



School Values

Our value this half term is **Friendship**, linked to the theme of 'Relationships'. You can support this work at home by noticing when your child is a good friend.

Discos

Thank you for supporting our discos. We raised £700 which will be used to support curriculum enhancements; such as, visits from the chicks, Zoolab and Kakatsitsi drummers.

Healthy Schools' Week

We are all thinking about our health and fitness this week. We will finish this theme in grand style on Friday, with our Active Day. As well as Mr Cooksley's expertise, we have a fitness trainer with us all day. **Children can wear PE kits for the day.**

We often combine our Active Day with Sports Afternoon; this is on hold this year due to the refurbishment of the Junior School field. We will notify you if and when an afternoon can be arranged.

Class Photographs

Next Wednesday 22nd May, class group photographs will be taken. Children will need to wear school uniform as usual. All children are included in the photograph unless parents specifically ask for their child to be excluded.

Staffing

Welcome to Ms Jones who has joined the Reception support staff team in the mornings. Congratulations to Mr Thompson who will fill the deputy head role on Mondays and Tuesdays when Mrs van Rooyen is not in school.

For Premier Education **summer holiday clubs**, book at: <https://family.premier-education.com/courses/venue/russell-street-school/id/4456>

BizKids holiday club can be booked at: <https://stonybizkids.com/>

Summer Assessments

This term the teachers will be making end of year assessments of each child's achievements. Year 1 will have a phonics assessment which is done 1:1 with their teacher and the Year 2s will have some 'special booklets' to fill in. These are done as part of the children's normal day and are usually very popular! Otherwise all assessments are 'teacher assessments' and are the result of ongoing observations and marking. We do not put the children through any formal 'test' situations! End of year reports will inform you of assessment outcomes.

Induction and Transition

In July we will have a week of class swaps and visits (see calendar overleaf). It is at this time that we will notify parents of their child's new class. All parents are invited to our Induction and Transition Evenings to see their child's new classroom and to meet their new teacher. All parents will also be invited to school during the teaching day for a 1:1 appointment.

Forest School Support

We are in need of regular Forest School volunteers. Unfortunately, sessions off site often have to be cancelled due to insufficient adult to child ratios. If you know of anyone who may be interested in helping then do let us know. This opportunity suits retirees as well as parent helpers. We do DBS check Forest School volunteers.

Lesson Study

Last week, all of the teachers and I observed lessons across the school. We were really impressed by the children's outstanding behaviour and by their resilient and positive attitude to learning. They did you proud!

*Every day, I see parents who take the time to park in local car parks and walk to school. **Thank you** to those parents, who prioritise the children's safety and who show respect to our neighbours.*



Russell Street School

Dates for your diaries

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

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| 13-5-19 | Healthy Schools Week |
| 16-5-19 | Infant Brass Concert (for Y2 brass players and parents) Governor Resources Committee |
| 17-5-19 | Active Day |
| 22-5-29 | Class Photographs |
| 24-5-19 | <u>End of Half Term</u> |
| 28 to 30-5 | Premier Education Activity Clubs |
| 3-6-19 | <u>Back to school</u> KS1 Kakatsitsi Drumming Workshops |
| 4-6-19 | Reception visit to Woodside Farm |
| 12-6-19 | Y2 attend Infant Music Festival |
| 13-6-19 | Full Governing Body Meeting |
| 14-6-18 | Y2 visit Safety Centre |
| 17-6-19 | Summer in the Park Week |
| 24-6-19 | Nursery and Reception Induction Evening Induction Week |
| 1-7-19 | KS1 Transition Evening Transition Week |
| 8-7-19 | Last week of clubs |
| 13-7-19 | School Fete |
| 15-7-19 | Reception, Y1 and Y2 visit to Waddesdon Manor |
| 16-7-19 | YR singing for parents 2:30pm |
| 17-7-19 | Nursery singing for parents 2:30pm Reception Summer Disco 3-4pm |
| 18-7-19 | Y2 Leavers' Assembly 2:15pm KS1 Summer Disco |
| 19-7-19 | Y1 Assembly for parents 2:30pm <u>End of Term</u> |

Tuesday 3-9-19

Back to school