

# Russell Street School

## Newsletter

Spring

Spring Term 1 2024



## Message from our Headteacher

We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas & New Year.

We start this half term with a very exciting dinosaur visit and end the half term with our fabulous Year Two Oliver production. To ensure we can cover the costs of props and costumes for Oliver each year, and so that wider family members can also enjoy the performance, we will be selling tickets for an additional performance of Oliver on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm.

Please remember to apply for Reception and Year 3 places by midnight on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January. You do not automatically gain a place in our Reception classes because you attend Nursery at Russell Street School.

We welcome Hobbs this week as our new catering provider. We have received incredibly good feedback about the meals offered. Meals can be ordered here [www.hobbsschoolcatering.co.uk](http://www.hobbsschoolcatering.co.uk)

Units of work this term are:

Nursery – Traditional Tales. Reception – Winter Wonderland. Year 1 – Moon Zoom. Year 2 – Dinosaur Roar.

This newsletter contains a brief summary of some of the school activities this term. Further information about everything we do is always contained on our website.

Kind regards

Mrs Robinson



### Dinosaur Day - Year Two – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January

#### Discover the wonder of the dinosaurs

Year 2 children will be taking part in 'Our Life Long Ago - fossil dig workshop' bringing prehistoric life to school. The children will locate and identify fossils from some of the most iconic dinosaurs of the past. Tyrannosaurus Rex, Stegosaurus, Triceratops and a few other surprises. The children will learn when each dinosaur lived, where they came from, what they ate and much more.

During the workshop children will have a visit from a large and baby dinosaurs, where an expert dinosaur handler will introduce the hatchlings whilst explaining about their family, diet, habitat and what the era was like millions of years ago.

### Make Your Dreams Come True Day – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January

We know that listening to other people's stories of success can inspire us to reach for our own dreams, so on 12<sup>th</sup> January we are going to research and find out who has worked hard to make their own personal dreams come true and see if their stories can inspire us all.



### Closing Date for Reception and Year 3 Admissions – 15<sup>th</sup> January

Starting primary or junior/middle school in September 2024 | Milton Keynes City Council ([milton-keynes.gov.uk](http://milton-keynes.gov.uk))

The Citizens Portal opened on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 for parents and carers to apply online for a primary or junior school place. The closing date is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and all applications must be made before the closing date to receive a school place offer on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024 (national offer day).

### National Handwriting Day – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

We will be carrying out a variety of fun activities to strengthen children's grip and improve their fine motor control such as dough disco, pen disco, weaving and threading.



### Big Garden Birdwatch 2024 - 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> January

Big Garden Birdwatch is the UK's largest garden wildlife survey. It's been running since 1979, and every year, around 700,000 people take part. It takes place over the last weekend in January each year. In 2024, Big Garden Birdwatch will be back on the 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> January. The RSPB are hoping it'll be the biggest Birdwatch yet.

### National Storytelling Week – Week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> January

The National Literacy Trust has a range of online events and resources for all ages to celebrate National Storytelling Week. We will be enjoying an online storytelling event with award-winning author Swapna Haddow on Thursday 1st February.



### Children's Mental Health Week – Week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> February

Children's Mental Health Week 2024 is taking place from 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

**This year's theme is 'My Voice Matters'**

During Children's Mental Health Week we want all children and young people, whoever they are, and wherever they are in the world, to be able to say – and believe - "My Voice Matters".

### Dress to Express – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February

To celebrate Children's Mental Health Week, we are inviting all children to 'Dress to Express' and help raise vital funds to help support more children and young people with their mental health. On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February, children can come dressed to school in an outfit that allows them to express themselves. Please ensure the children wear warm, suitable clothes and footwear (Year 2 have P.E. on this day).



### Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February

The theme this year is – ‘Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online’.

Safer Internet Day is the UK’s biggest celebration of online safety. Each year an online issue or theme is covered that speaks to the things young people are seeing and experiencing online. Created in consultation with young people across the UK, this year Safer Internet Day will be focusing on change online, this includes covering:

- Young people’s perspective on new and emerging technology
- Using the internet to make change for the better
- The changes young people want to see online
- The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline



### Chinese New Year – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

We will be celebrating the Year of the Dragon in school. Children are invited to wear red items of clothing or traditional Chinese clothing to celebrate.



### Oliver – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February – both shows at 9:30am

We are very excited that Year 2 children will be performing Oliver as their class assembly for their families. This involves learning many songs and the use of an actual theatre script. We are sure you’ll be joining in with the songs at home! To ensure we can cover the costs of props and costumes each year, and so that wider family members can also enjoy the performance, we will be selling tickets for an additional performance of Oliver on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm.



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*Pupils flourish at this exceptional school. The school is relentless in its aim that all pupils achieve highly. Pupils are kind and respectful. Pupils behave with remarkable maturity. Staff teach expertly. Staff are proud to work in such an inspirational school. (OFSTED) Outstanding*

### Term Dates 2024-2025

Sep-24							Oct-24							Nov-24							Dec-24						
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	Mon	7	14	21	28	Mon	4	11	18	25	Mon	2	9	16	23	30						
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Jan-25							Feb-25							Mar-25							Apr-25						
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May-25							Jun-25							Jul-25							Aug-25						
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School Opening & Closing Dates	INSET Days (Children not in school)	
Bank Holidays	School Holidays	