



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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Dear parents, carers and guardians

We can hardly believe December is nearly upon us, where has the term gone? If your child is busy writing Christmas cards for their friends they can bring them into school from Monday 9th December and post them in the schools Christmas box, ready to be delivered by year 2 children each day. This will be situated in the library and we encourage the children to use this rather than deliver them individually. Please ensure envelopes have class names and surnames where needed. Next week we will be putting the Christmas tree up and each class will spend some time decorating it.

Mini Enterprise

On Friday 6th December all parents are invited into school at 9.15am to celebrate the goodies each class have been making. Each class decide what to make to ensure as much profit as possible. The children have been very creative so please come along with your purses and purchase your child's creations, many thanks. If you cannot attend but still wish to purchase your child's items then they can bring some money to school in a purse or wallet.

This is also a non uniform day in exchange for a donation of a bottle for the Christmas Fayre.

2M Lunch

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came into school to enjoy lunch with their child/grandchild, we hope you enjoyed it.

Number day

Just a reminder that on Tuesday 3rd December the NSPCC Number Day will take place and children can come dressed in any type of number costume, or something with numbers on. They don't need to wear school uniform. We politely ask for donations which will be sent directly to the NSPCC.

Whole School Pantomime Visit

The whole school will visit Lichfield Garrick Theatre to see 'Snow White' on Thursday 12th December. The PTA has very kindly offered to subsidise the trip, paying the cost of the



coaches and £3.00 per child towards the ticket costs. We will be leaving school just after 9.00am and returning for lunch. Can we ask that all children arrive a little earlier to school that day. Gates will be open from 8.35am and we need all children to be at school for 8.55am. If you have older children at the junior school we have made them aware that there may be a few slightly later arrivals on this day. Please can all children bring in a packed lunch on this day, as our exact return time to school is uncertain. Children who receive free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch by school if you require one. Can you let the office know as soon as possible if this is the case, as the cook has to pre order the packed lunch. Your child will not need any money on the day, as the school will provide a drink and a snack for the interval.

Health and Safety Check

Our school kitchen had an unexpected visit from the Environmental Health Officer this week for their regular Health and Hygiene check and we are very pleased to announce they once again achieved the top mark of five stars. Well done to Mrs Cullen and Mrs Gould for maintaining this high standard.

Spare Uniform Request

We are extremely short of spare socks, pants, shorts and skirts for both girls and boys in reception class. If you do have any spare items, school would be very grateful. They can be handed in directly to reception class or the school office. Thank you.

Poppy Appeal 2013 - information about risk posed by poppy ring

The Poppy Appeal have received a single report of a choking incident involving the silicone ring, 180 of which were within each pack; the product presents a low risk of choking, a warning was provided with the box, however we advise the following action:

ACTION

- Please destroy any rings in your possession.

OR

- Return to the Poppy Appeal should you require a replacement product.

The RBL Poppy Appeal (School Pack Trial)

RBL Village

Aylesford

Kent

ME20 7NX

PTA

Firstly a huge thank you to everyone who came to the Quiz on Friday. A great time was had by all and it looks like we have managed to raise over £500 - final figure to be confirmed next week. This is an amazing total and is down to the hard work of everyone involved and everyone who took part. Special thanks to our fabulous Quiz Masters, Simon and Sarah Pick, who did a



great job with a wide variety of questions and fun rounds. Also a huge thank you to Rachel and Phil Chambers and Sally-Anne Groves who managed the bar on the night and made sure everyone was suitably refreshed! We hope to do another quiz next year so watch this space....!

Raffle Tickets - everyone will now have received raffle tickets so please encourage friends and family to buy as many as possible. We have some amazing prizes this year and all the money raised goes directly to resources for your children. We have additional books available so please speak to Claire Thompson (Emily 2M) if you need any more tickets. We would also like to sell tickets in the village, outside the Post Office on the morning of Saturday 7th December so will need some volunteers if you could spare a bit of time? Please let Sam Cowgill know if you are able to help.

Christmas Fayre - we will need lots of help this year to make sure this event is a success. We will shortly be sending out a note to ask for volunteers so please let us know if you could spare any time on a stall or baking some cakes. We will be having a non-uniform day on **Friday 6th December** and would ask for you to bring in a bottle or a box of chocolates for our ever popular tombola!! Donations will be collected on the gate and are very much appreciated. We will also have a Children's Tombola and toy stall so would welcome donations of new/good quality toys, books and games - more details to follow.

Bag2School

Please remember to bring your Bag2School bags to the Junior School before 9.00am on Wednesday 4th December. For those parents who don't have children at the Junior School, you can drop bags at the Infants' School before 8.30am on the same day or on the evening before and we will transport. Many thanks in advance

Children's Christmas Cards

All orders have arrived and will be in book bags tonight. If you have ordered a mug, please collect from the school foyer after school if possible.

Workers of the Week

RR - Oliver Hill for fabulous 'weighing' language

RL - Abigail Patrick for learning so many ringwords

1W - Johnny Thompson for fantastic doubling of numbers

1S - Poppy Mercer for an excellent non-fiction book about bats

2K - Rehan Rashid for his fantastic effort with his reading

2M - Child absent

Well done to all our workers of the week!

Wishing you a good weekend.

Kind Regards

Mrs Farmer and Mrs Burton

