



# Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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## Newsletter No.5

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2014

Dear Parents and Guardians.

A huge well done to all our reception children who enjoyed their first school trip this week to the Mercer family farm just outside Barton. We had the most wonderful tractor and trailer ride to the farm and had so much fun, catching bugs, looking at the pigs and sheep and learning about the crops that grow there. All the grown ups were very impressed with the excellent behaviour and manners of the children and were very proud of them. Thank you to all the helpers who gave up their day to come with us and help and a special thanks to Mr and Mrs Mercer for arranging the visit for us, we hope there can be many more to come!

### Harvest Assembly

This will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 9.15 in the school hall as already mentioned on the diary of events. This year we have chosen to donate all food donated to the YMCA Food Bank. The YMCA have given us a particular list of the foods they are desperate for as they have run out of stock. These are:

Tinned Fruit  
Rice Pudding  
Tinned Tomatoes  
Tinned Potatoes/Instant mash  
Tinned Corned Beef  
Tinned Ham  
Tinned Fish  
Hot Dogs  
Pasta Sauces  
Instant Noodles/Pot Noodles  
Instant Rice  
Instant Pasta  
Biscuits  
Jam

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If you could spare any of the above items we would be extremely grateful. Donations can be brought into school on the morning of the assembly or sent via your child prior to 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

Many thanks in advance.

### Reading Diaries

Thank you to everyone who is reading with their child at home and recording this in the reading diaries, we find this very useful. Establishing a good reading partnership between school and home where the child is reading regularly in both settings really does help the child. As part of the school monitoring cycle we have been monitoring all diaries and will be speaking to parents who have not signed or indicated they have read at home, in the hope that the partnership can be improved.

### Reception Parents coffee afternoon

This is on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm, please try and come along to watch your children sing for you and enjoy drinks and cakes served by the PTA.

### 2015 Calendar

While it is slightly scary to be thinking of next year already we have to plan ahead. Each year our wonderful PTA create and print a very professional looking calendar, starring all your children. Your children will feature in a photo of the month they were born, so each month has its own 'stars'. In school they will also draw pictures of themselves to be added. It is always a huge seller in December when we are all thinking of Christmas presents for family and friends. We will be taking the photos on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October so please can you send your child with the following:

January- Hats, scarves and gloves for a very cold day

February - Red clothing, hearts and flower objects

March- Daffodils/Spring flowers, toy lambs

April - Umbrellas for showers, Easter eggs, Easter rabbits

May - nothing needed as we will use the Maypole

June- Sports Day including sun hats

July- Tennis rackets and sports clothes for Wimbledon and strawberries

August - buckets, spades and sun hats for holidays

September - nothing needed as we will use school bags for a start of term theme

October - pumpkins and Halloween props

November - homemade streamers to look like fireworks

December- anything Christmassy like tinsel, toy snowmen, sledges, mince pies, baubles and Christmas hats and jumpers!

Many thanks in advance.



## Pupil Safety

Can we please ask that you make it clear to staff who will be collecting your child from school if it is somebody different to the norm. If you know in advance then please leave a message as you drop off in the morning. If it is a situation where notice is not able to be given then please phone the school office and leave a password for the teacher. The person collecting will then be asked for the password.

Mrs Hollender on the school crossing has also asked that children please wait for their accompanying adult before crossing the road as some children are crossing over without an adult. Thank you,.

## Rugby

Every Sunday Barton under Needwood Rugby Club will be holding rugby based fun sessions for children from the age of 2. Boys and girls are invited to join in the fun from 10.30am at Thomas Russell Junior school. To register your interest please contact: Peter Elsgood on 07766055062 or [peter@architab.co.uk](mailto:peter@architab.co.uk)

## Water Bottles

Can we please remind parents that only water should be sent to school in water bottles.

## Workers of the week

Workers of the week this week are:

2K - none this week

2M - Cameron White for explaining the method he'd used when subtracting

1S - Harry Drayton for excellent problem solving in maths

1W - Ruby Morrison for trying hard with phonics

RR - Megan Lancaster for super reading

RL - Alice Watling for knowing lots of 'o clock' times in a numeracy game

Well done children.

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Kind regards

Mrs Farmer & Mrs Burton

