



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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Dear Parents

Family Workshops

Staff put parents and children through their paces this week during the first four of our parent workshops. A variety of challenging, maths, problem solving activities were on offer with many children also using the new I pads, which was very exciting. We tried hard to showcase some of the different examples of the types of activities we use, to encourage the children to use and apply their mathematical skills. In a typical lesson or unit of lessons, the children's thinking is challenged in this way, once a basic mathematical skill has been mastered. Thank you for the positive feedback received, with many parents saying that they were surprised to see the level of challenge involved and the degree of fun the children have while learning.

A reminder that our workshops continue into next week with:

RL - Monday 20th January

2K - Tuesday 21st January

Lessons will start immediately after the morning register (approximately 9.10 am) in the school hall and will run for an hour.

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 make sure you have ordered your lunch via the slip which was sent home or speak to the school office.

Targets

You will have received your child's target sheet in book bags this week. These are overarching targets which they will be working towards in their class work. These are matched to the needs of your child and their progress towards these will be discussed regularly with your child, through conversations and marking and feedback of work. We have shared this information with you so that a) you have a clear understanding of the next steps for your child and b) in the hope that home learning can help to support these targets.



Headlice

Can we please ask parents to regularly check for headlice as we have had recent cases reported, particularly in year 1. Unless all parents are proactive in checking, treating and using a nit comb regularly, it is very difficult to break the cycle. Thank you.

Workers of the Week

Our chosen children for Worker of the Week this week are:

2K - Elyssia Fern for super multiplication work

Emily Hall for super multiplication work

2M - Lottie Ward for fantastic multiplication

1W - To be announced next week

1S - Molly Elsigood for excellent portrait work in art.

RR - Two children next week

RL - Harrison Lindsay for super 'news' writing

Well done to all of our children for their continued hard work and particularly to the children named above.

Lunchtime Menu

Week beginning Monday 20th January will be week 3 on the school menu. We would also like to point out the roast dinner is now served on a Wednesday.

TRISPTA

The next PTA meeting will be Monday 27th January at 7.30pm at school.

Co-op Vouchers

The Co-operative supermarket have donated a number of £5 vouchers to be used against a £20 or more food shop in any Midlands Co-operative Food Store. If you would like to receive one of these vouchers please call in to the school office. We are afraid it must be on a first come, first served basis as vouchers are limited. Thank you.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Mrs Burton and Mrs Farmer
Co-Headteachers

