



Thomas Russell Infants' School
'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'
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Dear Parents

Reception

We would like to congratulate our Reception children for all trying so hard during their first full week in school and well done to the Reception staff who find this week of the year particularly tiring!

Early Years Curriculum Evening

A reminder that our Reception parents are invited along to an Early Years' meeting on the evening of Thursday 27th September from 5.30 - 6.30 pm. We hope you can join us.

School and Playground Rules

On Monday, Mrs Kelly reminded the year 1 and 2 children of the rules we expect the children to follow when in school. We are asking the children to produce a poster depicting one or more of the rules as a homework activity this week and will be displaying a selection of the ones returned on the display boards around school. A piece of A4 paper has been sent home in book bags for the children to use for this. We ask that all posters are returned to school by Monday 1st October.

Parent Consultations

Please find information and a return slip in book bags tonight.

Open Day For Prospective Parents

On Wednesday 17th October school will be open from 9.30 - 11.00 am and 1.30 - 3.00 pm for prospective parents and children to take part in a guided tour. Visitors are welcome at any point during the above times. It is worth noting that pupils who attend our school do not have to live in the village. Approximately one third of our pupils travel in from surrounding areas,



travelling from Burton, Hanbury, Walton on Trent and many other places. Please help us to spread the word about our open day, passing on the information to friends, relatives and acquaintances!

Harvest Assembly

On Friday 19th October at 9.30am we will be holding an assembly to celebrate Harvest. We are delighted that The Reverend Andrew Ridley will be joining us for the service. All the children will be performing some lovely harvest songs and a few children will be reading poems they have written themselves. Please come along, but can we ask for a maximum of 2 per family as space is limited. We ask that everyone brings a donation of non perishable foods, such as tins, packets etc. from Monday 15th October. We will be distributing some of the baskets of food to the elderly and needy of Barton. However the school council will be selling most of the produce off straight after the service and all monies will go to the charity we decide to support this year. We will let you know the charity in next week's newsletter and hope you will support us once again.

Morrisons Vouchers

We are once more collecting Morrisons 'Let's Grow' vouchers at school. It has been a fantastic promotion for school, with us benefitting from gardening tools and equipment, seeds and our raised flower beds. Vouchers can be sent into school via your child's book bag or posted directly into the box at the front office. Thank you.

Burton Mail

Every year The Burton Mail take group photographs of Reception children as they start their new school. This year the photographer is coming to Thomas Russell Infants' on the morning of Friday 28th September.

If for any reason you do not want your child to appear in this photograph, please let the teacher know.

As soon as we know when it will be published we will let you know.

Workers of the Week

Our well deserving children for 'Worker of the Week' this week are:

2K - Amber Conyers-Davies for working hard in literacy and numeracy

2M - Lily Kendrick for a super hardworking start to year 2.

1W - Ronnie Horton for working hard when counting in tens.

1S - Henry Duncan for working hard in maths

Keep up the super work children!

PTA

It was fantastic to see so many new, enthusiastic faces at the first PTA meeting of the year last week. We are sure our existing, hard working members appreciate the help and support. The next meeting will be help on Monday 22nd October at 7.30pm. All are welcome!

The first PTA events of the year are to be held very soon. These include a coffee morning for Reception parents. This is an opportunity to meet and chat to other parents and to see the children sing a few songs. Towards the end of half term we are holding a Boden fashion show

and clothing sale followed the next day by a children's Halloween party at the village hall.
Please see the PTA newsletter for more details about all of the events.

Wishing you and your family a lovely weekend
Mrs Burton and Mrs Farmer
Co-Headteachers