

THE RUSSELL SCHOOL mini newsletter!

Head Teacher's Update:

The sun continues to shine and the children continue to thrive. This week, we have welcomed our newest recruits into Nursery and Reception. They have enjoyed exploring their learning environment, making new friends and lots of them have tried new food at lunch time! Our Year 5 and 6 children resumed their swimming lessons yesterday and our clubs are now up and running. All in all, an engaging and exciting week of learning, with the slight disruption of the water issue of course! Thank you so much for your understanding and support with this.

Over the next few weeks, we are focusing on the value of kindness. As I have already said to many of you, since starting my post here, I have received such kindness from all corners of the community and for that I thank you all. The children have been thinking about this value particularly in terms of learning and playing. From listening to the views of others, to sharing resources, to lining up sensibly and moving around the school calmly, the children have considered how kindness ensures everyone feels safe, happy and respected. In assembly today, Miss James will present certificates to children who teachers feel have particularly embodied this value this week.

Yesterday, we had a visit from Emma Smith. She is our local authority school advisor and has been working with the school for a number of years. It was a really positive visit and I was proud to take her around the school and pop into all classes. She commented on the clear sense of focus, enjoyment and engagement which was evident in all classrooms.

I am thoroughly enjoying being on the gate regularly and getting to know you all. It's great to see such a strong cycling community at The Russell School! With that in mind, can I remind everyone to dismount once you are on the school grounds, thank you.

I hope to produce a newsletter bi-weekly. Today's issue is short and sweet but going forward, there will be content from class teachers and children. With that in mind, if your child has taken part in something outside of school, email a bit of a blurb and a picture to the school office and where possible, I will share through the newsletter so the whole community can celebrate these achievements.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend. It looks like it's our last little burst of summer so let's enjoy it!

I look forward to seeing you all next week.

Ms Brooks



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
22.9.23	PTA coffee morning – 8.50am
26.9.23	Class drop-in 3.30 – 4.30
15.10.23	Music Fundraising concert, St Andrew's Church 4.00pm
17 and 18.10.23	Parents and Carers' evening

Breakfast Club is available from 7.45am - 8.30am. Please book online with ScoPay. Active Club is also available from 3.15pm to 6.00pm. Please contact Active Club directly. Both are such a valuable resource for the school – please use them!