



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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We have had a visit this week from the local PCSO regarding parking near school. They have received a number of complaints from neighbours about cars parked close to the first bend in Holland Park, which could cause an obstruction and potentially be dangerous. We know that most of our parents who drive to school park legally and courteously, but, as always, would urge everyone who has to drive to be aware that they have a responsibility to park their car in a safe and legal manner. If you have any concerns relating to parking issues, please let the school office know. Thank you.

Open gardens weekend and scarecrow festival

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. Our scarecrows will be on display outside the front of school and there are many more to view around the village. Please visit us for refreshments or maybe even a cream tea and browse our recycled planters which the children have kindly made at home. There are some wonderful displays. The children can play on the field and trim trail and on Saturday at 2.30pm there is the opportunity to watch the year 2 dancers dance around the maypole.



Dates for your Diary

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

Miss Wain

We would like to welcome Miss Wain back to RL next week and also thank Mrs Towlson for covering for her whilst she was absent. Please note drama club will not be on next Monday 22nd. Due to Miss Wain undertaking some Forest School training later this term, Mrs Towlson will continue to support RL at times over the next few weeks.

WORKERS OF THE WEEK

2K - **Sam Young** for a super attitude to his work

2M - **Louise Moore** for excellent story writing that hooked the teacher

1W - **Oliver Hill** for writing a great factsheet about the seaside

1W - **Harley Butler** for super adding by creating a number line

1S - **Ellisia Reeves** for always being kind and helpful

RR - **Elisa Madill** for fabulous jumps and landings off the bench in gymnastics

Well done children!



We would like to thank Toyota for their generous donation of money, which has enabled us to buy sturdy wooden tables and benches and also several brightly coloured stools and a bench for the Reception children, to use in their outside play and work area.

Welcome new reception children

All our new reception children have had their first official visit this week, and enjoyed playing outside, seeing their new classroom and meeting their new staff. They were all super and we are looking forward to seeing them again soon.

Year 2

As little ones get ready to join us, older ones are getting ready to leave us. Year 2 have had visits from their new year 3 teachers and are rightly excited about the move. They are looking forward to visiting the Junior school next week.

Sports day

As you know sports afternoon will be Thursday 25th of June followed by the school Summer fayre, with gates opening at 1.15pm. We are looking forward to seeing lots of family members there to cheer the children on and find out which team the winners are this year!

Please can we remind parents to send children with sun cream on, sun hats and a water bottle for the afternoon. We politely ask that parents do not approach the children while they are with their groups taking part in the sports activities, thank you. Can we please also ask you to carefully consider where you park for the afternoon.

Sports captains

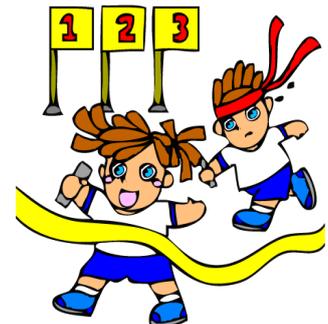
As is tradition, all the year 2 children voted for the team captains from year 2 earlier this week. The following children will lead the teams onto the field for sports day:

Robins-Hannah Moore and George Kugelmann

Swans- Amelia Whiteford and Sam Young

Owls- Mica Chambers and Jay Holden

Penguins- Georgia Waite and Edison Garside



Kids Love Books is Amazon's attempt to discover the UK's favourite children's books—as voted for by children themselves. With *Kids Love Books* they hope to encourage children across the country to talk about and share their favourite reads. Amazon then plan to publish the results on their site to help children and adults alike discover great books that they will enjoy.

Parents can take part by voting on behalf of their child using the voting form on the Amazon Kids Love Books website. Our school will then be entered into a prize draw to be in with a chance of winning the main prize of **30 Kindle E-readers** and a **£5,000 Amazon.co.uk Gift Card**. Two runner-up schools will each win a **£2,000 Amazon.co.uk Gift Card**. The winning schools will be selected at random from all entries.

Year 2 clubs

Year 2 lunchtime and after school clubs (country dancing, recorders, reading and gardening) will finish for the year on Friday the 26th June. Thank you to all of the children who have taken part this year.

Whole School Photo

Parents should have received the proof this week of the whole school photograph. As explained in last week's newsletter this is only taken every three years, so is a lovely memento for your child to keep of their years at Thomas Russell. Can orders be returned to school as soon as possible please. Thank you.

PTA

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their sponsor money so far. We've already raised over £1,000 for new resources for school and still have a lot of forms to come in! It's not too late, please return your form and money as soon as you can, it's all going to a good cause.

Our Summer Fayre is next week! Look out for a flyer in book bags today and a list of some of the great raffle prizes. Keep selling those raffle tickets, there are more available in the office if you need them! We will also need donations of cakes for the coffee and cake stall, a great excuse to get baking (or pop to the shops!). Can we ask you to please bring in your cake donations on the morning of the Fayre (Thursday 25th).

If you still have any teddies at home to donate to our teddy tombola we would be grateful. Please ensure children are prepared for seeing their teddy sat on a stall as we have had lots of tears in the past! Thank you.

Wishing you enjoyable weekend.

Regards

Mrs L Farmer and Mrs S Burton

Co Headteachers