



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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Reception fun!

This week our reception children have managed really well with their first full week, although we are sure there will be some tired children this weekend!

They were joined in class this week by the librarian from Barton Library to talk about looking after books and how great a love of reading is. They also had their first try of the adventure playground which they all enjoyed.



Year 1

Class 1S enjoyed time in the sunshine this week taking photographs of the colourful trees surrounding school, giving them some super inspiration for their work on the seasons.

Parent volunteers

It was lovely to welcome so many parents to the meeting this week, hopefully because of the time these parents can commit to school, each class will have 1 or 2 parents in weekly to help and support the learning and activities taking place in class. It is not too late to show your interest, just pop into the school office where you will be given a little bit of paperwork to complete and we can then place you in a class.

Dates for your Diary

September 30th at 7.30pm - Curriculum information meeting for all reception parents

October 7th at 2.30pm - Coffee afternoon for reception parents

October 8th at 7.30pm - Curriculum information meeting for all Y1 and Y2 parents

October 22nd 1.30-5.00pm - Parent/teacher consultation meetings

October 23rd 9.15-10.00am - Whole school Harvest assembly - one adult per child welcome

October 23rd 3.15pm - Break up for half Term

November 2nd 1.30-5.00pm Parent / teacher consultation meetings

WORKERS OF THE WEEK

2M - Harrison Lindsay for a great start to year 2 working hard with enthusiasm.

2W - William Griffiths for a super understanding of place value

1K - Seth Berriman for super attitude towards his learning

1S - Chloe Watling for excellent number bonds to 10

Well done everyone!

Please be aware that Parent/Teacher consultation forms are in book bags tonight. To be returned by Friday 2nd October. Thank you.

Reception Curriculum meeting 7.30pm-9pm

On Wednesday 30th September we are holding a meeting for all reception parents to explain in more detail areas of the Early Years curriculum. We will be demonstrating how we teach our cursive handwriting, phonics, reading, maths and areas of social and emotional education. There will be a few handouts so if you are unable to attend please ask at the school office for the papers following the meeting.

Open day for prospective children and parents

Wednesday 14th October 2015

We are holding an open day for parents and children due to start school in September 2016.

They will have the chance to look around the school and see all the classes at work. The 2 sessions available are 9.30-10.30am and 2-3pm. Please share this information with anyone you know wishing to start our school, thank you.

Reminder: Year 1 & 2 La Jolie Ronde French class opportunity

We need a couple more children to join in order for the Thursday lunchtime French classes to run this term.

If you are interested in fun French classes for your child with songs, games, rhymes and stories, and you would like to receive more information, please could you return the reply slip at the bottom of the recent letter to school by Monday 28th September or contact Sharon Kingston

(e-mail: sharonkingston@hotmail.co.uk, phone/text: 07780 635926 or visit www.lajolieronde.co.uk).

Subject to numbers, sessions will start on Thursday 1st October.



2016 Calendar

While it is slightly scary to be thinking of next year already we have to plan ahead. Each year our wonderful PTA create and print a very professional looking calendar, starring all your children. Your children will feature in a photo of the month they were born, so each month has its own 'stars'. In school they will also draw pictures of themselves to be added. It is always a huge seller in December when we are all thinking of Christmas presents for family and friends.

We will be taking the photos on **MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER** so please can you send your child with the following:

January- Hats, scarves and gloves for a very cold day

February - Red clothing, hearts and flower objects



March- Daffodils/Spring flowers, toy lambs

April - Umbrellas for showers, Easter eggs, Easter rabbits



May - nothing needed as we will use the Maypole

June- Sports Day including sun hats

July- Tennis rackets and sports clothes for Wimbledon and strawberries



August - buckets, spades and sun hats for holidays

September - nothing needed as we will use school bags for a start of term theme

October - pumpkins and Halloween props



November - homemade streamers to look like fireworks

December- anything Christmassy like tinsel, toy snowmen, sledges, mince pies, baubles and Christmas hats and jumpers!

Many thanks in advance.



Christmas Cards

Please don't buy all your Christmas cards just yet. All the children will be designing their own card which we will be having made into impressive Christmas cards for all your friends and family. Very soon you will be receiving a copy of the card and details on how to order them.

PTA News

A couple of reminders!

Tuesday 29th Sept - first PTA planning meeting of the year, everyone welcome, 7.30pm at school.

Friday 13th November - wine tasting evening with our very own 'Most Influential wine buyer' Mike James - make sure you have a babysitter lined up!

Maths challenge

Why not have a go of our monthly maths challenge as a family. If children want to record their findings they are welcome to do so and hand to us throughout next week. Good luck!

Jack has three blue tiles, three yellow tiles and three green tiles.

He put them together in a square so that no two tiles of the same colour were beside each other.

Can you find out how he did it?

Can you find another way to do it?

Can you find ALL the ways to do it?

Please see second email attachment on blind cords and chains awareness in the home, sent by Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP)

Year 6 Visitors

We welcomed all of the Year 6 children this afternoon who came over to read to our children as part of 'Roald Dahl' day. They did a fabulous job.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

Regards

Mrs L Farmer and Mrs S Burton