



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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Dear Parents and Guardians.

Sunglasses

Thank you for sending your child with a sun hat and cream this week, they have been used each of the sunny days we have enjoyed. Can we please ask you not to send your children with sunglasses unless they are prescribed by an optician. They can be dangerous when children are running around and we have had several pairs broken this week by being dropped. Thank you for your co-operation.

Burton Mail - Children of Courage

We have two children from our village community nominated for awards this year - Lauren Uncles and Ciaran Collins - both exceptionally courageous and deserving children.

To find out more about voting, please see the Burton Mail. Closing date - Wed 28th May 2014.

Summer Scheme

Badgers before and after school club providers are running a summer scheme in school for the duration of the 6 weeks holiday from the school hall with many exciting trips planned throughout the 6 weeks. If you are interested in booking a place please telephone Humpty Dumpty Day Nursery on 01543 416002 for further details.

Attendance

We are pleased to announce that during the spring half term from February to Easter 80 children attended school every day. Mrs Lawrie's class were the highest with a massive 16 children coming to school every day. Well done and thank you to all the children who managed to do this. We will inform you after the holidays which class were the highest attendees this half term.

To Be Aware

After having had a number of children off school with worms we ask that you please keep an eye out for symptoms as they can pass very easily from child to child. It is a very common illness for children of this age to have and is easily treated with a tablet from the chemist. If your child tends to be scratching their bottom a lot or is in a lot of pain at night then please seek advice from your chemist or GP.



Lunchtime Supervisor Positions

We have said goodbye to Miss Kendrick today who has left her lunchtime supervisor position. After successfully appointing Mrs Reynolds (year 1 parent) earlier this week, she will begin as a lunchtime supervisor after half term. We have also learnt this week that Mrs Woollaston will soon be leaving us. This leaves us with a further lunchtime supervisor position available for Monday and Friday lunchtimes. If you fancy some part time work, 2 days a week with over 170 delightful young children then please speak to the school office for further details and an application form.

Gardening Olympics

In preparation for this we would like to ask once again if the children could write an 'Under the Sea' poem over the holidays, decorate and return to school after the half term break. We have received only 7 and would like more to take with us to the competition day in June.

50% of the judging is based on our grounds and what we do with the children throughout the year. We have been informed the judges will be visiting school on Wednesday 4th June to look at the school grounds, greenhouse and work the children have been doing. If anyone is available to come into school on Tuesday 3rd of June to work with groups of children to ensure we are looking our best we would really appreciate it. Please let the office know if you can spare half an hour. Many thanks.

Collection of Children

Can we remind parents to be punctual when collecting children from after school clubs. We have had several children collected late recently.

Class Photos

Each class will have a class photo taken on Wednesday 11th June; these are always a lovely memento to own and will be available to purchase soon after.

Non Uniform day

On Thursday 12th June we will have a non uniform day in return for a bottle of something for the summer fayre. Many thanks in advance.

Local Bike Rides

East Staffordshire Borough Council are promoting free rides in our area. If you fancy joining a guided ride, either as a family or individually, please go to www.goskyride.com, type in your postcode and a list of local rides will be shown.

Dinner Money

For the parents who pay dinner money via parent pay, for the next half term, the amount is £69.30. This is covering the period from 3rd June to 18th July inclusive and is for the children who stay dinners Monday to Friday, but is also taking into account school trips that have been organised. Reception class are on a trip Friday 11th July, Year 1 are on a trip Friday 13th June and Year 2 are to organise their date after the half term.

The cost of a school dinner remains at £2.10 per day. Please make your cheques payable to Staffordshire County Council.

Please be aware this is the last half term for paying for a school lunch, so can we ask parents to keep their Parent Pay accounts up to date and if a refund is requested can we ask you to speak to staff in the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.



PTA News

Many thanks to everyone who came to help out at the Sponsored Sports morning yesterday. The children all had a great time taking part in the various activities and we even managed to avoid the rain! Please can all sponsor forms be returned to school by **Thursday 5th June** at the latest. **Please can all returned forms be named so that we know who to award the prizes to.** We have bought 2 lovely outdoor sports prizes for the children who return their sponsor forms. The lucky winners will be drawn out of the hat in assembly on Friday 6th June. You have to have returned your form to be included in the draw!!

Bags2School

In your child's book bag tonight you will find a Bags2School plastic bag which we hope you can fill over the half term with your unwanted items of clothing. This is a joint venture with Thomas Russell Junior school but this collection will be at our school on the morning of Thursday 5th June.

Children's Disco

The children had a wonderful time at the disco and an amazing profit of £390 was made by the PTA for the evening. Thank you to everyone for supporting this event and all the helpers involved with the evening.

PTA AGM - this will take place on Monday 9th June at school at 7.00pm. All the committee positions will be available, Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, so please come forward if you would like to stand for any of these positions or if you are just interested in joining the committee. It would be nice to go out for a drink or meal after the meeting if anyone is interested? Please let Sam Cowgill (sam@sportsmastersinternational.com) know if you would like to come along afterwards so we can book a table.

Summer Fayre - 25th June - the Summer Fayre is fast approaching and we are looking for raffle prizes. Please could you let us know if you would be able to donate a prize to the raffle.

Workers of the Week

- 2K - Callum Slatcher-Ball for his effort and progress in reading
- 2M - Isla Hanstock for a well written diary entry about the Great Fire of London
- 1W - Isabella Reynolds for writing a fantastic Australian story
- 1S - Joshua Wassall for writing a great story about Tiddalik the frog
- RR - Connie Ward for fabulous news writing
 - Orla Leyland for working hard and improving her writing
- RL - Archie Robinson for doing so well with his words in RL assembly
 - Ellie Norris for super fluent reading

Please remember we are closed for staff training on Monday 2nd June and return to school on **Tuesday 3rd June**. Wishing everyone a happy half term.

Kind regards

Mrs Farmer & Mrs Burton



