

Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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RL's class assembly

What a wonderful assembly RL put on for us this week. Thank you to all the children and staff for sharing with us a sample of everything you have learnt and enjoyed this year!

Pre-schoolers visit again

We enjoyed a third visit from lots of pre-schoolers due to start school in September. Again, the three nurseries in the village - Little Stars, Humpty Dumpty's and Bright Beginnings brought the children to mix with our reception children and learn a little more about the fun they will have when they start school.

New parents' meeting

We hosted a meeting on Wednesday night for the parents of the sixty children due to start school in September. We had the best attendance on record and were delighted to welcome lots of new families to the school, as well as welcome back some familiar faces!

Dates for your Diary

- 1st June - Inset day (school closed to pupils)
- 4th June - 2M to Birmingham airport
- 9th June whole school photograph
- 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

WORKERS OF THE WEEK

- 2K - **Charlotte Tandy** for super maths work
- 2M - **Harley Gazzard** for excellent P.E work this term
- 1S - **William Yates** for superb behaviour all the time
- 1W - None this week
- RR - **Darcy Walker** for super information writing on space
- RR - **Oliver Hamon** for ordering random numbers
- RL - **Olivia Boulter** for beautiful cursive writing all week

Well done children!

Sponsored sports event

On Friday June 5th the PTA have organised a sponsored event which we know the children will enjoy! Three PTA members are giving up their morning to help the staff organise the classes and hand out medals. All children will complete three events: a run round the field, a go on the trim trail and a scoot around the playground, following an exciting trail which will be laid out in advance. We ask the children to bring in their scooters on the day; staff will be on hand to direct each class to clearly marked scooter bays. Please do not worry if your child does not have a scooter - there will be spares at school they can borrow. In tonight's book bag you will find the sponsor form we ask you to complete. Half term is a great time to catch up with family and friends and ask them to be a sponsor!

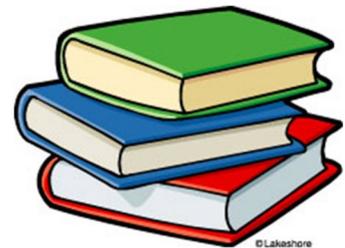
Every single penny raised will go towards classroom and curriculum resources to support teaching and learning and ensure your child's learning experiences are varied and exciting.



Book reviews

A huge well done and thank you to everyone who completed a book review over the Easter holidays. It has literally taken Mrs Moore all of this half term to read the 110 that were returned! Mrs Moore would like to say a big thank you to everyone who put so much time and effort into doing one; you have definitely given her lots of new book titles to look for.

It was impossible to choose the best one from each group for a prize so everyone who sent one back to school is bringing home a special pencil and rubber to help them with their writing over the half term holiday. Well done to everyone.



Please remember school is closed for staff training Monday June 1st and will reopen on Tuesday June 2nd. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for the last half term of the year. This is always a very busy half term with lots of events and dates for the diary, so please make a note of events and dates. Thank you.



PTA News

Thank you to the parents who attended this week's AGM. We would like to extend a huge thank you to Chair Katie Rawlins and Vice-Chair Amy Harvey, who both step down after a sterling year's work - you will be sorely missed in these roles. We are pleased to announce that Marie Keasley will be our new Chair, supported by Amy Tipper as Vice Chair, Sarah Pick as Treasurer and Liz Cramp as Secretary. Thank you to everyone who gives up their precious time to support the school in raising much needed funds which directly benefit your children. Please see the PTA section of the school website for the results of the PTA's recent survey and the Chair's annual report to parents, which summarises the year's events and money raised.

A general reminder about one of the easiest ways to raise money for school. Easyfundraising is an entirely free service that allows you to shop directly at their favourite online store, via the links on the easyfundraising.org.uk website, and raise a donation for school once a purchase is made. Donations can be up to 15% of the value of your purchase, depending on the retailer and the item purchased. There are thousands of stores that are already participating with leading high street brands such as Amazon, WHSmith, M&S and more. Simply visit www.easyfundraising.co.uk and follow the simple steps, selecting Thomas Russell Infants School as your preferred cause. Many thanks.

Summer Raffle

A plea to anyone who can offer a fantastic top raffle prize for our summer raffle! If anyone has something to give/offer as a main prize, please email Katie@events.co.uk as soon as possible so tickets can be printed. Many thanks in advance.

Wishing you enjoyable half term break.

Regards

Mrs L Farmer and Mrs S Burton