



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

Happy New Year

Welcome back to the Spring term of 2013. We truly hope that you and your families had a magical Christmas and that the start to the new year has been a happy, healthy one. (unfortunately, the latter is proving to be a bit difficult to achieve for many people so far this winter.) If the illnesses do persist into the new term can we please ask that parents are considerate towards others and keep children off for 48 hours after sickness and use their judgement with other types of illness. Thank you.

Family Workshops

We hope to welcome many parents next week to join their children in a literacy lesson. This is the perfect opportunity to be that 'fly on the wall' we so often wish to be when our children are talking about their days at school. It will provide you with an insight into the typical structure, delivery, content, activities, resources, etc, etc of a daily literacy lesson. All lessons will start immediately after the morning register (approximately 9.10 am) in the school hall and will run for an hour. A reminder of the dates can be found below:

- 2K - Monday 14th January
- 2M - Tuesday 15th January
- 1W - Wednesday 16th January
- 1S - Thursday 17th January
- RR - Friday 18th January
- RL - Monday 21st January

Workers of the Week

We have had an achievement assembly this week but workers of the week will not resume again until next week.

Admissions



If your child was born between 1 September 2008 and 31 August 2009 they will start school in September 2013 and you need to make sure you have applied to your preferred schools. Children in Year 2 moving from Thomas Russell Infants to their next school will also have to make an application to their chosen school. Both of these deadlines are 15 January 2013. There are several ways which you can apply: online at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/admissions or complete an application form from your chosen school, or alternatively, contact the School Admissions and Transport Service on 01785 278593 to make a telephone application.

Year 1 and Year 2 Football Club

We are very pleased to inform you that our specialist PE coaches from Progressive Sports will be running a football after school club for Year 1 and Year 2 children this half term. Please see the enclosed leaflet for further information and return as soon as possible as places are limited. If your child wishes to participate and gets a place, Progressive Sports have asked that trainers are to be worn and not football boots to these sessions. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Sport into Schools Collection Bags

In your child's book bag tonight there is a collection bag for your unwanted clothes and shoes which school can exchange for new sports equipment. Please see the enclosed flyer for further information. If possible, please fill your bags and return to school on our collection day, Thursday 17th January. Thank you.

TRISPTA

The next PTA meeting is Monday 21st January at 7.30pm in school. All welcome!

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