



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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Newsletter 23

Dear Parents and guardians

WOW! What an amazing turn out we had for World Book Day yesterday. The children looked wonderful, dressed as a favourite book character. We all had lots of fun and enjoyed some stories during the day. Thank you parents for your support with this annual event. Your child has brought home a book voucher today, enjoy spending and reading!

Pancake Races

Well done to all of the children (and in some instances, the adults) for running their fastest with frying pans in hands. Thank you to all of the supporters who attended. Unfortunately we did not find out about the difficulties with the road closure until earlier this week. Please note that the school does not organise this event even though we take part.

Bedtime Story Session

Last week's reception session was a huge success with parents, grandparents and children enjoying books together, we look forward to tonight's Year 1 session. We aren't quite sure it had the usual, desired affect of quietening the children down ready for bedtime though.

Multi Skills Sessions

Please remember that next week year 1 are travelling to Meadowside on Monday morning and Year 2 on Wednesday morning for their multi skills session. They will be working alongside lots of other schools so please remember that coats need to be labelled. Please can they also take a water bottle.

Movement Bags

One child from each class will bring home the class Movement bag each Friday. The bag contains some simple physical activity resources and ideas for you to share with your child. We also ask that they add an entry into the enclosed diary. Can we ask that the bags are always returned to school by Wednesday the following week.

1S Parents Lunch

This will go ahead at 12 noon on Wednesday 12th March. Please arrive at 11.55am to meet the children. Please do make sure you have pre-booked your meal.



Parent Teacher Meetings

Your child will have brought home tonight, a letter about parent teacher meetings planned for April. It is very important teachers meet with all parents and guardians. Please be aware we will personally contact any parents who do not arrange an appointment. Thank you for your support with this.

Sport Relief - Friday 21st March

If the children would like to make a donation to this then they are invited to come dressed as their favourite sport's character or come dressed in red.

Easter Bonnet Parade

On Wednesday 9th April the annual Easter egg hunt led by the PTA will take place. Cakes and drinks will be available in the hall from 9am. This is followed by the hunt. As we have a lot of children we are splitting the time as follows. Reception 9.15am Year 1 9.45am year 2 10.15am. Parents are welcome to come along and enjoy the hunt with their child.

At approximately 10.30am the Easter bonnet parade will begin, hopefully on the playground in the sun (or the hall if it rains). Prizes will be given to those which show a creative flair and have been created by the children themselves. There will be a toddler show of hats too so 'Get making!' Please do not bring the bonnets in until the morning, many thanks.

Easter Assembly

On Tuesday 8th April the children will lead an Easter assembly in St James' Church starting at 2pm. It will last about 40 minutes. All children will be taking part and we invite all families to come along and join in. We walk the children to church for 1.50pm and get them settled in before we open the doors for other family members. Each class will need help walking the children to church. If you would like to help please contact your child's teacher personally. We are sorry but once we have the specified number of adults we will not be able to take any more volunteers. We thank you in advance for your support with this event.

Display of Local Village Plans

For those of you who live in Barton you will be aware of the plans to change the road, pavements and surrounding areas within the centre of the village. There have already been several information sessions for residents. We have been asked to host a drop in display session on Wednesday 19th March between 3.00 and 3.30pm. If you haven't seen the plans, a display will be in the school hall on this date so please come along and have a look.

PTA News

We have lots of fun events planned for this term but in order for them to go ahead we must have some volunteers to help out. The first event is the **Cinema Night on Friday 4th April at 3.30pm** and we need at least 12 people to volunteer or the event won't be able to happen. Please could you let us know if you are able to help out as soon as possible so we can start planning. We just need willing volunteers to sit back, relax and enjoy a film with the children. Many thanks.

Calling all cake bakers!!..... At the **Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bonnet Parade on the morning of Wednesday 9th April**, the PTA will be doing refreshments and in the past we have always had a fabulous selection of cakes donated. Please could we ask you to bring cakes on that morning and also if you are able to stay and help sell tea and coffee, that would be great.



It is nice to have a range of helpers from all the year groups so that parents are able to go with their own children and help with the egg hunt.

More information about the School Disco on 9th May and the Sponsored Event on 22nd May to follow...

Stranger Danger

Please be aware that a person in a white van has reportedly been offering youngsters a lift in the local area

Lunchtime Menu

Week beginning Monday 10th march will be week 3 on the school menu.

Workers of the Week

2K - Ronnie Horton for excellent reasoning when solving problems

2M - Aston Lawrence for all round effort and a good start to the new term

1S - school trip

1W - school trip

RR - two next week

RL - Freddie Yigit for a super try in PE

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Kind regards

Mrs Farmer & Mrs Burton

