



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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Perfect pizza!

Year 1 had fun this week making fantastic pizzas as part of their learning on food groups. We hope they tasted as good as they looked!

Nail Varnish appeal!

Do you have any old useable nail varnish - could you donate any for our Summer Fayre? There is a labelled green box just in front of the school office for donations. Thanks!

PTA news

Thank you to the few parents who have very generously come forward and offered to work as a team to organise the summer fayre. Plans and preparations are now being made and you should have received in your book bags yesterday a letter from the PTA asking for help and donations for the Fayre. If you can help, please put your reply in the PTA post-box or drop into the school office or your book bag! We really do need your help, even if it is just offering to help on a stall for an hour.

The PTA annual reports are also being sent out today along with this newsletter. The position of Chair is still vacant and we urge anyone interested to speak to us ASAP - thank you.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended and supported the film night in aid of Edward's Trust last Friday. More than £2300 was raised for this fantastic charity.

IN YOUR BOOK BAGS...

- Wellie and Teddy walk sponsor form
- Year 2—letter from Juniors regarding the children's transition

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 7 June—Back to school

Friday 10 June—Sponsored Wellie & Teddy walk

Thursday 23 June—Meeting at Juniors for Y2 parents 6.00pm

Monday 27 June—Y2 children to Juniors for a swim

Wednesday 29 June—Sports Day & summer fayre

Monday 4 July—Y2 children to Juniors for the day

Thursday 14 July—Open morning at Juniors for parents and Y2 children

Monday 18 July—Leavers' party after school

Tuesday 19 July—Leavers' assembly 2pm

WORKERS OF THE WEEK

RL— George Parkhurst for trying so hard with all of his work!

RR— Harry Elsigood for fabulous work with money.

1K—Isabella Reid for continuing to have a fantastic attitude towards her work.

1S—Lily Boulter for an excellent non-fiction book about healthy eating.

2W— Harley Butler for creating a detailed story map for a quest story.

2W— Nivraj Virk for super recall of facts about different countries.

2M— Lucy Lloyd-Jones for great problem-solving in maths.

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

Sponsored Wellie and Teddy walk

On Friday 10th June, all the children will be taking part in the Wellie and Teddy walk around the school field. Please see book bags for further information from the PTA on the sponsor form. The event will include a treasure hunt-style activity for the children to complete during their walk. Sponsor money can be brought into school any time up to and including 30th June and once again we thank you in advance for your support. All monies collected will go towards new guided reading and home reading books and waterproof outer layers and wellies to enable children to take part in regular Forest School activities in our grounds—whatever the weather!

Recycled planters

In preparation for Barton's Open Gardens on Saturday 18th June, we are asking that children create a recycled planter to decorate our grounds. As is now tradition, we ask you and your children to get creative and chose any item you no longer need and fill it with plants. There is no specific theme this year, so you can let your imagination run wild and create something unique and interesting. If you are new to the school, the types of items used to plant in before have included, wellies, baskets, TVs, pots and pans, footballs, old toys and even the odd bicycle! Please remember to give your planter a title and clearly label it with your child's full name and class. The planters can be brought into school from Wednesday 15th June (we will indicate where to put them on the morning) and will be returned after a couple of weeks so you can enjoy them at home. Many thanks in advance for your support in helping us to make the school look lovely ready for visitors!



Fun on the Farm

Sunday 5 June is Open Farm Sunday and Packington Fields Farm is holding a free open day for all the family between 10.00am and 3.00pm. For further information, go to www.packingtonfreerange.co.uk.

Lunchtime Supervisor Position

From September we require a lunchtime supervisor to join our friendly team every Friday and for additional relief work for holiday cover and absences. If you are interested or know someone else who might be interested then please telephone or call in to the school office after half-term.

Half-term football fun

There is a football coaching opportunity for children aged 5-11 years old during half-term at St George's Park. Follow the following link for dates and booking information:

<http://faskills.thefa.com/SkillCentres/Staffordshire/StGeorgesPark>

The morning session is for any boys/girls aged 5-11, irrespective of ability or experience, and is £5 per child whilst in the afternoon there is a more focused FREE girls-only 8-11 years session to encourage more females into the game and create more teams in the future for East Staffordshire.



Year 1 trip to Conkers

Last Friday, Year 1 had a wonderful time as they explored Rosliston Forestry Centre. They behaved very well and highlights included 'sweeping' the hedges for insects (see photo!) and identifying herbs by their scent. All the staff who went agreed that it was a fantastic day for the children.



Defibrillators for Barton—a message from the Cartwright family

“This weekend Ant Cartwright, Giles Hadfield (both parents of TRJS pupils) and three others start their challenge of kayaking The Thames. When we set this challenge our aim was to install defibrillators in John Taylor High School after our lovely Dan collapsed a number of times and it was discovered he and Lydia had a heart condition called Long QT syndrome. It is overwhelming to say we have installed five defibrillators at JTHS, given funds to TRJS for a second, given funds to TRIS for one and have enough for a Public Access Defibrillator placed within the village area, we are also very, very close to raising enough for another Public Access Defibrillator in the village. If you have contributed to this **THANK YOU SO, SO MUCH**: you have helped us achieve more than we could have imagined and made all Barton under Needwood Schools HeartSafe. Thank you. The Cartwright family xx “

We are currently in the process of ordering our defibrillator and organising the training for its use— hopefully, it will be installed very soon and we once again thank the Cartwrights for their amazing fund-raising efforts!

Wishing you all a happy half-term!

Regards

Mrs Farmer and Mrs Burton