



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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Dear Parents and Guardians

Thank you to everyone who attended the Easter service at St James' Church on Tuesday. I think you will agree the children sang and performed beautifully and were a joy to watch.

This was followed by the Easter hunt around school, where the weather was very spring like. The children loved doing the activity with the family members who had come along and were thrilled to receive chocolate so early in the day. Thank you to the PTA who organised this event for the children and for all the cakes and donations which were available for us all to enjoy. The Easter bonnets were amazing as always; well done to all the winners and thank you to the judges.

This week the year 2 reading club wrote the following short report about this week's school events.

On Tuesday we sang lots of beautiful songs in church, thank you if you joined in. (Emily)
Congratulations to all the children who represented the school in church. (Joshua)
We all enjoyed singing lots of songs (Oliver)

I enjoyed seeing my mum and singing to her in church (Lewis)

On Wednesday we enjoyed showing our Easter bonnets in the bright shining sun (Megan)

I loved eating my chocolate egg at the end of the Easter hunt (Ruby)

The parade was fun because everything was exciting and happy and the girls and boys all enjoyed it. (Jack)

Mummies and Daddies bought lots of yummy cakes for us all to eat. (Evelyn)

Bring A Plant To School - Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th April

In order to have a wonderful display of plants for our Under the Sea display in school and at the Gardening Olympics in June we are thrilled children and volunteers will be having a day of planting on April 30th. Donations can be brought into school from Monday 28th April and can be left by the greenhouse where we will water them until planting out on Wednesday. If you have any shells or under the sea type things you would be happy for us to have and keep that too would be greatly appreciated.



We do receive a small number of free plants from the borough council to get us underway with our Gardening Olympic project but we are hoping that you can help us even further along the way. Mrs Smith and Miss Rowley are feeling rather competitive this year after having closely missed out on the top prizes in previous years and in Mrs Smith's words, 'we want to win!' It would be fantastic if parents were able to donate a plant to school. Just imagine how wonderful we could make our display if every child was able to bring in just one plant. Any we had left over we would then use to brighten up our flower beds in school. If you think you can help by donating a plant (or more if you have them) then we are particularly looking for the following examples, although we will accept any: trailing flowers such as lobelia, trailing geraniums and nasturtiums, fast growing climbers such as sweet peas, vegetable plants such as runner beans, peas, any variety of herb, colourful bedding plants and any small perennial plants

Dinner Money

For the parents who pay dinner money for the next half term, the amount is £39.90. This is for Monday 28th April to Friday 23rd May inclusive. It also takes into account Monday 6th May which is a Bank Holiday. The cost of a school dinner remains at £2.10 per day. If you wish to pay via Parent Pay and need further information please ask at the school office. Please make cheques payable to Staffordshire County Council. Thank you.

Lunchtime Menu

When we return to school after the Easter break, on Monday 28th April, we will be serving week 1 from the new menu, a copy of which you have received this week.

PTA News

A huge thank you to everyone who helped at and attended the film night! The children all seemed to have a great time and they were all so well behaved. A special thank you to Fay Adkins, whose excellent organisation made sure it ran smoothly.

Another massive thank you to everyone who made the Easter coffee morning such a great success. I think we had a record number of delicious cakes, and lots of willing helpers. The egg hunt was great fun outside in the sunshine. Many thanks to Katie Rawlins for all her hard work in organising this.

The next event is the school disco on Friday 9th May. Letters will be in book bags after the Easter holiday.

Thank you to everyone for their support this term. We will let you know how the fundraising has gone this term after the Easter break.

Workers of the week

Workers of the week this week are:

2M - Child absent

2K - Max Yates for giving 100% all of the time

1S - Sam Young for superb behaviour in class and always being ready to learn

1W - Cameron White for fantastic problem solving in maths



RR - Oliver Taberner for super data tallying
RL - Evie Hollender for super writing about 'instructions'
Congratulations to all our hard workers this week.

A reminder that we break for Easter today and return to school at 8.45am on Monday 28th April.

Wishing everyone a relaxing and joyous Easter.

Kind Regards
Mrs Farmer & Mrs Burton

