



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

Newsletter No. 10 - 20th November 2015

WORKERS OF THE WEEK

2W - School trip

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1K - Isaac Heathcote for trying hard with his writing

1S - Connor Bowring for super acting out of a story

RR - Evie Allison for working hard with her letter formation

RL - Ethan Finch for spelling cvc words so well.

RL - Lily Needham for fantastic sequencing of numbers

Well done everyone!

Dates for your Diary

November 27th - School closed for staff training

December 4th - Whole school to Panto at Lichfield Garrick

December 8th - 2.00pm Reception Nativity play. 2 adults per child please.

December 11th - Christmas lunch and party

December 16th - 2.00pm - 2M and 1K Christmas play. 2 adults per child please.

December 17th - 2.00pm - 2W and 1S Christmas play. 2 adults per child please.

December 18th - 2.30pm Christmas Sing a long (1 adult per family please) and last day of school.

January 4th - School opens for new term



Year 2 at Tamworth Castle

A great trip was had by year 2 today as they explored and investigated every nook and cranny of Tamworth Castle. Their visit was closely linked to the work year 2 have been doing on castles.





The final total raised for Children in Need was **£245.70**.

Thank you to everyone for contributing to this worthwhile charity.

Craft Sessions

Thank you to all the children who came along and enjoyed the PTA craft sessions after school this week, and to the PTA for their organisation and time.

Year 1 Parents

Year 1 parents please see book bags for an invitation to observe the Wednesday football sessions.

Cold Weather Clothing

With the cold weather on its way, can we ask you to make sure your child/children come to school wearing a warm suitable coat. We encourage you to send in **named** hats, scarves and gloves for playtime. Thank you

Arrangements for

Whole School trip to the PANTO!!

On Friday 4th December the whole class will travel by coach to Lichfield Garrick Theatre to watch the Pantomime. The children will leave after the register and be accompanied by all staff including lunch time supervisors and students. We do not require any additional parent helpers at this stage. We take drinks and snacks to have in the interval and will return to school by 1pm. To ensure the children get their food as quickly as possible we will be providing a packed lunch which they will eat in classrooms. This will give the PTA time during the morning to set up the hall for the Christmas Fayre that evening. We are all looking forward to this special day.



TRISPTA Christmas colouring competition.

There will be a colouring sheet in your child's book bag today, this is for the TRISPTA Christmas colouring competition. The task is to colour your Christmas outline and cut it out with your child's name and class on the back. Each class has a different outline and there will be prizes at the Christmas Fayre for the most eye-catching designs and for the class which has the most entries!

Please post your entries in the PTA letter box by **Monday 30th November**.

Christingle Service

There will be a Christingle service at St James' Church, Barton, on Sunday 29 November at 6.00pm. Every child attending will receive a Christingle. Donations to The Children's Society are welcomed - collecting tubes will be available from the school office next week.



PTA News

Wine Tasting:

A huge thank you to the wonderful Mike James for hosting such a fantastic & successful event for us. And also another huge thank you to Esther Howes for allowing us to use the Apple Tree cafe, it was such a lovely setting and really helped to make it a great evening. We raised an absolutely fantastic £1,128 for school that night, so a third thank you to everyone that came and supported us!

Upcoming events:

Book a 'santa slot' will be available before and after school on Monday & Tuesday next week. Payment of £3.50 per child must be made at time of booking (we have some lovely presents for the Children!).

Any donations of good condition second hand books will also be gratefully received this week. They can be dropped at the santa booking stall or into the office, thank you.

We are still really in need of some raffle prizes for the fayre. You will find a raffle form in your book bags so if you are able to donate a prize please post the form into the black PTA box asap.

You will also find a help request form in your book bags too. The Christmas Fayre is a very busy event and at the moment we don't have enough help to set up, run stalls and clear up afterwards. Please let us know by completing the form if you can help, in any way, thanks.

And finally, please remember that Thursday is non uniform day in exchange for a bottle or chocolates for the adult tombola stall (always very popular!) so please bring your donations into school that morning, they will be collected as you come into school.

Please remember that school is closed to the children on Friday 27th November.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

Regards

Mrs L Farmer and Mrs S Burton