



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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News from the Governing Body

As you know, the Governing Body have over the past few months been considering the future of the school. We have researched in extreme depth what it would mean for us to become an academy and join the John Taylor Multi-Academy Trust. The Governors voted this week, and I am pleased to announce that we have voted 'yes' to becoming an Academy and joining the John Taylor Multi Academy Trust. We think this will give the school further opportunities to develop our excellent teaching and add to the richness of experiences for our children. There is much legal activity to take place over the next few months of which we will keep you informed. If parents have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via school.

Kind regards

Neil Taylor - Chair of Governors

Whole School Photo

The whole school photo took much planning this week on a bright and sunny Tuesday morning. These photographs are only taken every three years and make a lovely keepsake for your children, so please keep an eye out for further ordering information.



Dates for your Diary

- 19th June - Reception trip to Plantasia
- 20th & 21st June - Open Gardens weekend
- 25th June - Sports day and summer fayre afternoon
- 13th July - Y2 leavers' party straight after school until 5.00pm
- 16th July - Leavers assembly
- 17th July - Last day of term

WORKERS OF THE WEEK

2K - Trae Hurst for good progress with his reading

1W - William Griffiths for working hard with his writing

1W - Evie Harvey for using number bonds to 10 to help with addition

1S - Olivia Seagrave for being a keen and enthusiastic learner

RR - Kaitlin Walters for super news writing

RL - Owen Lawson for a good try in P.E

Well done children!



2K's trip to the airport

This was another successful visit where the children all had fun and learnt lots about travel from an airport. Well done children, for being fantastic ambassadors for the school!

Pre-Schoolers visit

We were delighted to welcome pre-school children again from some of our local nurseries on Monday morning. The children from the nurseries and our reception classes had a wonderful selection of activities on offer, organised by Bright Beginnings Nursery - thank you to them for their hard work. We look forward to seeing all our new reception children visiting over the next few weeks.

Healthy Living Week

During week commencing 22nd June the children will be taking part in a Healthy Living Week. They will experience a variety of different activities such as a healthy eating talk, dodgeball, archery, Frisbee, golf, a tennis session at Holland Park, as well as our Sports Day. We hope that the children will enjoy the range of activities we have organised for them.

Open gardens weekend

We are delighted to be opening our grounds as part of the village Open gardens weekend on the 20th and 21st June. Everyone attending the event will be charged £4 for a brochure which gives you entry to many lovely private gardens around the village. Please visit us for refreshments, and a play on the field and trim trail and on Saturday at 2.30pm the opportunity to watch the year 2 dancers dance around the maypole.

In order to make our gardens look as lovely as possible we are asking that all children make a recycled planter at home and bring into school for display on Thursday 18th. We have run this competition every year for over 15 years and have seen some weird and wonderful creations. There is no theme, just find something in your home or garden you no longer need and fill with plants. We have seen kettles, wellies, toilets and even bicycles brought in with some very funny names. Please can you make sure your child's name and class are on their planter for all to see. When displayed together these can be an amazing sight and visitors are always wowed. Many thanks for your efforts at this busy time of year





John Taylor Young Dance Ambassadors

Year 2 children enjoyed a new dance experience this week when John Taylor Young Dance Ambassadors arrived to teach them a dance they had devised. Fun was had by all!

Sun Safe!

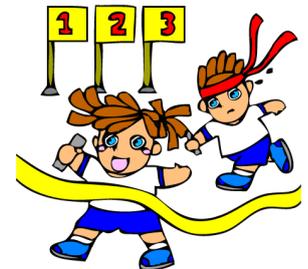
Thank you to everyone who has administered sun block to their child before coming to school. A reminder we have factor 30 in a dispenser by the bike shelter which you are welcome to use. We would also ask parents, if possible, can sunhats be kept in school for playtimes and also sports day practise. Thank you.



Sports Day and Summer Fayre Thursday 25th June

We invite parents to arrive from any time after 1.00pm for Sports day with an aim of us beginning at 1.30pm. Mrs Walker has planned a sports day following last years format which means that all children will be active throughout most of the afternoon. Can we please ask that all children bring a water bottle and sun hat for the afternoon and have adequate sun cream on for the duration of the afternoon (if it is sunny on the day of course!).

At the end of the sports the children will return to the classroom to gather their belongings and will need to be collected in the usual way. The summer fayre stalls will then begin once children have been released and the stalls are manned. An awful lot of time and effort goes into the planning and setting up of the summer fayre so we do hope you can stay and visit our event to help us raise money to support the children.



We would gratefully appreciate donations of good, clean, cuddly toys and cakes for the cake stall. Teddies can be dropped off at school at any time the week before and cakes can be brought in on Wednesday morning. Thank you in advance.

Country Dancers

Photographs were taken this week of our country dancers by the Lichfield Mercury newspaper. We were informed these would not be published until after the Open Gardens weekend, but have now been informed they are in **this week's addition**. Thank you.



PTA plea

Mr Brittle has kindly agreed to run a plant stall on the open gardens weekend selling any plants he can get his hands on! Please can we ask for a donation of plants of any sort from everyone, let's make it a fantastic stall that people can't resist. Plants can be brought in to school on the 18th or 19th June (no earlier please). Many thanks for your support.

Summer Fayre

Now that the Summer Fayre is less than 3 weeks away we have lots of planning and organising taking place. We, as always, need as many people to help as we can, it's a really fun event that will hopefully raise lots of money for school. If you can spare half an hour to run a stall or activity on the day please do let us know by emailing thomasrussellpta@gmail.com. Get your friends involved and share the load! There are quite a few different things happening this year, look out for the program in the next couple of weeks that tells you about all the lovely things that will be happening and that you can get involved with.

Raffle prizes

The PTA are still appealing for raffle prizes for the summer fayre. If you are able to donate please see a member of the PTA or the school office. Thank you in advance.

Wishing you enjoyable weekend.

Regards

Mrs L Farmer and Mrs S Burton

Co Headteachers