



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 environment.

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.

Play Equipment

The new play equipment, on the bottom playground, is a great hit with the children. It is designed to build up the children's upper body strength, so they should soon be fit enough to carry their own luggage!

Staffing

After half term, Kim Campbell, Laura Titley and Fairoza Jokhia will all begin to visit school for their post maternity return to work days. We look forward to welcoming them back to school. All three teachers have opted to return to work part time.

Gymnastics Competition

Our Year 2 gymnasts won their recent competition at the Kingston Gymnastics Centre. Mr Cooksley was very proud of his team, both for their outstanding performance and also for their exemplary behaviour. Congratulations go to: Alyssia, Anais, Isla, Maddie, Rose and Sophie.

Half Term Holiday Clubs

Premier Education will be running 4 days of holiday clubs at Russell Street over half term.

Book at: <https://family.premier-education.com/courses/venue/russell-street-school/id/4456>

Winter in the Park Week was a great success thanks to the art project which was organised and supported by the Radcliffe School. Mrs Granger, Mr Antwi and their Sixth Form students did a great job teaching our children printing skills. Do take a look at the stunning display outside the staff room to see examples of the art work created over the week.

World Book Day

Our school 'World Book Day' will be on Friday 1st March. This will be our launch day for the Russell Street 'Relax and Read' sponsored week which is being arranged by the Russell Street School Parents' Association. Our theme for this year is 'Bedtime Stories'. We would like children to come into school on Friday 1st March in appropriate nightwear, with their (named) favourite bedtime story book. The children will be going outside during the school day so they do need to be warm.

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 1st March at 3pm, in the school hall. This event will end our World Book Day celebrations.

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 visit.

Parking

Please note that there is no parking outside school – as denoted by the yellow zigzags, down the lane adjacent to school or on Anthony Court (which is a private road). The **safety of our children** and our neighbours' right of access must be respected. There are three car parks within 5 minutes' walk of school!

Give yourself time to park and walk.



Russell Street School

Dates for your diaries

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

- 13-2-19 Parents' Evening for Reception, Y1&2 - 3:30pm to 6pm
- 14-2-19 Parents' Evening for Reception, Y1&2 - 3:30pm to 5:30pm,
6pm to 7:30pm
Governor Committee Meeting 7:30pm
- 15-2-19 Last day of half term
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- 18th to 21-2-19 Premier Education Activity Clubs (sport, arts,
crafts)
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- 25-2-19 Staff INSET Day (Maths Mastery)
- 26-2-19 **TUESDAY** Back to School
Fairtrade Week
- 1-3-19 World Book Day celebrations
Fairtrade Tea Party 3pm to 4pm
- 4-3-19 Relax and Read Sponsored Event Week
- 7-3-19 Governor Committee Meeting
- 11-3-19 Science Week
- 21-3-19 Full Governing Body Meeting
- 25-3-19 Spring in the Park Week
Last week of Curriculum Clubs
- 3-4-19 Reception Disco 3-4pm
- 4-4-19 KS1 Disco 3-4pm
- 5-4-19 End of Term
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- 15 to 18/4/19 Premier Education Activity Clubs
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- 23-4-19 **TUESDAY** Back to School