



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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Dear Parents and Guardians

We have enjoyed our new reception children having their first visits to school this week and look forward to seeing them again soon.

Can we make a polite request that children leave their 'loom bands' at home. While it is lovely children are making them for their friends, jewellery such as these are not permitted school uniform, thank you.

Sports Day and Summer Fayre

We have a busy, exciting week next week so please all keep fingers and toes crossed that the weather holds! We invite parents to arrive from any time after 1.00pm for Sports day with an aim of us beginning at 1.30pm. Mrs Walker has planned a completely different sports day this year as a change from the usual format which means that all children will be active throughout most of the afternoon. Can we please ask that all children bring a water bottle and sun hat for the afternoon and have adequate sun cream on for the duration of the afternoon (if it is sunny on the day of course!).

At the end of the sports the children will return to the classroom to gather their belongings and will need to be collected in the usual way. The summer fayre stalls will then begin once children have been released and the stalls are manned. An awful lot of time and effort goes into the planning and setting up of the summer fayre so we do hope you can stay and visit our event to help us raise money to support the children.

We would gratefully appreciate donations of good, clean, cuddly toys and cakes for the cake stall. Teddies can be dropped off at school at any time next week and cakes can be brought in on Wednesday morning. Thank you in advance.

Gardening Olympics

Not long to go now and the plants at school are growing well. A reminder that we need your creative recycled planters or miniature gardens by **Wednesday 25th June**. The theme is 'Under the Sea', so this needs to be reflected in the creations. We will be taking the best



ones to Shobnall on Saturday 28th June for the competition. All families are invited along to Shobnall Playing Fields between 12 and 4pm where there is the promise of sand play, donkey rides, ice cream and many other free activities. You will get the chance to see our creative display of plants and art work which we hope you will enjoy.

Summer Reading Challenge

We were joined in assembly on Monday by 2 local librarians. They came to talk about the summer reading challenge which is happening over the summer across Staffordshire. Children are asked to read 6 books and for that they will receive stickers and a medal. All children can register at a local library. The librarians will be by the church during the open gardens weekend in Barton so children can join the library and sign up. They brought in a very impressive trophy which they explained to the children would be presented to the team in school which have the most children taking part in the challenge so please support your child and 'keep on reading' over the summer holidays. The school who have the highest % of children taking part are presented with a huge trophy in September.

Country Dancing Club

The last Country Dancing club for this school year will be held next Tuesday, 24th June. We would like to invite parents and guardians of the dancers to come and watch and join in from 3.15 - 4.00pm.

Lunch Time Supervisors positions

We need to recruit 2 new lunch time supervisors for September. Both positions are from 12 till 1.15pm and full training will be given. If you or anyone you might know is interested please collect an application form from the school office

Strawberry Tea Party

A charity event Strawberry Tea Party to raise money for breast cancer will take place on 29th June. Please see the school notice board for full details or if you would like to purchase raffle tickets please see Lorna Heddle (Leni Sherratt's Mum in Y2).

Workers of the Week

2M - Kloe Gadsby for writing a good riddle about a dog

2K - Two next week

1S - Holly Hearn for excellent reading

1W - Jessica Ashaa for a great factsheet about trams

- George Morris for accurate measuring using the scales

RL - Lucy Hopkins for practising telling the time so well

RR - To be announced next week

Well done to all the children!

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Mrs Farmer & Mrs Burton

