



Our **Christmas Concert Collections** for the National Autistic Society totalled £398. Thank you for your generosity.

Friday is our Christmas Jumper Day

We will be collecting for Save the Children.

Stony Lights Performance

Our thanks go to all the families who supported our singing at Stony Lights. The children performed brilliantly.

Christmas Concerts

We are very proud of all of the children for their amazing Christmas Concert performances. Thank you to everyone who supported these events. We are very grateful to Dave King for his time and wonderful piano playing. We also appreciate Father Ross' generosity in allowing us to use the Church for the KS1 Concerts, the perfect venue for our Nativity Plays.

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.

Our hardworking **Parents' Association** did a magnificent job this term. The Christmas Cards, Stony Lights stall, Christmas Fete and raffle were all very successful. Our heartfelt thanks go to all the committee and their team of helpers.

We also send a big thank you to Mr Malleson who donates a lovely Christmas tree every year.

Thanks also go to our regular classroom and Forest School volunteers.

Mr Cooksley is running **Sports Activity Clubs** on January 2nd, 3rd, and 6th 2020. Contact scsports0@gmail.com to book sessions.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR!

Staffing

We would like to welcome **Susan Watson** to our office team. Susan will be in the office every morning. Jill Eales now works part time which has created the need for an additional member of staff.

Following additional children joining our Nursery Class in the afternoons, Shelley Jeffery will be having her planning and preparation time on a Thursday morning. This will ensure that adult ratios are maintained in the afternoons. **Lucy Stortors** will be covering the Nursery Teacher role for Shelley each Thursday morning.

Next half term, we will be joined by two trainee teachers, **Charlene Bonini** and **Sam Tucker**. They will be working with Mr Thompson in Newts and with Mrs Camp in Moles.

Next term will be my final term as **Headteacher** at Russell Street. I will be working until April when Dawn Robinson will take over. Jayne van Rooyen and I will be sharing the headteacher role, with Jayne taking charge on Mondays and Tuesdays. I will be in school Wednesday to Friday. Leaving Russell Street will be a huge wrench after 12 happy and fulfilling years. Although, I am looking forward to spending more time with my family!

Mr Cooksley will no longer be involved in after school clubs at Russell Street. He will be sorely missed! Premier Education are supplying a coach for both curricular clubs and after school club.

Congratulations to Ms Draisey, who is expecting another baby in June. Hedgehog parents will be informed of who will cover Ms Draisey's maternity leave when arrangements are completed.



Russell Street School

Dates for your diaries

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

20-12-19 Christmas Jumper Day (donations to Save the Children)
PA Show
Last day of term

TUESDAY 7th January 2020 Back to School

15-1-20 Open Morning 9:30am to 11am
20-1-20 Science Week
22-1-20 Professor Bubbleworks visiting Y1 & 2
27-1-20 Winter in the Park Week
29-1-20 Chinese Dragon Dance workshops for YR, Y1, Y2
12-2-20 Parents' Evening 3:30pm to 6pm
13-2-20 Parents' Evening 3:30pm to 7:30pm
Governor Teaching and Learning Committee
14-2-20 End of Half Term

24-2-20 Back to School
Fairtrade Week
27-2-20 Governor Resources Committee
28-2-20 World Book Celebrations
Fairtrade Tea Party
11-3-20 Y2 to Radcliffe Choir Festival
19-3-20 'Shake, Rattle and Sound' workshops begin
3 week course for Nursery parents, 9am start
Full Governing Body meeting
23-3-20 Spring in the Park Week
Chicks hatching in school
Last week of clubs
01-4-20 Reception Disco 3-4pm
02-4-20 KS1 Disco 3-4pm
03-4-20 Parents' Association Show (during the school day)
End of Term