



Thomas Russell Infants' School
'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'
Station Road, Barton under Needwood, Burton on Trent, STAFFS,



Tel: 01283 239350



Fax: 01283 716834

Co-Headteachers: Mrs S Burton & Mrs L Farmer



E-mail: office@thomasrussell-infants.staffs.sch.uk Website: www.thomasrussellinfants.co.uk

14th December 2012
Newsletter Number 14

Dear Parents

Christmas countdown

What an exciting week we have had this week! The year 1 and 2 children performed a wonderful version of 'The Grinch' in their Christmas play this week. They sang many Christmas songs to put us in the Christmas spirit and the children and staff have all worked extremely hard .

Today we were all awe struck as Peter Pan flew through the theatre and also a little worn out from all the shouting of "Hiya Shmee!" and "boo!". Thomas Russell Infants' certainly entered into the spirit of things. A big thank you goes to all of our parent helpers and other volunteers who came and helped, many at rather short notice due to illness.

Unfortunately many children and staff have succumbed to one or other of the illnesses doing its rounds over the last couple of weeks. We ask that if a child has the sickness bug they remain at home for 48 hours after the first sickness in order to try and reduce the chance of spreading it round any further. Thank you for your understanding and to those parents who have been doing so.

Mini Enterprise

The class who made the largest profit margin was 1W. Well done to all of the classes and congratulations to 1W with their £67.40 profit.

Lateness

We have noticed that an increasing number of children are arriving late in the morning. Can we remind parents and carers that the school day starts at 9am sharp - not 9.05 or 9.10 - and that arrivals after this time disrupt the classroom routines and affect the children's learning. It also causes administrative problems in recording lunches and accurately completing registers. We will be monitoring persistent latecomers closely in the new year.

PPA



In January, year 1 and 2 will be enjoying tag rugby during PPA time with Progressive Sports. They have asked that children are provided with outside clothing (tracksuits, jumpers etc.) and a pair of trainers for these sessions which take place on a Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. Thank you.

Next Week

We have a slightly quieter week for a few days next week and then the excitement begins again. On Thursday, Mrs Cullen and Mrs Gould will be very busy in the kitchen preparing Christmas dinner. The children will enjoy a festive treat with the addition of crackers and table ware provided by TRISPTA. The fun doesn't stop there as the children will then party on into the afternoon with possibly a visit from a very busy man if he can find time in his busy schedule! That part is a secret though please.

We then finish the term with our family Christmas Sing a Long where the parents and children all join together to sing our Christmas favourites. This will be from 2.30 - 3.00 pm on Friday. The children will then return to their classes to be released in the usual way.

Parent Governor Vacancy

A reminder that the above ballot forms need to be returned no later than Thursday 20th December.

Workers of the Week

Achievement assemblies will resume again after Christmas.

TRISPTA

Remember to join us at the Christmas Fayre tonight. Doors open at 6pm and we would love to see you there.

50/50 club winners:

November - Joanne Woollaston

December - Simon Leyland

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Mrs Burton and Mrs Farmer

Co-Headteachers