



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Thank you to all the year 1 and 2 parents who came along to our 'how to help your child at home' session this week, we hope you found it useful.

Reception Parents' information evening

On Wednesday 24th September at 7pm all reception parents are invited along to learn more about the early year's foundation curriculum and how we teach your children in school. There will be lots of ideas and resources on show and there will be opportunity to ask plenty of questions. So please come along and find out more.

If you are hoping to come along please complete the slip at the end of this letter and return to your child's teacher, many thanks.

Open Day - Thursday 16th October

We will be holding our annual Open Day for parents of children due to start school next September on the above date. Visitors are welcome between 9.30-10.30 am and 1.30-2.30 pm. If you know anyone starting school next year, please let them know!

MacMillan coffee morning - Wednesday 24th September

Although the official date for this national annual event is Friday 26th, the staff and PTA will be holding a joint coffee morning on Wednesday 24th September from 9am in the school hall. If you are able to bake/bring a cake or help out on the morning, please let the PTA know. Cake donations are welcome on the Wednesday morning from 8.30am onwards. Please note, children will remain in class for this event, but you are welcome to buy cake for them to enjoy after school! Please come along and show your support for this amazing cause, either by buying cakes and drinks or donating.. If you are unable to join us and have to dash off to work, the PTA will be selling 'coffee and cakes to go', so really easy for everyone to grab a drink and help us make lots of money. Many thanks.

Christmas Fayre

Please note the Christmas Fayre will be held in school on Tuesday 16th December straight after school and not Friday 12th as stated on a previous correspondence.



Parking outside School

Attendance at Monday's meeting was disappointing, with only a handful of parents attending. We have been told by PCSO Smith that fixed penalty parking tickets will be issued on a much more regular basis and new parking restrictions will shortly be in place. We ask, once again, that parents DO NOT park opposite school or use the driveway to turn around or drop off. We would also take this opportunity to remind parents who use Badgers that our car park is for staff only - please park safely off school premises and walk your child in. Thank you.

Safety in the school car park

Can we politely ask that parents and carers ensure that children don't play on or around the steps and ramp outside the front entrance to school. We have seen children riding scooters and bikes up and down the ramp, climbing on the hand-rails and running in between cars. This is not safe behaviour and could easily result in a child being injured or a car being accidentally damaged. Although we do all we can to ensure that cars aren't moving in or out of the car park at dropping off and picking up times, sometimes it is unavoidable. Parents and carers need to be vigilant in keeping children close by them at all times and not allowing them to play or run near parked cars, for their own safety. Thank you.

Christmas Panto Trip

Even though it still feels like summer, we're already planning our annual whole-school trip to the panto! This year's show is 'Cinderella' at the Lichfield Garrick on Tuesday 16th December and the PTA are generously funding the cost of the coaches and contributing towards the ticket price for each child. We will be sending out a letter next week with a permission slip and more details about the ticket price per child.

Byrkley Park competition

On the subject of Christmas, Byrkley Park has sent us details of a national competition to design a Christmas card in which they are taking part. We have a few entry forms available from the school office - alternatively, you can download and print a PDF version at www.vouchergardenblog.com/competition. The winner will see their design printed and used nationwide and also win £1000 of garden gift vouchers for the school. Closing date is 19th October. Good luck!

Volunteer auditor required!

Every year, our School Fund (a bank account the school maintains separately and independently to County funding which is used to administer trip money, donations, charity collections etc) has to be audited by a qualified accountant with no direct link to the school (ie; not a parent, governor or member of staff). If you know of such a person who might be willing to donate a few hours of their time to audit the last years' records, please speak to one of the head-teachers or the office staff. Thank you.

Reception Junk Modelling

Children in Reception will be making exciting models next week linked to **our reading of the book 'Tickety Toc'**. It would be really helpful to us if you could have a hunt round at home and see if



you have any empty boxes for the children to bring in on Monday. We need rectangular boxes most of all, and round, flat boxes (such as those triangular cheeses come in!). Just think of a clock tower like Big Ben - that's the effect we're going for! Many thanks.

Children's Spectacles

A pair of children's wire framed reading glasses have been found in the school grounds. If anybody has lost them, please enquire at the school office. Thank you.

PTA

Thanks to everyone who came to Monday night's meeting. It was a fantastic turn out and lovely to meet so many new parents. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th October at 7.30pm in The Three Horseshoes. We hope to see even more of you then.

PTA Logo Competition

We are inviting all children to enter a competition to have their drawing feature as the new design for the PTA logo. The current logo features a family and new submissions should be as bright, bold and simple as possible. Please can children bring their drawing into school by Friday 26th September. The winner will receive a prize from the PTA.

Workers of the Week

This week's workers of the week are:

2M - Gregory Conyers-Davies for making good contributions in literacy

2K - George Reeves for brilliant number work

- Ethan Lawson for fantastic reading

1W - Jamie Marshall for working hard with his writing

1S - Harrison Lindsay for an imaginative model of the magic bed

Well done to all our children for their hard work this week.

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Kind regards

Mrs. Farmer & Mrs. Burton

Reception Parent's Information Evening

Child's name:

Class:

Parent/guardian signature

Number attending:

