



## Values Education

Our theme for Personal, Social, Health and Emotional Education, this half term, is 'Getting on and Falling Out'. We are focusing on the value of **Thoughtfulness**. You can support this element of our curriculum at home by noticing and celebrating thoughtful behaviour. This theme included last week's anti-bullying week.

## School Admissions

### Nursery and Year 2 parents:

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

Thank you to everyone who attended our 'Handy Tips' **Curriculum Evening**. The supporting documents are all available on our school website.

## Remembrance collection

We collected £291.55 through the sale of poppies. Thank you for your contributions.

## Contacting School

Please note that the school email address receives hundreds of emails every day. If you want to be sure that your communication reaches staff, it is best to talk to someone in person or on the phone. This is particularly important for urgent communications; for example, a change in pick up arrangements.

## Access to School

Please note that there is no parent access to school before or after the school day. This is for the following reasons:

- cleaning is underway at these times
- the safety of children at wrap around care
- confidentiality and the security of data
- security of equipment and resources

If your child has misplaced something then please let a member of staff know. Wrap Around staff cannot leave the children to look but can organise a search the following school day.

Teaching staff have been asked to do their best to ensure that children have all of their belongings at the end of the day.

## Trim Trail

A parent has pointed out to us that, in wet weather, the Trim Trail at the side of school is wet. This does make it slippery. Children are only allowed on the equipment when supervised by an adult. Supervising adults must take responsibility for their child's safety on this equipment.

## STONY LIGHTS

**Year 1&2 children are welcome to come to St Mary & St Giles Church at 9:45am, this Saturday, ready to sing a preview of our Concert songs at 10am.**

## Reception Concerts

Each Reception class will hold their own concert in the school hall. All concerts will start at 2:30pm and will last for about 15 minutes. The bottom hall doors open at 2:20pm. Parents and Grandparents can attend (4 audience members per child maximum). **NO DRINKS IN THE HALL, THANK YOU.**

## 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. **NO DRINKS IN THE CHURCH, THANK YOU.**

## Party Days

All Nursery children are invited to their party. Details of the party organisation will be included in a Nursery Party Parentmail.

**Essence Christmas Lunch** is available on Reception and KS1 party day. Please ensure that you have ordered a lunch if your child would like one.

**Discos** will be held during party days this year, rather than after school. There is no charge for discos.

**A 'Great Gappo' Show** will also be held during Reception and KS1 party day. Nursery children who attend on Thursday afternoons can opt to come if they would like to. We are grateful to the PA and to Sue Alexandridis for organising this for the children. If you wish your child to attend the show, please look out for payment arrangements from the PA.

## 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 name and their class** on the envelope. Class lists will be available from teaching staff.



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## Dates for your diaries

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

The Parents' Association have information on Facebook

(Please note that this is not a school site)

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| 1-12-18  | Stony Lights<br>Year 1&2 singing in the Church at 10am, arrive at 9:45am<br>PA stall in Stony  |
| 10-12-18 | Last week of clubs   |
| 17-12-18 | Moles & Newts performance 10am - Church<br>Squirrels performance 2:30pm School Hall  |
| 18-12-18 | Badgers & Kingfishers performance 10am - Church<br>Otters performance 2:30pm School Hall   |
| 19-12-18 | Hedgehogs & Owls performance 10am - Church<br>Foxes performance 2:30pm School Hall<br>Nursery Party Afternoon at 1:30pm<br>Nursery Singing at 2:30pm |
| 20-12-18 | KS1 and Reception Party Day, including a free daytime disco<br>PA 'Great Gappo' Show (in the school day)<br>PA Christmas Fair 3pm – 4pm              |
| 21-12-18 | Christmas Jumper Day – collection for Save the Children<br>Last day of term  |
| 7-1-19   | Back to school ( <b>MONDAY</b> )   |

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