



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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Dear Parents and carers

Well done to year 1 and year 2 children

These children represented the school at The Meadowside Multi Skills sessions this week and were a credit to the school. Staff and visitors alike commented on their good behaviour and sportsmanship qualities. Well done children.

RR Parent Lunch

The next parent lunch will be for class RR, to be held on Wednesday 26th March. Letters for these parents will be in book bags tonight. Please note that we cannot accept parents on the day if the lunch has not been pre booked.

Parent teacher meetings

Thank you to everyone who returned their slips requesting an appointment for the meetings. Please ensure all are returned by Monday so teachers can plan times and return back to you. Teachers do try and accommodate everyone's requests but please note it is physically impossible to do this in every instance. If you have a problem with the time we provide you with, please speak to the class teacher. Children are to attend school as normal. Thank you for your understanding.

Fire Fire Fire!!!

The children had a treat on Thursday when Fire Officer Phil Mulligan and two of his support team came into school and gave each year group an interactive fire safety talk. Water was everywhere as year 2 had an exciting time aiming the hosepipe at a target in the playground and then explored the fire engine cab to learn about the instruments. Reception and Year 1 learnt how to stay safe at home and know what to do if they hear the smoke alarm. Please do talk about this with your children. Thank you to the fire service for providing this interesting afternoon for our children.

The fire officers would like us to remind parents that you can get free smoke alarms fitted in your homes and also a free Home Fire Risk Check. Please telephone 08000 241 999 to book your appointment.



Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service have a website packed with fun for children ages 4 to 8. Please go to the website below and click on the Welephant Club. Welephant and his friends have lots of activities for children to do; like a game where you can drive a fire engine to an emergency, a quiz where you have to spot the fire dangers in the home, a visit to the Fireman Sam website and colouring in. If you're aged 4-8 and not already a member of the Welephant Club, look at <http://www.staffordshirefire.gov.uk/welephantclub.asp> to find out how to join and receive a special welcome pack.

Sports Relief - Friday 21st March

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

Early Years

Over the next few months, one of our aims is to develop the Early Years outdoor space further, by hopefully installing some permanent features and by adding to the resources we have outside. If you are having a clear out of toys at home please bear us in mind. We would be very appreciative of any good quality role play equipment which your children may have grown out of, for example dolls and accessories, kitchen equipment, dressing up clothes, construction kits, etc, etc. We would also be interested in other items such as sand pits with lids or water trays. If you have something you think may be suitable then please check with Reception staff or speak to the office. Thank you.

Parking complaints

We have been asked by the police to remind parents not to park on the road bends especially around Station Road for our children's and pedestrian's safety. Thank you.

Lego magazine

A great way to encourage Lego loving children to read, is to subscribe to the free Lego club magazine - <http://club.lego.com/en-gb/join>. Suitable for both boys and girls, the magazine has lots of Lego related adventure stories and lots of pictures to inspire children with their Lego models.

Bedtime Story Session

Tonight is the last bedtime story session for our year 2 children and parents. We look forward to enjoying another evening of stories and hot chocolate.

Clubs

We have numerous lunchtime and after school clubs taking place at the moment and we ask that once the children have committed to a club they do not ask to switch to a different one. With so many clubs running it means the office staff are very busy with the organisation of this. Thank you for your support in this matter.



Lunchtime Menu

Week beginning Monday 17th March will be week 1 on the school menu.

PTA

The next meeting will be held in school on Wednesday 26th March at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Workers of the Week

2K - Lydia Cartwright for using some super similes in your story writing

Phoebe Bennett for your accurate recount of 'The Pancake Race'

2M - Henry Duncan for making good progress in maths

1W - Two children next week

1S - Jay Holden for excellent subtraction in maths

RR - Ethan Wright for number bonds to 10.

RL - Edward Reynolds for amazing phonics work

Well done to all our hard working children this week.

Wishing you a pleasant weekend

Mrs Farmer & Mrs Burton

