



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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Dear parents, carers and guardians

Thank you to all parents and grandparents who attended RL and 2K family workshops this week. While fun was had, many questions about the teaching of maths arose. The general feedback from the workshops was overwhelmingly positive; thank you for all your kind and thoughtful comments. However, many parents asked for more information about the way in which we teach maths in school. We are currently discussing further ways to do this but in the meantime please can I urge you to look at the school website under 'curriculum' where you will find a leaflet about maths and more about literacy.

Parents' lunch

A busy week for 2K! Thank you to the relatives who came along and enjoyed a lunch with their child this week and for your positive comments on the lunch experience.

School information

School staff work hard to ensure parents are given full information about school, events and their child. Aside from the weekly e-mailed newsletters, where information for all year groups is shared, we often send texts to remind parents of important events and additional letters from school and the PTA go home regularly. While we appreciate everyone is very busy, we do ask you make it your responsibility to read the information sent out, and make note of the details of events coming up, and things you may need to send in for your child. If you prefer a paper copy of the newsletter, these are available from the office on Friday afternoons and in to the following week. We are receiving many emails and phone calls from parents asking questions which can be answered by referring to the newsletter and website. Please can we ask you to check texts, letters and the website before contacting school with non-urgent queries. Thank you.

Year 2

Well done to all Year 2 children who are taking responsibility in the morning and walking round to class on their own. After being left at the gate or playground, Year 2 children are very capable of taking their coats off and emptying their bags. As you know, this is something we



encourage to support the transition to the juniors in September and already we are able to tell Mrs Sharpe how mature and organised the Year 2 children are. Please can we ask that, from now on, Year 2 parents leave their child well before the ramp (again, thanks if this already happens) and let them get themselves ready for the school day. Of course, if there is an urgent message for a class teacher we welcome you to share this. Many thanks for your support.

Book Fair

Can we remind you that the school will be hosting a book fair each afternoon after school from 3.00 to 3.30pm from Thursday 30th January through to Wednesday 5th February. There will be plenty of good value and exciting books to view and buy on these afternoons. Further information and a selection of these books can be found on the leaflet in your child's book bag tonight. The school receives commission on any books purchased which we put towards new books for the library.

National Forest Teaching School (NFTS)

John Taylor High School in alliance with approximately 10 other schools - Thomas Russell Infants being one of them - make up the NFTS. To learn more about the alliance and to read about how you can train as a teacher in either secondary or primary, visit their website at www.nationalforestteachingschool.co.uk

PTA News

Just a reminder that the next meeting is on Monday 27th January at school at 7.30pm. All are welcome; please come along, especially if you have some new fundraising ideas!

Last remaining calendars are available for sale from the school office for £5 each.

The Friends of Thomas Russell Junior School (Junior PTA) invite you to their Fish n Chip Quiz Night on Friday 7th February at 7.30pm at the Junior school. Cost is £10 per team of 4, and food can be ordered when entering your team. Forms are available from the Junior school office. Places are limited so get your entries in quick!

Workers of the Week

Workers of the Week this week are:

2M - Jack Church for fantastic story writing about the Iron Giant

2K - To be announced next week

1W - Thomas Keasley for fabulous writing using the laptop

1S - Hannah Moore for a wonderful sensory poem

RR - Harley Butler for knowing the days of the week

 Thea Heaps for a super Sea Life recount

RL - Ellisia Reeves for some amazing 'fish' labelling



Well done to all our WOW children this week and to those receiving certificates.

Lunchtime Menu

Week beginning Monday 27th January will be week 1 on the school menu.

Co-op Vouchers

We still have a number of Co-operative vouchers in the school office if you would like to collect one. These are £5 vouchers to be used against a £20 or more food shop in any Midlands Co-operative Food Store.

Wishing you a pleasant weekend.

Kind regards,
Mrs Farmer and Mrs Burton

