

Russell Street School



Newsletter

Summer Term 1 2023



Message from our Headteacher

Welcome back to the first half of the Summer Term. I hope that you all had a wonderful Easter holiday and feel rested. With long summer days and time in the fresh air; there is so much to look forward to. Thank you to Year 2 for a wonderful end to the Spring Term with their fabulous production of Oliver Twist.

To ensure our school uniform is as affordable as possible and transferable into junior school, we are making some minor changes to our uniform. Please note that current Reception and Year 1 children may continue wearing items of uniform you have already purchased as they move into Years 1 and 2. For children new to Reception, the expectation will be to wear the new uniform. Children mainly move to SMSG or Bushfield in Year 3 and both schools have a navy uniform. We have therefore chosen to keep our navy uniform only and remove the red option.

The minor changes are shown below:

- ~~Red~~ or navy sweatshirts / cardigans.
- White, ~~red~~ or blue polo shirts.
- Grey, navy or black 'bottoms', e.g. trousers, shorts, pinafores, skirts.
- In the summer an optional extra of ~~red~~ or blue gingham dresses.
- Sensible footwear (flat and closed toed).
- A change of clothes for P.E. - plimsolls/trainers, black shorts and a white ~~or~~ blue t-shirt.
- No jewellery, other than plain stud earrings which must be taped on P.E. days.

Uniform Logo

Whilst we do not require any items of uniform your child wears to have the school logo, the staff and children would like the school logo to reflect the values of our 5 STARS – Safe, Together, Achieve, Resilient, Special.



Maisies are currently embroidering this circular logo on a sweatshirt for you to view. Once this is available, a photograph will be sent to you, with a short survey to be completed to compile your views. The embroidered sweatshirt will also be available to view in the school office.

Kind regards
Mrs Robinson

 Admissions	<p>School Places – Reception & Year 3</p> <p>Everyone moving into Reception and Year 3 should now have received information about their allocated place from the council where you made your application (e.g., Milton Keynes, Northampton). If we can help you in any way with any queries you may have, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.</p>	
<p>Eid Celebration – Friday 21st April</p> <p>We will be learning about Eid in school on Friday 21st April. Children are invited to wear traditional Indian/Muslim/Islamic dress to school or bright pieces of clothing.</p>		
	<p>24th April – Indian Dance Workshop – Year 2</p> <p>All Year 2 children will be taking part in Indian dance workshops as a sparkling start to their new topic.</p>	
<p>Deaf Awareness Week – Week commencing 2nd May</p> <p>There are over 50,000 deaf children and young people in the UK. Some of them share their deaf story (see the link below). Watch their videos to find out what they love about being deaf, what being deaf means to them, and what might surprise people about being deaf. By sharing their stories, they aim to empower and inspire other deaf children and young people to celebrate their deaf identity and feel confident with their deafness.</p> <p>National Deaf Children's Society Deaf Awareness Week 2023 (ndcs.org.uk)</p>		
	<p>Assessment dates to note for this term are:</p> <p>Year 2 SATs Assessments will take place between 1st and the 31st May. Year 1 Phonics screening will take place week commencing 12th June. There will be a parent/carer workshop which will provide information on how to support your child's learning of reading 'real' and 'alien' words at home. Date TBC, more information to follow.</p>	
<p>Reception Trip to Woodside Farm – 5th May</p> <p>Woodside Animal Farm (woodsidefarm.co.uk)</p> <p>Reception children will be getting up close to the animals at Woodside Animal Farm. They will feed them, pet them, and even cuddle them during the 'Cuddly Encounters' hands on sessions. Woodside Farm have a wide range of farm animals and reptiles.</p> <p>Further details of this trip will be sent through the weekly Reception Sway.</p>		
	<p>HRH King Charles III Coronation Event – Friday 5th May</p> <p>Children at Russell Street School & SMSG will all receive a King Charles III Coronation Coin. The two schools are all learning a Coronation song & weather permitting, we will be gathering together to sing our song wearing our coronation crowns that we are making in school.</p>	
<p>15 to 21 May 2023</p> 	<p>15th May - Mental Health Awareness – Anxiety</p> <p>Anxiety is one of the most common mental health problems we can face. A quarter of adults say they have felt so anxious that it stopped them from doing the things they want to do some or all of the time. Six in ten adults feel this way, at least some of the time. As detailed by the NHS: Nearly 300,000 young people in Britain have an anxiety disorder. In the UK, anxiety disorders are estimated to affect 5-19% of all children and adolescents, and about 2-5% of children younger than 12.</p> <p>Focusing on anxiety for this year's Mental Health Awareness Week will increase people's awareness and understanding of anxiety by providing information on the things that can help prevent it from becoming a problem.</p>	
	<p>Metamorphosis with the Live Butterfly Garden – Nursery and Reception.</p> <p>Nursery and Reception children will have the opportunity to watch caterpillars change into chrysalides and then emerge as beautiful Painted Lady Butterflies that are then released into the wild. This process takes between 3 and 5 weeks. If you would like to try this at home, home kits are available from https://www.insectlore.co.uk/</p>	