



# Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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## Newsletter No.9

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2014

Dear Parents and Guardians

### Individual and sibling photographs

These will be taken on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Each child will have their photo taken on their own and brothers and sisters will also be taken together. This will happen in school time. However if you have other children; younger or older children and would like them to be included in a family photo then the photographer will be set up from 8.30am for this purpose. Please note that there is usually a queue. If you have children at the juniors or John Taylor who will be having their photo taken please inform their schools they could be late to school that morning. The children will bring home the proof on the same day with clear instructions on how you can order photos.

### Remembrance Day

On Tuesday we will be taking four year 2 children to the memorial in the village for 11am, to lay a wreath in commemoration of those who gave their lives for our country. We will be joined by children from Thomas Russell Juniors and John Taylor High school. At the same time in school we will hold a one minute silence.

### Official Library Opening

Although we have been all using our lovely new library space since September we are holding a little opening ceremony on Tuesday next week. We received funds from Lady Clarke to enable the library works to take place, and as a thank you she will be joining us for the event.

### Children in Need and World Diabetes Day

A reminder that next Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> November is Children in Need and World Diabetes Day. As we said in our last newsletter, this year we have decided to collect for both of these charities as they fall on the same day. The theme to Children in Need is 'Come and be a Hero', so this has prompted our school council to ask that on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November all children are invited to dress up as a super hero, or if they wish they can wear their pyjamas and bring their favourite teddy bear! In exchange, we ask for a small donation which can be brought in anytime during the week, as the school council will be taking donations in their fabulous Pudsey



Bear collection box. Thanking you in advance.

### **Initial Teacher Training Programme- School Direct**

Are you looking for an Initial Teacher Training Programme? Did you know that Thomas Russell Infants' School is an alliance partner of the National Forest Teaching School? We work with John Taylor High School, together with schools in the local area to offer excellent school led training in both primary and secondary schools.

The application process is now open through [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) and the National Forest Teaching School are hosting an information event on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December at John Taylor High School. If you are interested in attending, please visit [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) and search for 'National Forest Teaching School' in order to register for the event.

You can also register for School Experience at John Taylor High School in a range of secondary subjects by visiting: <http://www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching/school-experience/sep> and searching for John Taylor High School.

[If you would like to find out more about School Direct or the School Experience Programme, please visit www.nationalforestteachingschool.co.uk or email Leah Axten at nfts@jths.co.uk](http://www.nationalforestteachingschool.co.uk)

### **PTA News**

Our next meeting is this coming Tuesday 11th November, at 7.30pm at school. We'll be bribing you with wine and cake again, so we're expecting another great turn out!

Thanks to those who have already returned their Northbrook order forms. Any further orders should be placed in the PTA post box by next Friday, 14th November.

And finally, look out for letters detailing the Skittles Night in book bags tonight. Held in school on Friday 21st November, it's going to be a brilliant night!

### **Workers of the week**

2K - Molly Elsigood for her creative story writing

2M - Jacob Rawlins for excellent effort and progress in reading

RR - Rex Newman for working hard all week

RL - Isla Poyner for a good try with a measuring activity

Well done children.

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Kind regards

Mrs Farmer & Mrs Burton

