



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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Sponsored wellie and teddy walk

Well done to the children and staff who took part in the wellie and teddy walk today! Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the drink and biscuit at the end. Thank you to the PTA for organising the event - let's hope lots of sponsor money is raised so we can buy plenty of new books for guided reading in school and reading books we can send home.



Dates for your Diary

Friday 17 June—Non-uniform day

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

Communication Survey

Thank you to everyone who has completed our online communication survey. We couldn't believe how quickly the responses came in - thank you to the parents who helped us iron out the technical glitches when the survey started. If you did not receive an email about the survey then please ask for a paper copy in the school office.

The survey will stay open until the 15th June and we will let you know the results as soon as possible.

Year 2 Trip

Unfortunately, we have not been able to book our Year 2 trip to Birmingham Airport this year due to the limited dates the airport could offer. As an exciting alternative, we have booked a Meccano building day on 17 June when Wendy Miller, a Meccano Challenge worker, will be coming to Year 2 to do some creative model building with the children. We are really looking forward to her visit and seeing her work with the children!

IN YOUR BOOK BAGS...

- Parent governor letter
- Parents questionnaire—please return by June 24.
- Mug Tug competition—entries to Mug Tug, Barton Marina, NOT school please!

WORKERS OF THE WEEK

RL—Evie Stokes for a really good try with some subtraction work.

1K—Isla Poyner for her hard work and determination in maths.

1S—Solomon Evans for super effort in writing.

2M— Evie Hollender for a super quest story.

2M—Bella Richards for great progress in maths.

2W—Grace Garratt for writing an interesting quest story.

2W—Oliver Fraser for a great understanding of how to create a Haiku poem.

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

Year 2 parents

The government have now produced information for teachers explaining how to use the information gained from Year 2 statutory tests. They have also produced an explanation guide for parents which can be found at the address below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/information-for-parents-2016-national-curriculum-test-results-at-the-end-of-key-stage-1>

Parent Governors Needed!! - Your School Needs You!!

All of our Governors are dedicated individuals who provide their time on a voluntary basis. Members of the Governing Board take on a variety of duties, such as serving on working groups and committees, liaising with staff, school visits, preparing for and attending meetings, contributing to discussions and taking part in agreed action after meetings.

Our primary aim is to ensure that the school achieves its documented strategy and to ensure that the school vision is alive and well – maintaining this as a fantastic school.

We currently welcome applications to become a TRIS Governor to fill two places on our friendly Local Governing Board. The only restriction is you must be over eighteen. Governorship does require diverse skills and dedication, but you do not necessarily need a particular knowledge of education to be an integral part of the Governing Board.

Tim Hopkins, Chair of Governors

If you are interested in applying then please find the form in book-bags tonight. Please add as much detail as possible because in the event of more parents showing an interest than are required, then the information would be published in order for a parental ballot to take place. We look forward to hearing from you.

Staff training

Did you know our staff regularly attend training to ensure they are always up-to-date? This month, Mrs Walker has attended the maths leadership update as our maths leader, Mrs Moore will attend the English leadership update as English leader and Mrs Farmer will attend the SENDCo leadership update as the Special Educational Needs and Disability leader. This will be followed by Head-teachers health and safety briefings and a maths conference and a John Taylor Multi Academy Trust conference for Governors. All training is disseminated to staff and as we chose our training carefully we always bring back some fantastic things.

Parent Questionnaire

Each year we ask parents to complete a questionnaire in order for us to receive feedback on the education and provision we provide for your children. While we hope for lots of positive feedback we also welcome constructive feedback in order for us to strive to be even better. We would really appreciate you taking the time to complete the questionnaire and return it to school as soon as possible. If you do respond with constructive or less positive feedback, we would find a name on the form really useful so that we can respond to you directly with our course of action or speak to you to chat further around any issues.

Many thanks in advance.

PTA News

Next Friday, 17th June, is non-uniform day! The children can come into school wearing their own clothes in return for a donation towards the Summer Fayre tombola. This year we are asking for **bottle donations** of any kind - as long as they are full and unopened! Volunteers from the PTA will be waiting at the school gates on the morning of the 17th June to collect your bottles. Thank you in advance for your kind donations!

The PTA would also like to say a huge thank you for all the offers of help and all the fantastic raffle prizes donated so far - they are much appreciated.



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PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Reception welcomes some special visitors!

We had a visit today from some of the children from local pre-school settings—Bright Beginnings, Humpty Dumpty and Little Stars—who will be starting school with us in September. This is part of our programme of events and visits to help ensure that children are prepared for starting school.



Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Regards

Mrs Farmer and Mrs Burton