



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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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

Dear Parents and Guardians

We are proud to announce that we raised £237 in our Poppy appeal this year. The British Legion representatives came into school to thank us and were overwhelmed by the amount so thank you everyone who contributed.

Cold weather clothing

The cold snap at the start of the week was bitter and there will be more on the way. With this in mind please make sure your child/children come to school wearing a warm suitable coat. We encourage you to send in hats, scarves and especially gloves for playtime and lunch time. Please can these all be named to save lost clothing and to save time when children are getting dressed. Thank you.

Going Home Procedures

Thank you firstly to parents for being more vigilant in passing on messages when children are going home with somebody else. Can we please ask though that messages are passed on directly by the adult rather than by the child. We are sure that you understand that messages directly from children are not always reliable. If you know your child is to be collected by somebody else we ask that you either please speak to the class teacher at drop off time, send a short note with your child or call the school office. Thank you.

Advent

We will be welcoming the vicar of St James' Church, Reverend Andrew Ridley to our assembly on Monday where he will be talking about Advent and handing over a special advent calendar to the school.



Mrs Hollender

Mrs Hollender, our crossing patrol lady on Station Road has decided to leave us and next Friday, 5th December will be her last day. If you would like to contribute to the collection the parents have organised, please bring your donations to the school office. Thank you.

Parking

The traffic in Holland Park was particularly bad this morning and proved to be extremely dangerous to children and families crossing the road. We ask once again that you do not park opposite the school entrance to drop children off at school and that you do not use the school drive to turn in. This morning it caused cars to back up and made visibility for pedestrians very difficult.

St. James' Christmas Fayre

The St James' Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 29th November 10.30am till 12.30pm in St James' Church Hall, St James' Road. Free entry. Tea and coffee with homemade biscuits and scones to refresh you while you browse. Lots of stalls, Cakes, Lucky dip, Bottle Stall, Collectibles and even a Pound stall with brilliant bargains. Maybe the most amazing stall is Jill's Jam Factory with 270+ items for sale. It has jams, marmalade, chutneys, mincemeat, Christmas puddings (mini) and jellies, with most of the fruit grown in Barton gardens.

Barton Methodist Church

Barton Methodist Church is starting a new 'Messy Church' this coming Sunday, 30th November. The event is for families to attend and NOT for unaccompanied children; so parents, grandparents and children. The event runs from 4.00 - 5.30pm on the last Sunday of every month.

PTA

Thank you to all who attended the skittle night last Friday. Numbers were relatively low but a good time was had by all. We would like to express our gratitude to Mr Harvey who not only loaned us the skittle ally but also his time to ensure things ran smoothly amongst rival teams and Mr Lewis and Miss Passam who came equipped with a full bar for a little light refreshment.

Mrs Harvey and a number of the PTA mums have worked extremely hard this week with the children at the after school craft club, making decorations to sell at the Christmas Fayre.

Workers of the week

2K - Edison Garside for his continual perseverance with his presentation

2M - Heather Christie for a good recount about Tamworth Castle

1S - Oliver Russell for giving instructions to a Beebot to follow a pathway

1W - Lucas Vydellingum for writing a super story opening

RR - Lily Boulter for working hard with letter formation

- Ellie-May Tyler for working hard with her reading



RL - Harrison Mitchell for super phonics work
Well done children.

Wishing you a lovely weekend and don't forget your tree decorations next week to put on our lovely Christmas tree.

Kind regards
Mrs Farmer & Mrs Burton

