



## Thomas Russell Infants' School

*'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'*

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Another busy week with our pre-schoolers from the nurseries in the village visiting again for a morning of fun and learning on Monday.

We enjoyed a wonderful class assembly from RR demonstrating just how much they have learnt this year and how confident and mature they are all becoming; well done children. We look forward to RL's assembly next Thursday.

Both of our dance groups from Y1 and Y2 wowed the rest of the school on Thursday, when they shared their performances. Well done to all of our talented dancers.

Today, Year 1 children enjoyed a visit from Katie Collins of Packington Farm. This included a talk from Katie on how the food is grown on the farm, the workings of the combine harvester, using a large model and then grinding wheat into flour. The children then learnt how to milk a cow using a rubber glove, finishing with a special treat by meeting Doris the hen! What an exciting morning, thoroughly enjoyed by staff and children.

### Football Training

All Year 2 children enjoyed an hours coaching last Friday from the team from St. George's Park. The coaches brushed up on their assessment techniques whilst the children enjoyed learning new skills.

### Dates for your Diary

18th May - PTA AGM 7.30pm

21st May - RL class assembly to parents  
9.15am

21st May - RR parent lunch 11.30am

22nd May - PTA sponsored event (postponed  
until after half term)

22nd May - Break up for half term

1st June - Inset day (school closed to pupils)

4th June - 2M to Birmingham airport

11th June - 2K to Birmingham airport

12th June - Non uniform day in return for a  
bottle for the PTA summer fayre

19th June - Reception trip to Plantasia

20th & 21st June - Open Gardens weekend

25th June - Sports day and summer fayre  
afternoon

16th July - Leavers assembly

17th July - Last day of term





### **Community Plea!**

My name is Danny Hickinbottom, I am a representative from the Football Club in Barton but this project is a joint project with the Rugby, Tennis, Cricket, Tug of War and Netball. The vast majority of people who are involved in the projects have attended all or some of the schools in Barton.

I hope that you would agree that Holland Sports Club is the focal point of the leisure time for a huge number of students (and their parents!), and that as the village grows in size, the sports club will need to develop to meet their needs. It is vital that the community has this opportunity to play sport to enhance their mental and physical wellbeing.

Please see below the link, which has an outline of the project and includes the video which we made (under a short time frame!). I believe that if we get the schools' backing, in addition to the huge amount of parents who are already part of the club then there won't be many other projects that could catch us! In order to make it through the final round of funding we need to gain as many votes as possible, every person who votes is able to place 10 votes.

<https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/3208/>

Thank you in advance for your support. Danny

### **PTA AGM**

It's the PTA AGM on Monday night at 7.30pm at school. After a fantastic year of fundraising, it's the perfect opportunity to thank you all for your support throughout the year, and put the finishing touches to this year's closing events, before handing over to next year's committee.

We want as many people to be involved with our PTA as possible, so please come along and hear what the money has been spent on this year and the results of the parental survey carried out by the PTA. We look forward to seeing you there.

This is a crucial meeting as it is when we appoint the chair, vice chair, secretary and treasurer

If you'd like to put yourself forward for a position on next year's committee, please come along. All positions will be available, so if you'd like to be involved on any level or feel you have skills which would benefit the school's fundraising efforts, come and find out more at the meeting. Whether this is your first meeting or you've been regularly, we'd love to see you.

There'll be wine and cakes and as tradition dictates, we'll be heading to the pub afterwards for drinks.

Hope to see as many of you there as possible.

### **Sponsored Event**

Due to a clash with an event at the Junior school, we have postponed the sponsored event until after half term. Further information and sponsor forms will follow in book bags next week.

*Wishing you a lovely weekend*

*Regards*

*Mrs L Farmer and Mrs S Burton*