



Values Education

Our theme for Personal, Social, Health and Emotional Education this half term is 'Getting on and Falling Out'. We will be focusing on the value of **Thoughtfulness**. You can support this element of our curriculum at home by noticing and celebrating thoughtful behaviour. This work includes our anti bullying week which begins on Monday. On Friday 18th November children and staff can **come to school dressed in blue** to show their support for our anti bullying campaign.

We do not raise money for Children in Need on the 18th because we do not want to dilute our focus on our anti bullying campaign. We are also very aware that we have just sold poppies and that parents are paying for their child's Christmas cards. We will be holding a Christmas charity collection during our school concerts.

School Partners

Two teachers from Sweden, Lena Colling and Gunilla Åkerstedt, will be visiting us next week. They will be observing lessons, planning project events with us and experiencing some British culture.

2Simple Learning Journeys

As part of Nursery and Reception assessment procedures, the staff compile a 'Learning Journey' (pictures and text that illustrate learning). In response to parent suggestions we continue to use this ICT package in Key Stage 1. The assessment procedures are very different at this stage and do not include a learning journey; however the package is useful to record key curriculum events so that parents still receive some photographs each term.

Speaking and Listening Skills

S & L skills are key to all learning. Where we have concerns, we do a thorough assessment of children's skills and have trained staff who support intervention programmes. There is an excellent website: www.talkingpoint.org.uk that is very useful for parents and for supporting learning at home.

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

Seasonal Events

Please see the calendar overleaf for dates and times.

Reception Concerts

This year each Reception class will hold their own concert in the school hall. All concerts will start at 2:30pm and will last for about 20 minutes. As there will be plenty of space, parents and Grandparents will be able to attend (4 audience members per child maximum).

Key Stage One Concerts

There will be two concerts in St Mary and St Giles Church, both at 10am. As we have 5 classes (rather than 6) this year, Moles class will be split between the concerts. The two Moles' groups are based on their lunch and Forest School groups. The children should know which group they are in; please do check with the class teacher if your child is unsure. The church has plenty of seating so we do not allocate tickets (4 audience members per child maximum).

Party Days

Nursery will have a 'Cha-Cha Chimps' session on their party day. Details of the party organisation were included in the Nursery Newsletter.

Essence Christmas Lunch is available on Reception and Year 1 party day. Please ensure that you have ordered a lunch if your child would like one.

Year 1 and 2 Disco

Party Day ends with an after school disco between 3pm and 4pm. Booking and payment is via Parentmail. The three termly discos come as a package for £9. Booking a single disco will cost 3.50 to cover the Parentmail administration charge. The money raised by teachers at discos is used to enhance the curriculum by funding performance groups and supporting a school summer visit.

Christmas Fete

The Parents' Association will be running a Christmas Fete for all the children of the school, and their families, after school on Friday 9th December. Please put the date in your diaries for some festive fun. If you are able to volunteer to help with any of the PA activities, please sign up on the sheets outside classrooms from next week.



Russell Street School

Dates for your diaries

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

- 14-11-16 Anti-bullying Week
Swedish teachers visiting
- 18-11-16 **Wear Blue** for Anti-bullying Day
- 24-11-16 Open Day 9:30-11:30am, 1:30-2:30pm
- 28-11-16 Last week of curricular clubs
- 9-12-16 PA Christmas Bazaar 3pm – 4pm
- 12-12-16 2:30pm Squirrels Concert in the school hall
- 13-12-16 10am Newts, Hedgehogs, Moles Group 2 Concert in St Mary and St Giles Church
2:30pm Foxes Concert in the school hall
- 14-12-16 10am Owls, Badgers, Moles Group 1 Concert in St Mary and St Giles Church
2:30pm Otters Concert in the school hall
Nursery Christmas Party
- 15-12-16 Key Stage 1 and Reception Christmas Parties
Christmas Lunch
Key Stage 1 Disco 3pm – 4pm
- 16-12-16 Last day of term
- 4-1-17 Back to school

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