



## Thomas Russell Infants' School

*'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'*

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### Happy Easter!

What a lovely way to end the Spring term this morning with our whole school assembly at St James' Church. The children spoke and sang beautifully—we hope everyone who was able to come along enjoyed it. Thank you to all the parents who helped us walk to and from church; your support is much appreciated.

Tuesday saw another exciting Easter hunt organised by the PTA. Thank you to all the family members who supported the event and bought refreshments throughout the morning. A huge "thank you" goes to the PTA who worked so hard to make this another successful event!

We hope you all enjoyed the bonnet parade—the children certainly did! Well done to all the winners.

### Dates for your Diary

Monday 11 April—back to school

Thursday 21 April—Abbotts Bromley dance show (Year 2)

Thursday 28 April—Year 1 assembly 9.15

Thursday 28 April—SATs meeting for year 2 parents 6 pm

Tuesday 3 May—Maypole dancing

### Football Skills

The Year 2 parents had the chance this week to come and see the fantastic football skills sessions which have been led by Brent Freeman of the FA, who's based at St George's Park. He's also running sessions at St George's Park on Friday 1 April for 5-11 year olds—call him on 07507 687857 or email Brent.Freeman@TheFA.com for details.

### IN YOUR BOOK BAGS...

Easter holiday activity information from various organisations!

### New Reception play area open!

The Reception children have had an early Easter present this week with the installation of their lovely new play area. We will be bringing it into regular use after the Easter holidays. Once again, thank you to the Barton under Needwood and Dunstall Key Trust for their generous donation towards the costs of creating it. For safety reasons, please do not allow younger brothers and sisters to play on the equipment before and after school. Thank you.



### Parking near school

One of the local PCSOs has been in to school to ask us to remind anyone who picks up or drops off by car to park legally and considerately near the school. She asks us to remind you that parking is NOT permitted:

- within 10 metres of a junction
- on a bend
- obstructing a dropped kerb
- obstructing the pavement

If you can walk to school, we would always encourage you to do so. If you do need to use a car, please consider parking at Holland Sports Club and walking through Meadow Rise, a walk of less than five minutes. Barton Marina is also only a short walk away and has ample, safe parking. Thank you.

### Academy conversion

We are on track to convert to an academy on April 1<sup>st</sup> and join the John Taylor Multi Academy Trust. There have been several weeks of necessary paperwork and meetings to ensure everything is in place for the conversion date. We will not be changing our name nor will you notice any obvious differences about our school but we look forward to sharing the benefits with you very soon.

Wishing you all a very happy Easter!

Regards

*Mrs Farmer and Mrs Burton*