



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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Dear Parents and Guardians

As the end of the summer term draws closer we would like to share with you plans for next year's classes.

The teaching team have worked very hard this year with their current classes and have enjoyed seeing the children flourish and grow. From September classes are as follows:

Current RR - will become 1W. Their teacher will be Mrs Walker and their teaching assistant Mrs Preston. Miss Cottrill will also work in this class.

Current RL- will become 1S. Their teacher will be Mrs Smith and their teaching assistant Mrs Byers.

Current 1W- will become 2M. Their teacher will be Mrs Moore and their teaching assistant Mrs Atkinson.

Current 1S- will become 2K. Their teacher will be Mrs Kelly and their teaching assistant Mrs Osborne. Mrs Robinson will also work in this class.

Meetings have been organised for parents to meet the new teacher and find out about life in the new year group.

8th July- 9.15am current reception parents to meet year 1 teachers.

8th July-2.45 current year 1 parents to meet new year 2 teachers.

Young Sporting Ambassadors

We welcomed 4 students from John Taylor High School this week into school. They led a sporting assembly, talking about sports they enjoy and the football world cup. Thank you to them for creating a presentation for our children and sharing their passion for sports.

PTA

You will see in your book bag tonight an end of year report from Sam Cowgill, chair of the PTA. The PTA have worked tirelessly this year to ensure all events planned ran smoothly and lots of money has been raised for your children. Every parent is a member of the PTA by having a child in our school. We urge you if you have not been involved before to do so. The events this year have been wonderful and everything is down to the current PTA members who have worked so hard both behind the scenes and at school events. We echo all the thanks Sam has outlined in her letter. However we would like also like to



thank Sam for everything she has done this year for the school; she has been a wonderful chair, coordinating and planning events and giving up many hours for the school. Also stepping down is Jane Castle from Treasurer and Claire Thompson from Secretary. Thank you to you all from the whole school team.

At the AGM on Monday new roles were allocated as follows: Joint Chair- Katie Rawlins and Helen Vydelingum. Joint Vice chairs- Amy Tipper and Amy Harvey. Secretary - Marie Keasley. Treasurer - Sarah Pick.

Thank you ladies for offering to take up these positions for the coming year.

We would like to pass on our thanks to all of the sponsors for the children's sponsored event we held recently. We have currently raised nearly £1,900 which is a tremendous amount. The PTA are in talks with staff members making plans for the spending of the money already so we will keep you posted!

The lucky winners of the prizes were Harry Johnson in 2K and Isla Brittle in RR. Well done to both of them!

Summer Fayre - Wednesday 25th June

The Summer Fayre is less than 2 weeks away so please could you let us know ASAP if you are able to help out on the day. We will need help in the morning setting everything up and in the afternoon to run the stalls.

Cake donations would be welcomed on the morning of the Fayre.

This year the School Council will be running a **Teddy Tombola** so if you have any teddies at home (clean and in good condition) that you would like to donate then please bring them into school before next Friday 20th June.

We have some fabulous raffle prizes on offer this year, including a Samsung Galaxy Tab 3, a Weber Smokey Joe BBQ, a large canvas print of a photo of your choice, £45 Next Voucher, case of wine and many other great prizes. Raffle tickets will be for sale in book bags early next week.

Lunch time supervisor positions

We are very sad to announce that Mrs Garrett and Mrs Woollaston will be leaving the lunch time team. Mrs Garrett has been a particularly long serving member of staff but both ladies will be greatly missed by the staff and children. If you are interested in taking up this role pop into the school office for an application form. This is for a September start or earlier if possible. Thank you.

Lunch-time Supervisor Wanted!

6.25 hours a week £7.62 per hour

We are seeking to appoint a friendly, kind individual who loves to be around children. The successful applicant would join a dedicated team of individuals who work hard to ensure our children are safe and happy. The position is Monday to Friday, 12.00pm-1.15pm.

Visits to school are welcomed - please phone or drop in to school to arrange a suitable time.

Application forms are available from the School Office.



The Summer Reading Challenge

Every year, thousands of families all over the country take part in the UK's biggest reading event for children in libraries, the Summer Reading Challenge, run by the charity [The Reading Agency](#).

Every year there's a different theme. The aim of the challenge is to get children to read six books from their library during the summer holidays.

Enrolling your child

The Summer Reading Challenge is aimed at children aged four to eleven. It is run in very nearly all libraries in the UK and it is completely free.

Go to your local library during the summer holidays - the sooner you go the longer your child will have to read six books. Staff will enrol your child and give them some fun materials to get them started on the Challenge.

You can go to any UK library running the Summer Reading Challenge and you don't have to keep going to the same library. So if you are on holiday in the UK your child should still be able to keep up with the Challenge.

The Summer Reading Challenge website

The Summer Reading Challenge website allows your child to log the books they have read during the summer - and beyond. They can also find [new books to read](#), recommended by other children, take part in [competitions](#) and play [games](#).

Workers of the week

2K - Harrison Jones for his positive attitude to new challenges in Maths

2M - Samuel Watson for working hard with his reading

1S - school trip

1W - school trip

RR - Ciaran Collins for trying really hard in the tennis taster session

- William Griffiths for fabulous kebab making instruction writing

RL - Grace Craine for trying really hard at tennis

Well done children.

Wishing all fathers a Happy Fathers Day for Sunday.

Kind regards

Mrs Farmer and Mrs Burton

