



# Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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## Newsletter No. 6

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Dear Parents and Guardians

Yet again we have all enjoyed a very busy week. Year 2 have visited John Taylor to learn Bhangra dancing, which they all thoroughly enjoyed and year 1 have been to Twycross Zoo today learning more about animals. The whole school have visited The Red Carpet Cinema in Barton to watch the very special BBC short film called '10 pieces'. We are totally committed to this national project which encourages children to become aware of classical composers and their pieces of music. The film features 10 pieces of classical music, some well known, some less well known but all very well produced and arranged, each being introduced to the children by well known TV characters they could associate with. The children were mesmerised by the orchestra and the huge range of instruments and we had several children conducting from their chairs. Staff are now planning how to use the music to inspire creativity in school over the next few months. The 10 pieces were:

- John Adams: Short Ride in a Fast Machine
- Beethoven: Symphony No. 5 (1st movement)
- Britten: 'Storm' Interlude from 'Peter Grimes'
- Grieg: In the Hall of the Mountain King from 'Peer Gynt'
- Handel: Zadok the Priest
- Holst: Mars from 'The Planets'
- Mozart: Horn Concerto No. 4 (3rd movement)
- Mussorgsky: A Night on the Bare Mountain
- Stravinsky: The Firebird - suite (1911) (Finale)
- Anna Meredith: Connect It

We must say a huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Silverwood from The Red Carpet Cinema who managed to get the film for us at very short notice and for the lovely drinks and snacks provided for us all. We were made to feel very welcome and a wonderful atmosphere was created for the children.

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## Thank You

Thank you and well done to all of the children (and parents who do the reminding) for walking with their scooters and bikes from the school gate. Keep it up!

## Reception stars

Well done to all the reception children who sang for their parents this week and to the PTA for providing refreshments; a lovely time was had by all.

## Open Day for Parents of Children Starting School In September 2015

Please do spread the word that we are open for visitors on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 9.30 - 10.30 am and 1.30 - 2.30 pm. Whether you have already decided on which school you are applying for or are still undecided then come along and see our school in action.

## Parent Consultations

You will hopefully have all now received your parent consultation times. If you haven't, then please speak to your child's teacher as soon as possible. We do like to see all parents so please make sure you have made an appointment.

## 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. **Please note that this is a whole school event, we can only accommodate 1 adult per family in the hall. Unfortunately this is the only way we can guarantee parents fitting into the hall.** 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.

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.

## Year 1 Class Assemblies

Please note that these will not take place on the dates provided on the original list. Instead of individual class assemblies, year 1 will celebrate Mother's day with a whole year group assembly in the Spring.

## 2015 Calendar

A reminder from last week's newsletter that we will be taking the calendar photos on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October, so please can you send your child with some of the following props for their birthday month:



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.

### **Catering Assistant**

A vacancy has arisen for the position of a Catering Assistant in the school kitchen. The hours are from 11.30am until 2.00pm Monday to Friday. If you are interested, or know anybody who is, please contact the school office for further information.

### **PTA News**

A few reminders for you...

Our next PTA meeting will be held at The Three Horseshoes, this coming Wednesday 15th at 7.30pm. It would be great to see as many of you as possible as we've lots of fun events coming up, including the Halloween party and the Christmas Fayre. Any new ideas and offers of help would be gratefully received, so please come and join us for a drink.

This is also a final call for any Halloween Party confirmations. If you'd like your child to attend but haven't got around to replying, please put your signed slip and payment in a sealed envelope marked 'Halloween Party' in the PTA post box by 3.15pm on Monday 13th.

### **Workers of the week**

2K - Jacob Olbison for fantastic instruction writing

2M - George Morris for super high and low dance moves in P.E

1S - school trip

1W - school trip

RR - Connor Bowring for trying really hard to write numbers and letters

RL - Noah Griffin for knowing lots about animals on our farm trip

Well done children.

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Kind regards

Mrs Farmer & Mrs Burton

