



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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Dear Parents and Guardians

Friday 21 st November	PTA Skittles Night
Thursday 4 th December	Reception nativity play - 2.00pm. 2 adults per child please
Tuesday 9 th December	2K / 1S Christmas play - 9.30am. 2 adults per child please 2M / 1W Christmas play - 2.00pm. 2 adults per child please
Tuesday 16 th December	Whole school to Lichfield theatre to see Cinderella
Tuesday 16 th December	Christmas Fayre 3.30pm
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas lunch and children's parties
Friday 19 th December	Christmas sing a long - 2.30 pm - 1 adult per family

Well done to year 2 who enjoyed a wonderful trip to Tamworth Castle on Monday and behaved very well as usual. Lots of new experiences were had and information learnt.

Crossing request

It has been brought to our attention that some children are being allowed to walk, run and scoot to the zebra crossing alone and they have then crossed with Mrs Hollender without a responsible adult. We have spoken to the children about the importance of waiting for their adult before crossing and in fact staying with you for the journey to school. We would appreciate that for the children's safety you reiterate this at home, many thanks.

Christmas is coming!

With only 5 weeks to the big day we are eagerly awaiting the Christmas tree arriving. The PTA have very kindly ordered the tree which will arrive in school on Monday 1st December. We always ask the children to dress the tree and we use many lovely decorations we have collected over the years. Each class take turns to come into the hall and put a chosen decoration on the tree. Over the years decorations can get broken so for this reason we invite each child to bring 1 decoration into school on the 1st December, which they can hang on the tree. The idea is that these are donated to school so please do not send any special or valuable decorations in as they can't be returned. While we welcome any colour or style please can you avoid glass for obvious reasons. Thank you in advance, the tree will be available for everyone



to view over the Christmas period.

Welcome back to Mrs Byers

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Byers into class 1S after her knee operation next week, on a part time basis. While she works up to full time Mrs Towlson will continue to work in 1S.

Partners and Community Together

The next PACT meeting is to be held on Wednesday 26th November at 7.00pm at John Taylor High School. This will be the first meeting since the very well attended one in March. We encourage parents to attend to support the 'Safer Schools' parking issues and to be introduced to the new PCSO's now present in the village.

PTA

A big thank you to everyone who has contributed raffle prizes for Christmas! We've had a fantastic response and some fabulous prizes.

If you are able to help at the Christmas Fayre, please come to our meeting at 7.30-8 pm on Thursday 27th at The Three Horseshoes or email thomasrussellpta@gmail.com. If we get enough helpers, we'll be able to operate a rota system for stalls. This means people will only be required for short stints and will still be free to enjoy the fayre with their own children. Please don't leave it up to others, please volunteer and help us make it the best fayre yet!

Lastly, we're looking forward to tonight's skittles event from 7.30pm at school. It's going to be a brilliant night! We've still a couple of places left, so if you fancy a laugh - and the chance to raise lots of lovely cash for school, grab a team of four and pay on the door tonight. First come, first served, £20 a team!

Workers of the week

2K - Emily Wright for her wonderful acrostic poem

2M - Finley Cooper for big improvements in handwriting

1S - Eoin Hudson for great adjectives in your 'I am' poem

1W - Grace Garratt for constantly working hard and trying her best

RR - Two next week

RL - Pearl Knight-Dutton for a good try with her ring words

Well done children.

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Kind regards

Mrs Farmer & Mrs Burton

