



# Thomas Russell Infants' School

Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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## Newsletter No.7

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

### Parents Consultations

Thank you to those who attended appointments this week to see your child's class teacher, we hope you found it useful, if you didn't attend this week your appointment will be Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Two of our governors were available on Tuesday to talk with parents about 'how you feel about the homework we give'; thank you for all the responses. A governor will be available at next week's parent's consultations to ask the same questions. Our governors value the opportunity to speak with parents and get a real viewpoint on issues within school.

### Harvest Festival

Well done to all our children who sang and spoke so well at the Harvest assembly today. Thank you to everyone who came to support the children and donated or bought food. The School Council enjoyed selling the produce after the assembly and managed to raise a fantastic £128.93 which will be sent to the orphanage in Kenya where we have links. Mrs Lawrie and a few of our Year 2 children also visited some elderly residents of the village with food parcels which were gratefully received. Thank you to everyone who supported this good cause.

### Open Day

Please remind everyone you know with a child starting school in September 2014 that we have an open day on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Tours start at 9.30am, 10am, 1.30pm and 2pm. Thank you.

### Samaritan's Purse

We are once again pleased to be able to tell you we are taking part in the 'Shoebox Appeal'. We thought this would be a fantastic activity for all children to be involved with during the half term break. Leaflets are in the children's book bags explaining the activity and we are hoping you can take part in this international appeal.

Please can be all filled shoe boxes be returned to school by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2013

### NSPCC Number Day

An early date for your diaries. On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December we are taking part in National Number day, which is organised by the NSPCC, aimed at raising awareness of what the NSPCC

does as well



as having lots of fun with numbers!

Can all children come to school with a number on them, this could be as simple as a number on a football or rugby top or a homemade outfit all about numbers. We ask that donations of £2 per child are sent in and all money will go to the NSPCC. During the day we will be having number hunts around school, quizzes and number games. There will be some fun activities for parents too, more details to follow.

### **La Jolie French Club**

There is a free taster session for Reception children and parents on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 3.15pm.

If you wish your child to attend this session but have not yet responded to the letter, please contact Sharon Kingston to book a place on: [sharonkingston@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sharonkingston@hotmail.co.uk) or 07780635926.

### **PTA**

Last orders are requested to be in the PTA post box by Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October for C D Bell plant orders.

### **Children in Need Day**

The school council have met to discuss fund raising for Children in Need on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. We have decided to ask the children come to school in their pyjamas and bring a favourite teddy! The school council are busy making a Pudsey shaped collection box and will be taking donations after half term so you can bring your money in any time after the 4<sup>th</sup> November. We thank you in advance for your support.

### **Barton Bonfire**

The 21<sup>st</sup> Barton Scout Group are organising a Bonfire and Fire Evening on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November behind Main Street, Barton under Needwood. Gates will open at 6.00pm, the fire is lit at 6.30pm and the firework display is to start at 7.15pm. This year as well as the usual stalls and entertainment, there is to be an appearance by Dick and Dom. The cost of entry is adults £6.50, Children £3.50 and a family ticket £18 (2 adults and 2 children).

Tickets available online at: [www.bartonscouts.org.uk](http://www.bartonscouts.org.uk) or from Barton Post Office.

### **PANTO Visit**

On December 13<sup>th</sup> we are so very lucky to be able to take the whole school to Lichfield Garrick Theatre by coach to see the pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty'. It is always a very special, fun occasion which the children love and talk about for months afterwards. We take 5 adults per class which includes all our teachers, teaching assistants and lunch time supervisors. We know many parents are already keen to come along and help out but in reality we only need a couple of additional helpers. We have already asked some parent volunteers who have a CRB check and currently help out in school to join us so we will not be needing anymore adults, thank you.

If your child has not been to a theatre before or may be worried about a Pantomime please talk to them about how much fun the show will be. We will be reading the story of Sleeping Beauty to the children beforehand and getting excited together.

### **Workers of theWeek**

Our well deserving workers of the week this week are:



2K - Katie Brant for her positive attitude and 100% effort  
2M - Lewis Boulter for working hard at addition  
1S - Trae Hurst for great sounding out in phonics  
1W - Jacob Rawlins for independently writing a super sentence  
RR - Leandro Da Rosa for fabulous 'size' language and ordering  
RL - Ebony Morrison for beautiful cursive writing  
Well done everyone and thank you for working so hard.

On the school website you will find the results of the reading survey parents have recently completed. Thank you to the huge number of replies we had. We have outlined on the report all the reading plans we have for the coming year and look forward to your support.

This week's recommended book from children and parents is:

The Far Away Tree by Enid Blyton

**School Closes for half term Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October and we return Monday November 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Farmer and Mrs Burton

