



# Thomas Russell Infants' School

*'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'*

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Dear Parents

## Dates to remember

15th July - 9.15 am year 2 parents invited to a performing arts show by year 2 children (choir, violinists and recorder players)

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

17th July - Leavers' assembly 2pm

18th July - R and Y1 visit new teachers

19th July - last day of term

4th September - children begin new school year

## End of Year Reports and Parents' Evening

Thank you very much to the parents who have completed and returned their comment slip enclosed with their child's report. The staff are very appreciative of the positive comments received. We hope those parents who required clarification about any aspects were able to attend the parents' consultation on Thursday.

We would just like to clarify the attendance on reports as we have had a few queries; attendance is calculated on half days as we have a morning and afternoon registration, so 341 is the number of possible half days up until Friday 28th June. Unfortunately, we have since realised that the system also seems to have included educational visits as absences on this occasion, but we will ensure that these are deducted when we do the end of year figures.

## Year 1 and 2 Transition Meetings

Thank you to all who attended our meetings. They were very well attended once again so we hope you found them useful. If you were unable to attend we will upload the information on to our website before the end of term.

## Year 2 Visit to Conkers



Our year 2 children spent a thoroughly enjoyable day at Conkers on Wednesday and possibly picked the better day of the week for a school visit. A well deserved, fun day after working so hard for the last 3 years.

### **Keyboard Concert**

A very big well done must go to our year 2 keyboardists who performed to the school and a number of parents on Tuesday. They really did demonstrate how well their keyboard skills have developed in the past year. If you are interested in your current year 1 child learning to play the keyboard in year 2 then please see the school office for more information.

### **Space Poems and Gardening Olympics**

In last Friday's assembly a number of children received a special certificate to say thank you for their wonderful Space poems which were entered into the Gardening Olympics display. Well done and thank you to all of the children who entered a poem. We would also like to rectify an omission last week and add our thanks to Mollie and Joshua Harrington for representing the school at the Gardening Olympics along with Sol Leyland.

### **La Jolie Ronde French Club**

The current course of sessions is coming to an end and classes will re-start in the Autumn term, week commencing 9th September, on Thursday lunchtimes. There are spaces in the current Reception class (soon to be Year 1), however, the current Year 1 class (soon to be Year 2) is full so there is now a waiting list which, dependant on numbers, could lead to an additional session being set up. If you are interested in La Jolie Ronde French Club for your child, please contact Sharon Kingston for more details (e-mail: [sharonkingston@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sharonkingston@hotmail.co.uk) phone/text 07780 635926 or visit [www.lajolieronde.co.uk](http://www.lajolieronde.co.uk)

### **Postage Stamp Competition**

A reminder to all budding artists that Monday is the last day to return the Christmas stamp designs to school. There are 120 money prizes ranging from £100 to £1000 for your child and school, so good luck to everyone that enters.

### **Year 2 Leavers' Celebrations**

A reminder that the year 2 children are invited to a Leavers' party on Monday 15th July which will begin straight after school and finish at 5.00 pm when they must be collected by a parent. Remember they can bring party clothes.

We also have the Leavers' assembly on Wednesday 17th beginning at 2 pm. All of the year 2 children will be involved in their final performance at Thomas Russell Infants and we know from past experience that it can be a little emotional for children, parents and staff, so bring some tissues! We also announce our Drapers prize winners who are 4 children (2 boys and 2 girls) chosen for their commitment and efforts with regards to their school work and their positive attitude to school life in general. Choosing only four children is an extremely difficult decision to make. All of our children are worthy but we do take into account the opinions of all staff from across the school. We look forward to seeing you for this special occasion.

### **Workers of the Week**

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

Keep up the fantastic work children!

2K - Ferris Poyner for his fantastic results and achievements at the end of the year

- Ryley Evans for his kindness and consideration to his peers throughout the year

- Ewan Ryder for his achievements and end of year results

- Greg James for his excellent end of key stage results

2M - Ella Holden for super story writing

- Eadie Fuller for perfect handwriting

1W - Jessica Talboys for creating a fantastic story plan

- Tabitha Heathcote for writing a detailed story

- Callam Trinh for trying hard to write a recount

- Gabriel Lindsay for writing a great recount

1S - Polly Hudson for an excellent recount

- George Griffiths for great number pattern work

RR - Morgan Horler for fabulous 'o'clock and 'half past' work

- Emelia Walker for fabulous symmetrical butterfly colouring

- Edison Garside for super reading

- George Reeves for re-telling the Hungry Caterpillar Story brilliantly

RL - Cameron White for a good try with his number formation

- Jessica Adkins for beautiful cursive writing

- Carla Towlson for working hard with her ring words

## **Governors**

In book bags next week you will find an Annual Report to Parents from the Governing body detailing the work that has been carried out in school over the last year and the focus of our time and efforts for the forthcoming year.

## **TRISPTA**

A reminder that the annual general meeting is to be held in school on Monday and is to begin at 7.30pm.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Burton and Mrs Farmer

Co-Headteachers