



Parent Support

Now that children are settled in their new classes we would encourage all parents to visit their child's class for a session. Teachers will be putting a visit timetable up outside their classroom for November visits; do sign up.

We will not have visits in December, as the timetable is disrupted with Christmas events, but will be offering visits again next term.

Thank you to our Parents' Association and to all who contributed to fundraising last year. The children love their new Viking Longboat. KS1 children will be learning about Vikings next term during their 'Explorers' theme. We have had some interesting discussions with our Swedish partner school about our shared history!

Spanish Lessons

Our new member of wrap around staff, Inma Aleman, is joining us for an hour every morning to teach Spanish across the school. Hopefully the children are coming home and showing off their new vocabulary!

Poetry Week

We have all been learning and reciting poetry this week, as well as composing our own poems. The Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children performed verses from The Owl and the Pussy Cat in our assembly on Thursday. They did a fantastic job – perhaps you might get a recital at home!

Christmas Concerts

Our concerts this year will be held at St Mary's and St Giles' Church. The church has a lot more space than our hall; this means there will be more seating for families. This is particularly important for our 3 Reception classes. We are very grateful to Father Ross for offering us this opportunity. The concerts will start at 10am to allow us to get the children over to the church and prepared for their performance.

Please keep our children safe: park in local car parks and walk to school!
Parking restrictions are between 8am and 6pm so include wrap around drop off and pick up!

Harvest

Thank you for your donations for the Milton Keynes Food Bank.

We had a lovely assembly singing our Harvest Song and retelling the story of the Little Red Hen. Children in KS1 have been harvesting the vegetables in our garden to make soup and the apples in our orchard to make crumble.

Our Book Fair raised £220 worth of books for school. Thank you to Ali Ward for organising the fair and for all who supported us by buying books.

Hot School Meals

Please do take advantage of the **free** school meals service. The children enjoy these meals and benefit from a balance of food over the week.

If you are providing a lunch box for your child, help us to fight the risk of future heart disease and diabetes by avoiding overly processed salty, sugary foods like crisps, chocolate bars, sweets, fruit winders etc.

If your child enjoys drinking milk then order it from www.coolmilk.com or phone 0844 854 2913

Wrap Around Care

Our after school club is well attended and popular with the children, who often don't want to go home!

Breakfast Club is so busy that we have had to give notice to SMSG pupils. Just those SMSG pupils who have siblings in Russell Street or have parents on the staff will continue to attend after half term.

Is your child eligible for Pupil Premium?

Please, please continue to apply for Pupil Premium (the old free school meals grant) if you are eligible. This money has a significant impact on our funding. It allows us to offer the eligible children free clubs, including infant strings, and visits. It also ensures that we can maintain Reading Recovery and Numbers Counts provision for those children who need it. This provision impacts on learning for all children; the pitch of teaching is raised across classes as a result of closing the gap in attainment.

Parents' Evening Access:

Reception parents via the side of the school down to the Early Years' building.

KS1 via the playground into the top Year 1 door



Dates for your diaries

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

- 19-10-15 Autumn in the Park Week
- 21-10-15 Parents' Evening 3pm – 6pm
- 22-10-15 Parents' Evening 3pm – 5pm, 6pm – 8pm
Full Governing Body Meeting
- 23-10-15 Last day of half term

- 2-11-15 Training day for staff
Premier Sports' Club (apply online)
- 3-11-15 Children back to school
KS1 Fluenz Programme
- 10-11-15 Curriculum Evening 7pm
- 11-11-15 Lantern Making 3pm-5pm
- 12-11-15 Open Day 9:30 – 11am, 1:30 – 2:30pm
- 16-11-15 Anti-bullying week
- 20-11-15 Wear Blue for Anti Bullying Day
- 25-11-15 Open Day 9:30 – 11am, 1:30 – 2:30pm
- 26-11-15 Y1 Sulgrave Manor visit
- 27-11-15 Y2 Sulgrave Manor visit
- 30-11-15 Last week of clubs
- 11-12-15 Christmas Bazaar 3pm-4pm
- 14-12-15 Year 2 Christmas Concert 10am
- 15-12-15 Year 1 Christmas Concert 10am
- 16-12-15 Year R Christmas Concert 10am
- 17-12-15 Reception and KS1 parties
Essence Christmas Lunch
KS1 Disco 3pm £3
- 18-12-15 Last day of term
- 5-1-16 Children back to school (TUESDAY)