



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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Early Years News

Our outdoor Reception area will be getting an exciting 'make-over' soon, when we'll be updating the surfacing and adding some larger pieces of fixed play equipment. It was pointed out at our last Ofsted inspection that the area could be further improved, so after much deliberating we have picked out the design and equipment that best fits our needs—and budget! We have been greatly helped by a very generous donation of £5,000 from the Barton under Needwood and Dunstall Key Trust—a huge thank you to them! Work will start just before the Easter holidays and hopefully be completed by the time the children come back to school in April.

Sport Relief—18 March

School will be holding an event to mark Sport Relief this year—the School Council will be meeting very shortly to decide what we'll be doing and we will let you have details as soon as possible!

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 2 March—RR assembly 9.15
Thursday 3 March—RL assembly 9.15
Thursday 3 March—1K parent lunch 11.30
Thursday 3 March—parent consultations
Friday 4 March—Dress as a book character
Friday 4 March—Year 1 Bedtime Story
Monday 7 March—parent consultations
Friday 11 March—Year 1 trip to Shugborough
Friday 11 March—2M parent lunch 11.30
Friday 11 March—Year 2 Bedtime Story
Friday 18 March—2W parent lunch 11.30
Tuesday 22 March—Easter Egg hunt and bonnet parade
Thursday 24 March—Easter church service 9.30
Thursday 24 March—Break up for Easter
Monday 11 April—back to school

Thinking Day

We had a grand total of 44 children come to school in their Rainbow, Brownie or Beaver uniforms on Monday and very smart they looked too!



WORKERS OF THE WEEK

RR— Isaac Olbison—for working really hard with his reading.

RL— Jonty Cunningham—for a really good try with his ring words.

*Well done, children—
keep up the good work!*

Staffing News

Mrs Kelly

We have recently been informed that Mrs Kelly, who has been away from school for several months, will not be returning to work. We know you will want to join us in thanking Mrs Kelly for her time at the school, both as a teacher and as Deputy Headteacher, and in wishing her well for the future.

Mrs Lawrie

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Lawrie at the end of the summer term, as she leaves to take early retirement. Mrs Lawrie has been a teacher at our school for 36 years and has taught over 1000 children throughout this time. We are sure you will join us in wishing her a very happy and healthy retirement.

Year 2 parents

Please could we ask you to help your child to make sure that they have their correct PE kit in school every day. We appreciate it is difficult when some children are using it for after-school gymnastics or dance club and then taking it home afterwards, but we are having more and more children becoming distressed when getting ready for PE because they have forgotten to bring their kit back. Despite our best efforts we never have enough of the right size spare items for every child who needs them. Football with Brent Freeman is continuing until Easter and we are using the field for this at every available opportunity, so children need a suitable outdoor PE kit to keep them warm including trainers and a carrier bag to put them in afterwards. Thank you for your support with this.

Easter Bonnet Parade

The children are all invited to make an Easter bonnet and bring it into school on 22nd March. Parents and carers are invited to come to school for drinks and refreshments provided by the PTA and take part in the Easter trail around the school grounds. This is always a lovely informal session which is enjoyed by children and adults alike. The classes then parade in their bonnets, winners are chosen and prizes awarded. Times are as follows for the Easter Trail:

9.10am- Reception classes with parents

9.30am- Year 1 with parents

10.45am - Year 2 with parents

10.10am—Bonnet parade outside (if wet, in the hall!)

We have found over the years that it is easier if you come along for the time your child is doing the Easter Trail and then again for the Bonnet Parade at 10.10am, instead of staying all morning - the hall gets very full! Refreshments will be available to purchase from 9 till 10.30am. We politely ask you do not buy cakes and drinks for children in school - they will be provided with their usual drink and snack at break. Thank you.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Farmer and Mrs Burton