term when arrangements are finalised.

Christmas Collection for the NSPCC

We raised a magnificent £610.02. Thanks to all!

Half Term Holiday Clubs

Premier Sport will be running 3 days of holiday clubs at Russell Street over half term. See

<https://family.premier-education.com/courses/venue/russell-street-school/id/4456>

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!

Staffing

We will be facing considerable challenges with staffing during the next three terms. Ms Draisey is on maternity leave and next term she will be joined by Mrs Titley, Mrs Campbell and Ms Jokhia. Additionally, Mrs Ingrouille is awaiting an operation which could require several months recovery time. These absences occur at a time when teacher recruitment is a problem nationally.

Following an unsuccessful attempt to employ fixed term cover, we are currently advertising for a permanent Early Years teacher. The vacancy is advertised on our website and we would appreciate parents sharing this with any teachers they know via Facebook etc.

In order to maintain our strong school ethos and standards, we will be managing some of the absence from within current staffing. This will mean some changes to staffing over the next few months ready for the Summer Term. Parents will be kept informed and any changes will be managed sensitively to support the children affected.

Football Competition

Well done to Mr Cooksley's scratch football team: Elliot Griffiths, Evie-Grace Quelch, Max Linnell, Oliver Cribbins, Tommy Hobday and Rosa Tate, who represented our school at an inter schools competition in December.



Dates for your diaries

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

- 29-1-18 Winter in the Park Week
- 31-1-18 Nursery application deadline
- 7-2-18 Parents' Evening 3:30pm to 6pm
- 8-2-18 Parents' Evening 3:30pm to 8pm
- 9-2-18 Last day of the half term

- 19-2-18 Back to school
- 26-2-18 Fairtrade Week
- 2-3-18 Fairtrade Tea Party 3pm
(No girl's football club)
- 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
- 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