



# Thomas Russell Infants' School

*'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'*

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Dear Parents

## End of term

Well another school year has now come and gone. Our children have grown and developed academically and socially over the last year and we are proud of each and every one. We have had many highlights throughout the year including numerous events and visits and even managed to hold a Sports Day this year, though our competitors and audience were a little soggy by the end. Well done to the children and staff across the whole school for a fabulous year and for their continued hard work.

## Our Leavers

It is always a very sad time of year when we have to say goodbye to our year 2 children and families. The children 'wowed' us with their talents on Wednesday during the leavers' assembly, demonstrating their enthusiasm and energy. The majority of the audience were able to hold it together until the whole of year 2 sang 'Reach for the Stars'; this was the moment the tissues came out! As the children all held hands it truly showed them as a united group and allowed us to reflect on how super they are. We shall miss them all and the staff would like to wish them the very best for next year in their new schools.

We also have three, year 1 children leaving us this week so would therefore like to wish Harry Cox, Ellis Grice and Tom Cooper all the very best for their new adventures.

## Drapers' Awards

As part of the Leavers' assembly, four year 2 children are chosen annually to receive a Draper's award. Thomas Russell (who funded the original school for £50), was a Draper many years ago and the school continues to have links with the Drapers' Association in London. Each year the association provide the certificates and a pot of money for the school to purchase a prize for the four children. It is always an extremely difficult decision that the staff face; deciding which children should receive the honour of achieving a Draper's award. We genuinely feel that every child in our school is special and has deserving qualities. All staff are involved in the decision making process and we are very proud to announce that the chosen children for



2013 were:

Lexie Olbison (2M)

Ben Rawlins (2M)

Ellie-Mae Young (2K)

Samuel Madill (2K)

Congratulations and extremely well done to these children.

### **Reception and Year 1 Holiday Diaries**

In book bags tonight, we have enclosed a holiday diary to be completed over the Summer for Reception and Year 1 children. It would be fantastic if you could encourage the children to work on these (so that they don't forget everything they have learnt over the next six weeks). Your child's new class teacher will look forward to looking at these in the September. There will also be a few prizes available in September for ones chosen for exceptional effort.

### **Governors' Report to Parents**

Please find in book bags tonight a report which details the work of our Governors and staff over the last year. We would like to thank our Governors for the commitment they show to our school and the support they offer.

### **A Polite Request**

Please can you check at home for any stray school books (reading or library books). We have a lot of books missing and would really appreciate these being returned. We don't mind how many you have but would love to see them back in school in September please. If any Year 2 find any once they are at the Junior School please could you drop them in to the office or pass them on to someone who has a sibling at the Infants! Thank you.

### **TRISPTA**

Can we extend a huge thank you to the PTA for their continued support and fundraising effort's this year. In particular we would like to thank Aly Church (Chairperson), Fiona Baverster (Treasurer) and Olympia Williams (Secretary) who are all stepping down. As key members of the committee they have all volunteered many, many hours over the last few years which is greatly appreciated. We welcome our new committee members Sam Cowgill (Chairperson), Karen Leyland (Vice Chair), Jayne Castle (Treasurer) and Claire Thompson (Secretary) and thank them in anticipation of their forthcoming support. Please find the PTA newsletter in book bags this week detailing further information .

### **Workers of the Week**

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

2K - Sam Hadley for his excellent 'End of Key Stage' results

- Sarah Silverwood for her wonderful results and achievements at the end of the year

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

- Charlie Draycott for his fantastic phonics result

2M - Dawn Broomhall for being kind and helpful to others all year

1S - Ryan Kabrich for an excellent vehicle design in DT

- Oliver Duesbury for working very hard on his cursive writing

RR - Emily Wright for fabulous 'Red Riding Hood' writing recount  
RL - Sulaimaan Khan for trying so hard with his work  
- George Kugelmann for working so hard all the time  
- Isabella Reynolds for being such a quiet, sensible worker all year long  
- Lois Ashton for being such a quiet and sensible worker in class  
Keep up the super work children!

### **Attendance**

Congratulations and well done to the whole school for achieving a fantastic 96.3% attendance rate for this school year. This is a super result of which you should all be proud. We would like to congratulate a number of children who have managed to attend every day since last September. This is a fantastic achievement so an extra special well done goes to:

RL Thomas Keasley  
1W Harry Johnson  
Grace Martlew  
1S George Griffiths  
Polly Hudson  
2M Sol Leyland

### **Parent View**

We would like to urge you to please consider completing the Parent View questionnaire on the OFSTED website over the holidays. This provides invaluable parent feedback to inspectors prior to a visit to our school. We have already had a few parents complete it but not enough yet for the information to be shown. We thank you in anticipation.

### **Data Dashboard**

If you would like to see a quick overview of how our end of Key Stage attainment compares with other schools nationally then please see the above document on our school website. Please note that this will not be updated with this year's results until all of the national data has been collated next term.

### **And finally.....**

That brings us to the end our final newsletter for the year 2012 / 2013. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support for the school and the many positive comments we have received in this last week and throughout the year. We would like to wish all the families who are reading our weekly newsletter for the last ever time, all the best for the future and the very best of luck to our, soon to be, year 3 children - wherever that may be!

Happy holidays everybody and we will see all our returning children in their new year groups on Wednesday 4th September.

Kind regards  
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Co-Headteachers