



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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PTA SOS... A message from the TRISPTA

After a disappointing turn-out at the PTA AGM and a lack of volunteers willing to take on roles, the PTA's future hangs in the balance and will fold unless a group of people come forward. This will also mean that the summer fayre would not go ahead this year.

By virtue of your children coming to TRI you are already a member of the PTA, as are any grandparents. With now only a handful of helpers and a newly appointed Treasurer and Secretary there is not the capacity to run future events. The PTA has suggested that as a way forward, each event is organised by an Event Coordinator; an individual or group of friends willing to run an event from start to finish, with help from the school community. This does not require anyone to take on a permanent position in the committee.

We still need a Chair or two co-Chairs to oversee/coordinate all of the events. This does not mean that you have to help or even be present at all events. The role would suit a parent or grandparent, who is organised, with reasonably good ICT skills and would like to support the school by being more involved in fund-raising projects.

The deadline for a Summer Fayre Coordinating team is Friday 27th May. The Fayre is after sports day on Wednesday 22nd June. Already available is a bouncy castle, and a bar, and tombola prizes can be collected on Friday 17th June through a 'wear anything day' with contributions.

The children benefit greatly from the extra funds raised by the PTA and it would be a real shame if we were to lose the contributions towards the pantomime (£1230) and educational visits (£1100+) as well as all of the contributions towards new resources and learning opportunities.

If you are interested in helping organise the Summer Fayre or other events, or filling the position of Chair/Co Chairs, please email office@thomasrussell-infants.staffs.sch.uk as we would be interested in hearing from you, however little you think you would be able to offer, to enable the PTA to continue to support all the children in school. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 25 May—meeting for new Reception parents 7pm

Friday 27 May—RL Parents lunch 11.30

Friday 27 May—Break up for half-term

Tuesday 7 June—Back to school

Wednesday 29 June—Sports Day & summer fayre

Monday 18 July—Leavers' party after school

Tuesday 19 July—Leavers' assembly 2pm

Friday 22 July—Last day of term

A whole school thank you...

We would like to extend a huge 'thank you' to all members of the PTA committee who have worked tirelessly over the past year to raise money for your children. Marie Keasley (Chair), Amy Tipper (Vice Chair), Liz Cramp (Secretary) and Sarah Pick (Treasurer) have now stood down, after working really hard along with a group of regular volunteers, over the last year to raise over £6000 for our school. Well done and thank you once again.

Don't forget...

- RL Parents' lunch—please reply by Wednesday at the latest!

IN YOUR BOOK BAGS...

- RL parents' lunch letter
- 'Print My Ride' flyer—Year 1 will get theirs on Monday!

WORKERS OF THE WEEK

RL— Harry Boucher for super writing about dinosaurs.

RR— Archie Whitaker for giving lots of dinosaur facts.

RR— Oliver Cooper for making sensible estimations in maths.

2W— Lucas Joubert for working hard to complete maths problems.

2W— Kenzie Uncles for enthusiastic work during phonics.

2M— Georgia Hanstock for super estimating in maths.

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

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Regards

Mrs Farmer and Mrs Burton

Staffing news

We are delighted to announce that, after interviews this week, Mrs Robinson will be joining the office team after half term on a Thursday and Friday. We are sure you will welcome her to her new role.

Bags2School collection

Thank you for all the donations of old clothes that were brought in earlier this week. We've just been told that the collection raised a grand total of £217.60, split equally between us and the junior school. Big thanks to Mrs Trinh for organising this for us!

In your book bags today is a flyer for Print My Ride, which some of you will already be aware of, but may be new to others. It's a way of personalising scooters and bikes and also raising money for school. Please can we have your replies by next Friday 25 May at the latest!

