



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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HAPPY EASTER!

We have all enjoyed a wonderful week of Easter celebrations, starting with the service in St James' church on Monday. Thank you to all those who came along to help us celebrate and to the children for their lovely singing, recorder playing, speaking and prayers.

A huge thank you to the PTA yet again for providing cakes and refreshments on Tuesday and raising £383. This money will go towards school projects and activities, such as coaches for school trips. It seemed like hundreds of family members came out of the stormy weather and watched a great Easter bonnet parade - well done to all the children for their efforts. We all enjoyed the letter hunt, which resulted in a chocolate treat for everyone. These events really could not take place without the organisation and support of the PTA.

Please view the school website for more photographs!

Dates for your Diary

- 20th April - Return to school
- 22nd April - Non uniform day for chocolate bingo
- 22nd April - Multi Academy Trust- Parent Consultation meeting 7pm
- 24th April - Chocolate bingo
- 4th May - Bank Holiday
- 7th May - Year 2 Maypole dancing to parents 2.15pm
- 7th May - Dance show at Abbots Bromley
- 13th May - RR class assembly 9.15am
- 15th May - PTA Film night 3.30pm
- 21st May - RL class assembly 9.15am
- 22nd May - Break up for half term



Wednesday morning saw some amazing egg creations come into school on behalf of Barnardo's. All classes had a walk round the hall to see the fantastic designs and today, Amanda from Barnardo's visited to present the Barnardo's teddies to the winners Isla Brittle (1W) Lucy Turner (RR). Lucy and Isla had made fantastic diaries to accompany their eggs, telling us of all of their adventures throughout the week.

We had 31 envelopes returned to school with an amazing £323.42 raised. Thank you and well done to all who participated.



The children welcomed Natalie Lancaster (mum of Megan in RR) to assembly last Friday to celebrate her achievement of climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, with the Total Body Personal Training team at Branston Golf and Country Club on 1st March. Natalie raised a fantastic amount of money for charity, one of which was our PTA, so we would like to say a huge thank you on the behalf of school.

We are looking forward to choosing something extra special to purchase with the donation.

Appeal for safety

Can we ask that parents keep **all** children, both pupils and younger pre-school siblings, off the adventure playground, trim trail and tyres at the beginning and end of the school day. These pieces of equipment are to be used in school time only and come with their own safety implications and school rules on use. We have seen several pre-school children on the adventure playground after school and would hate to have to block off this area physically; however, we will have to resort to this if parents do not keep their children off the equipment. Thank you.

Mrs Kelly

We would like to wish Mrs Kelly well as she will be away from school for the majority of the summer term due to an operation on her arm. In her absence Mrs L Lewis and Mrs D Preston will be teaching class 2K between them, supported by Teaching Assistant Mrs Robinson. Mrs Osborne is unfortunately also away from school due to illness and we wish her also a speedy recovery.

Mrs Nash

Everyone in school would like to express our sincere thanks to Mrs Nash, who has cleaned our school tirelessly for 14 years and is now leaving. She has kept our school clean and tidy and we will miss her and wish her a wonderful retirement. Her role as cleaning supervisor is being filled by Mrs Hollender, who you will know as a former crossing patrol lady.

Chocolate Bingo

A reminder a non uniform day will be held on Wednesday 22nd April in the hope that children will kindly donate chocolate for the Chocolate Bingo to be held on Friday 24th April.



In book bags tonight

Easter Book Review sheet - We would like them to write a book review for a book that they read over the holidays - it can be any book at all that they have read at home. Please send them back to school after the holidays and we will use some of them in our library area. We will also be choosing one from each year group to win a book-related prize. We will also be choosing one from each year group to win a book-related prize.



Menu's - Please find the new Spring/Summer menu's which commence on Monday 20th April. The cook has advised us that puddings and occasionally a main meal might change when she knows that they are not a very popular choice.

Girls Football - The FA Skills Team are delivering a 'one off' football session for girls only, in school years 1–6 at the National Football Centre. Details are:

Date: Friday April 24th

Venue: St. George's Park, Newborough Road, Needwood, Burton upon Trent DE13 9PD

Times: 4.30-5.30pm (5-8 year olds)

5.30-6.30pm (9-11 year olds)

Cost £2

If you would like to book a place for your child please do so via our website www.thefa.com/skills. Spaces are limited so book early to avoid disappointment, you will not be permitted to turn up on the night and join in.

For questions or any more information please contact Brent Freeman on 07507687857

Each child has today taken home a palm cross, kindly donated by Reverend Andrew and St.James' Church. They are to remind the children about the meaning behind the Easter weekend.

Wishing everyone a very Happy Easter Break.

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 20th April.

Mrs L Farmer and Mrs S Burton

Co-Headteachers