



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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Dear Parents

Welcome to 2014 at Thomas Russell Infants' School. We hope you all had a fabulous Christmas and enjoyed spending some extra time with your children. Hopefully they haven't found it too much of a wrench coming back to school this week. It certainly hasn't seemed that way from the smiles and 'Happy New Year' wishes from them on the gate this week.

Our term begins as busy as any other time of year. This week the children were excited to meet Dan Berry and his martial arts team who gave an enthralling assembly on Thursday. This was followed by some very energetic workshops where the children did lots of physical activity and had a taster of the sessions he has on offer.

The Reception children enjoyed their exploration of the Sea Life Centre today with a visit to Birmingham. They were buzzing with information and enthusiasm on their return; full of ideas they wish to explore in their 'Secrets of The Sea' topic this half term.

Family Workshops

A reminder that parents are invited to workshops over the next couple of weeks. This is the perfect opportunity to be that 'fly on the wall' we so often wish to be when our children are talking about their days at school and the chance to work with your child on various activities. All lessons will start immediately after the morning register (approximately 9.10 am) in the school hall and will run for an hour. A reminder of the dates can be found below:

2M - Tuesday 14th January

1W - Wednesday 15th January

1S - Thursday 16th January

RR - Friday 17th January

RL - Monday 20th January

2K - Tuesday 21st January

2K Parent Lunch

One relative of each 2K child is invited to join 2K for lunch in the school dinner hall on Wednesday 22nd January. Please see the separate letter for further details.



Book Fair

Advance warning that the school will be hosting a book fair each afternoon after school at 3.00 to 3.30pm from Thursday 30th January through to Wednesday 5th February.

Home/School Learning Books

Please find the separate letter in book bags tonight which explains the revised use of these.

Workers of the Week

We have had an achievement assembly this week but workers of the week will not resume again until next week.

TRISPTA

The next PTA meeting will be Monday 27th January at 7.30pm at school. Everyone is welcome so please come along, especially if you have some new fundraising ideas for the New Year.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Mrs Burton and Mrs Farmer
Co-Headteachers

