



# Thomas Russell Infants' School

*'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'*

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## Newsletter 31

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Dear Parents and Guardians

It has been lovely to see the sunshine this week. As the weather warms up we ask all children bring a sunhat to school every day please. Children are permitted to bring sun cream to school in a named container if they are able to apply it themselves. Time will be given for the children to do this at lunch time. Many parents find the sun creams which only need applying once a day are useful, they can be applied before coming to school and last throughout the day. When the weather is very hot we do keep the children in the shade and when unbearable we have been known to bring them into a cool classroom for part of the lunch time for their safety. As always please remember to bring a water bottle to school each day.

### Year 2

As you are aware, Mrs Moore originally taught 2M on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays but since Mrs Evans' absence began, she has taught the class on Thursdays and Fridays as well. We are pleased to inform you that Mrs Moore has agreed to continue as a permanent, full time teacher so will be teaching 2M all week for the rest of the term.

### Reading and library books

We currently have a lot of books missing from school. Reading books and library books cost a lot of money and as stocks diminish it can stop us using certain books for guided reading as well as meaning there is a limited stock in the library for children to choose from. Please can you look at home and return any you find. Thank you.

### Class RL's lunch

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who attended RLs class lunch this week. This is the last of the year; we hope to repeat them again next school year.

### Governor Visits

3 Governors were welcomed into classes on Thursday for the first of two Governor open days this term. Open days are in a different format this year with Governors being shown around school by the Headteachers with elements of the teaching and learning taking place



explained. It was a busy morning on Thursday, beginning with year 1 guided reading, followed by year 2 maths, then Reception literacy and finally back to year 1 for phonics. Governors found it a very informative morning, seeing many aspects discussed in meetings actually in practice. They were extremely impressed with the behaviour and engagement of the children and the staff's expectation of the children's learning. All staff work very hard to match learning closely to the needs of the children, using various strategies and resources to aid this and this was evident across school. We look forward to welcoming the remaining Governors to a second open day in June to demonstrate further good practice.

### Healthy Eating Week

When we return to school on Tuesday 3rd June after the half term holiday (remember Monday 2nd is an INSET day), we will be launching straight into an exciting week of learning all about healthy lifestyles. The whole school will be thinking about healthy, active lifestyles and healthy food and drink choices. We aim to produce a whole school display from the work undertaken and are asking the children to think of just one thing they might choose to change about their lifestyle, for example walking to school instead of driving, drinking water instead of squash, etc, to add to the display.

As part of their work during the week, the children will be planning and preparing a healthy snack so that they can join a whole school picnic on the field on the Friday afternoon (weather permitting!).

If you would like to find out more about Healthy Eating Week then please visit [www.healthyeatingweek.org.uk](http://www.healthyeatingweek.org.uk)

### PTA News

Many thanks to everyone who helped at the disco last Friday. Everyone had a great time and lots of helpers meant that we were able to set up and clear away really quickly! Thank you!

Thursday 22nd May -Sponsored Activity Morning - hopefully all the children are busy getting plenty of sponsors on their forms!! We have bought 2 lovely outdoor prizes for the children who return their fundraising forms. One for the boys and one for the girls!

Please could you let Sam Cowgill ([sam@sportsmastersinternational.com](mailto:sam@sportsmastersinternational.com)) know as soon as possible if you are able to help out during the morning. We will need plenty of helpers to make sure that everything runs smoothly. We are going to get the children to go out in the different classes and the timings will be as follows:

9.15 2K, 9.45 2M, 10.15 1W, 10.45 1S, 11.15 RR, 11.30 RL

Children are welcome to come to school in sporty clothes in readiness for the day's events. We will need parent helpers based at the different stations stamping cards and setting out equipment in-between classes. It would be great if you could come along and help out when your child's class is taking part. We will need at least 4 helpers for each time slot. All parents are welcome to attend at the relevant time.



Reception Assembly on Tuesday 20th May at 9.15am for RL - We need a volunteer to film the performance so the DVDs can then be produced ready for everyone to buy. Please could you let Sam Cowgill know as soon as possible if you are able to do this. We have had a volunteer kindly offer to film the RR assembly on Monday. Ideally this would not be a parent of RL as they will want to be watching their own child rather than sitting behind a video camera.

PTA Meetings - the AGM will now be held on Monday 9th June but we would still like to have a meeting next Monday 19th May to start planning for the Summer Fayre, particularly the raffle as we will need to have all the tickets printed. Please come along to the 3 Horseshoes pub at 7.30pm if you are able to help with this event. It is a huge undertaking so we will need plenty of help. Please come along if you can.

### Workers of the Week

2K - Rehan Rashid for fantastic reading and writing

- Monty Cowgill for fantastic story writing

2M - Evelyn Hawksworth for super riddle writing

1W - Dylan Newman for trying hard with his division work

1S - Laura Lloyd for working hard all week

RR - Cassandra Parry for super space writing and knowledge

RL - Harry Drayton for independently making a split pin astronaut

Well done to all our children!

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Mrs Farmer & Mrs Burton

