



## School Values

Each half term, we focus on a value linked to our Personal, Social and Health Education Curriculum. This half term, our value is **Respect**, linked to the theme of 'Good to be me'. You can support this work at home by noticing when your child shows respect towards you, towards others or towards their

## Dogs

Absolutely no dogs on site please, whether they are walking or carried. Do not leave dogs tied up in front of gates where children have to pass by them. Many children are very nervous of unknown dogs.

## Gymnastics Competition

Our Year 2 gymnasts did very well at their competition at the Kingston Gymnastics Centre. Mr Cooksley was very proud of his teams, both for their outstanding performance and also for their exemplary behaviour. Congratulations go to: Maisy C, Bailey, Daisy J, Isla B, Fleur, Molly, Daisy S, Grace, Frida, Millie N and Damaris.

## Discos

In the last week of the Spring Term, teachers will be organising discos for the children. Discos run for an hour after school and cost £3.50. The money raised is used to support curriculum enrichment; for example, last year's African Drummers, Zoolab and Christopher Columbus visits.

## School Opening Times

After half term, following feedback from parents, we will be opening Reception doors at 8:40am and Nursery doors at 8:55am.

## Parking

Please note that there is no parking outside school, down the lane adjacent to school, on Anthony Court (which is a private road) or on any double yellow lines. The **safety of our children** and our neighbours' right of access must be respected. PLEASE PARK SAFELY.

## World Book Day

Our school 'World Book Day' will be on Friday 28th February. We will be focusing on books and stories about Anansi the Spider. These stories feature many animal characters e.g. leopard, squirrel, tortoise, monkey, lion etc. and fairies. There are many examples online. Children are welcome to come dressed up as an animal or fairy from the Anansi stories if they would like to. We would suggest a simple costume of trousers and T shirt in the appropriate colour, combined with a home-made mask, head band or face paints.

## Fairtrade Week and Tea Party

After half term, we will be learning about fairtrade and the children will be cooking cakes with fairtrade ingredients. The cakes will be on sale at our Fairtrade Tea Party on Friday 28th February at 3pm, in the school hall. This event will end our World Book Day celebrations.

## Science Week

We had a fantastic science week which included explosions and lots of funny mixtures. Professor Bubbleworks and the Radcliffe School scientists were marvellous and supported lots of scientific investigations and theorising.

## Orchard

Mr and Mrs Cox, local residents, have donated trees and raspberry canes to our orchard. Mr Malleon has pruned and removed cankerous wood from the old trees. Stony in Bloom volunteers have planted the new trees. We are very grateful to them all for their brilliant support.

## Attendance

In line with national expectations and our school attendance policy, we are required to keep parents and carers up to date with their child's attendance record. This does mean sending letters to inform parents if attendance is below the expected 95%. We understand that children can be unwell and do authorise such absence. We still have a duty to alert parents to absence above 5% and have to use wording that makes legal requirements clear.



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## Dates for your diaries

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

14-2-20	End of Half Term
24-2-20	Back to School Fairtrade Week <u>Nursery Applications deadline for the first round of Nursery place allocations for September</u>
28-2-20	World Book Celebrations based on Anansi Stories Fairtrade Tea Party
2-3-20	'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' Week
5-3-20	Governor Resources Committee
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 PA Mothers' Day Craft Stall 3pm
23-3-20	Spring in the Park Week Chicks hatching in school
27-3-20	PA Story Quest Donations begin
01-4-20	Reception Disco 3-4pm
02-4-20	KS1 Disco 3-4pm PA Easter Crafts Stall 3-4pm
03-4-20	The Great Gappo (PA Show - during the school day) PA Story Quest Maps sent home End of Term
20-4-20	Back to School PA Story Quest Week