



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

Year 2 Road Safety Event

Thank you to those people who attended our exhibition on Wednesday morning. The children were very excited to be able to show their projects and hopefully it has also highlighted to Councillors just how strongly the whole community still feel about the safety of our children coming to and from school. Mrs Cooper (one of our health and safety Governors and parent) is still working tirelessly to speed up proceedings with regards to safety measures being introduced.

School Crossing

The school crossing patrol ladies have asked us to remind parents that the children coming to school on bicycles and scooters have to dismount and walk across the roads as it is a legal requirement.

Parent Lunch

Thank you once again to Mrs Cullen and Mr Gould for accommodating our parents for lunch. This week was the turn of 15 parents. We hope you enjoyed your time with the children.

Comic Relief

We had a fantastic response to the cake sale last Friday for Comic Relief and ended the day with an amazing £266.35 to send to the charity. Thank you to everyone for your support.

Governors' Open Day

Each year we hold an open day where we invite all of our Governors to school for the day. The Governing body support and challenge the Headteachers in the decisions made about the running of the school and the education and welfare of our children. As part of their role we



ask that they come to school during a typical working day to monitor a particular area of school life. They will each focus on a specific area from our school improvement plan alongside the Headteachers and senior leaders. This will take place on Monday and we hope to report back their findings very soon.

Progressive Sports

Adam Hollender, who works for Progressive Sports and runs the sports sessions in school twice a week and also the after school club, has been nominated for 'Most Outstanding Leader in East UK'! He is very popular with both staff and children, so we would like to encourage you to vote for him by visiting www.whatson4littleones.co.uk/awards and selecting his category. Your votes will be much appreciated. Thank you.

Change of Venue

Please be aware the Barton Playscheme run by Barton Badgers is relocating to Thomas Russell Infants' School for the Easter Playscheme 2013.

Easter Service

Once again the whole school will be visiting St James' Church on the afternoon of Wednesday 27th March for our school Easter service. This is always a special occasion. The children will begin to walk from school at about 1.40pm. All parents are invited to attend the service and are asked to wait outside the Church until all the children are settled inside. At the end of the service (approximately 2.45pm) the children will be dismissed from the church in the same way we dismiss from school. Any parents unable to attend, or those attending Barton Badgers please do not worry, these children will be walked back to school by school staff and can be collected as normal at 3.15pm or from Badgers later. Help from parents to walk to the church from school at 1.40pm will be gratefully appreciated. Please let class teachers know if you are able to help.

Choir Club

The after school Choir Club is cancelled next Wednesday 27th March due to the children attending the Easter Service held at St.James' church.

Dinner Money

For the parents who pay dinner money for the next half term, the amount is £60.90. This is for Monday 15th April to Friday 24th May inclusive. It also takes into account Monday 6th May which is a Bank Holiday. The cost of a school dinner remains at £2.10 per day for the children who stay dinners on a daily basis and £10.50 for the week. Please make cheques payable to Staffordshire County Council. If you wish to pay via Parent Pay and need further information please ask at the school office.

A Reminder of Dates for Next Term

Tuesday 23rd April - St George's themed lunch and drawing competition

Wednesday 1st May - 2.30pm Y2 Maypole Dancing (all parents welcome)

Friday 3rd May -Parent lunch for one parent of each child in RR - 11.45 am

Friday 10th May - Disco for all children 5 - 6.30 pm (tickets and further information available soon)

Friday 17th May -Parent lunch for one parent of each child in RL - 11.45am

Wednesday 15th May - Parent meeting for new Reception children 7pm.

Monday 3rd June - INSET day (children not in school)

Wednesday 5th June - class photographs

Friday 7th June - TRISPTA sponsored cycle / scooter

Friday 14th June - Reception father's day assembly - 9.20 am (all Reception parents invited - please note that this has been planned instead of the original Reception class assemblies.)

Friday 14th June - Father's day themed lunch (for children only)

Thursday 27th June - Sports day (afternoon) followed by Summer Fayre

Saturday 29th June - Gardening Olympics at Shobnall Fields

Monday 15th July - Year 2 leavers' party - 3.30 - 5pm

Wednesday 17th July - Leavers' assembly - 2pm

TRISPTA Easter Activities

The Easter egg hunt and bonnet parade will take place on Thursday 28th March, with delicious cakes and drinks on sale by the PTA. Please come along at any time from 9-11 am. Each class will take turns doing the hunt - RECEPTION: 9.15am, YEAR 1: 9.35am, YEAR 2: 10am. Please remember to send your child's Easter bonnet with them on the morning. Donations to the cake stall would be gratefully received and need to be delivered to the hall first thing Thursday morning. Many thanks in anticipation.

We would be very grateful of any help serving refreshments on the morning of the Easter celebrations, to ensure that there are enough volunteers to enable all to take part in the Easter egg hunt with their child at the relevant time. If you are able to offer your services for a short stint then please email Aly Church at alysonchurch@rocketmail.com

Workers of the Week

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

2K - Samuel Madill for fantastic story writing

Charlie Barton for using speech marks correctly

2M - Jacob Ashton for super knowledge of the Easter story

1W - Ellis Grice for having a super, hardworking week

Jasmine Simmonite for writing a great new story

1S - George Cunningham for excellent story writing

RR - Samuel Gobran for fabulous reading

RL - Georgia Waite for lovely neat writing

Keep up the super work children!

Please note that there will not be an achievement assembly next week as we are not in school on Friday. This will also be the last newsletter of the term. We would like to wish you a happy Easter in readiness for the children breaking up next Thursday and look forward to seeing the children back at school on Monday 15th April.

kindest regards
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 Co-Headteachers