



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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Well done to Mrs Cullen and the kitchen staff for retaining their 5 stars in the recent Food Hygiene Rating inspection by the Foods Standards Agency.



Year 1 trip to Packington Farm

Both year 1 classes enjoyed a trip to Packington Farm this week, where they got to pond dip, bug hunt and learn about animals large and small. They had lots of fun making homes for the mini beasts out of natural materials and once again their behaviour was exemplary

Dates for your Diary

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

November 9th - 9.00am photographer in school

November 27th - School closed for staff

WORKERS OF THE WEEK

2M - Eoin Hudson for excellent reasoning in maths

2W - Isobel Harmon for creating a great sequence of movements in dance

1S - Oliver Hamon for super knowledge of the different types of clouds

1K - Alfie Lissemore for a super attitude to learning in all subjects

RR - Thomas Barker for fabulous counting and ordering numbers to 20

RL - William Hughes for super sequencing of Little Red Riding Hood

Well done everyone!

Singing Workshop Visit

Year 2 children represented Thomas Russell Infants' school so well at the Lichfield Cathedral KS1 singing festival held at St. Augustine's Church, Rugeley this morning. They all worked hard to learn three special songs before today and enjoyed joining in with lots of other children who took part. There was even a chance to learn some new songs and have lots of fun at the same time. Well done to every child who took part! Thank you Mrs Lawrie.

Open Day

We had many prospective parents and children attend our open day on Wednesday and they were pleased to see the school in action, it was lovely to spend the day showing our visitors the children enjoying their learning. They were very happy and confident to talk about our school with pride, thank you children.

Harvest Assembly

This will be held on Friday October 23rd at 9.15–10.00am in the school hall as already mentioned in the diary of events. This year we have once again decided to donate food to the Burton YMCA Food Bank. The YMCA have listed the foods they are in need of, these are:

Tinned Goods

Vegetables e.g. potatoes, carrots etc

Soup, Spaghetti, Beans, tinned tomatoes etc

Corned beef, ham, other cold meats, tuna, sardines etc

'Meals' i.e. Stew, curries, chilli con carne, stewing steak, mince beef & onion, casseroles, hot dogs and meatballs etc

Milk puddings, fruit, Custard (or instant packet to be mixed with water) etc

Cereals

Breakfast cereals

Pasta, rice, savoury rice, noodles, pot noodles

Biscuits, cream crackers, savoury biscuits, crisps

Drinks

500 ml (not 1 litre) cartons of UHT milk (not dried milk) – Urgent, regular need for these – we like to put one in every food parcel so need at least 90-110 each month, Small screw top bottles of UHT milk also urgently required for the Rough Sleepers bags

Instant coffee, tea, cuppa-soups etc

If you could spare any of the above items we would be extremely grateful. Donations can be brought into school on the morning of the assembly.

We have also decided to issue food baskets to a few needy senior citizens in the village, and as in previous years, we will ask the year 2 children to help.

In addition, because of the current refugee crisis, we will put out a donation basket in the hall where money contributions will be sent to 'Save the Children - Child Refugee Crisis Appeal'. If you are unable to attend on the day, donations may be sent via book bags.

Many thanks in advance for your support.

Parent, teacher meetings

Thank you to all parents who have booked a time to meet with their child's class teacher either Thursday 22nd October or Monday 2nd November. The appointments are for 15 minutes, where we hope to share valuable information about how your child is getting on in school and how you can help at home to support them further. If your appointment is after the school day children are welcome to come along, however we ask they stay in the waiting areas while you speak with the class teacher. There will be books available to the children. Thank you.

Photographer in school

Advance notice that on Monday 9th November the photographer is in school from 8.30am. From 8.30 till 9am he is available to take photographs of all children and their brothers or sisters WHO DO NOT attend the school. You are therefore welcome to bring in your older and younger children to have a family photo during this time. (If your children are at the Juniors or John Taylor please advise them they may be late in).

Then from 9am until 11am each child in school will have their photograph taken. If they have a sibling in school we also take one of them together. You will then have the opportunity to buy the photographs which make lovely Christmas presents.



Flu Immunisations

Please remember that on Tuesday next week, the School Nurse Team will be coming in to carry out flu immunisations. If you have given consent for this immunisation (nasal spray) please can you talk about it with your child before hand so they understand what is happening.

PTA

Halloween Party - please be aware that tickets will NOT be issued for the party. If you have requested a place and paid the full amount of £3.50 you will receive a text message next week. Thank you.

Wine Tasting - The leaflets have now been distributed! To book your place, please make sure you return the ticket requests by *Friday 23rd October*. Thank you.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

Regards

Mrs L Farmer and Mrs S Burton