



## Thomas Russell Infants' School

*'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'*

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### Outdoor fun!

Reception enjoyed developing their climbing, swinging and balancing skills this week on our adventure play-ground. We are so lucky to have this great equipment!

### Dates for your Diary

Monday 11 July 2.30-5.00 Open session for parents who wish to discuss reports—please ensure you have arranged a time with the class teacher

Tuesday 12 July—2.30-3.15 Current Reception parents to meet Y1 teachers

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

Friday 15 July— 9.15 Choir, recorder and drama club concert for parents

Monday 18 July—Leavers' party after school

Tuesday 19 July— 2.00 Leavers' assembly

Friday 22 July—Last day of term

### Communication

Thank you to the parents who completed the online questionnaire about 'Communication in School'. We will be using the findings to develop our communication for the start of the new school year. As you know, schools are very busy places with lots of events and a steady stream of opportunities to find out about your child's time in and progress at school. We do our best to alert you to these dates and events through letters, texts, our website and this newsletter. The book bag remains the most practical method we have to convey a lot of the information that you, as parents, will want and need to ensure that you are fully aware of events and opportunities in school. Can we take this opportunity to remind parents of a line in the home-school agreement: "...as a parent/carer I will check my child's book-bag daily for books, letters or other communications and read all information sent home."

It is the responsibility of parents' and carers to check book bags every day, where we will continue to put letters, documents and leaflets on a regular basis. Thank you for your support.

### IN YOUR BOOK BAGS...

- Reports and accompanying information
- Various information on out-of-school activity opportunities

## WORKERS OF THE WEEK

RL— Bohemia Howes for making a super junk-model robot.

RL— Lauren Heath for trying hard when playing 'Pop Lacrosse'.

RR— Kaybie Powell-Johnson for a superb junk-modelling robot

RR—Emma Newton for fabulous robot instruction writing

RR—Lily Chantler for wonderful mini-beast descriptions.

1K— Owen Lawson for super measuring work in maths.

1K—Pearl Knight-Dutton for super work in English.

1S—Ben Leason for working hard to always remember your full stops and capital letters.

1S— Lucy Turner for excellent work on measuring lengths and heights.

2W— Hannah Sheriff for trying hard with her dancing.

2M— Ebony Morrison for excellent progress in maths.

2M—Maria Phillips for lovely story-writing.

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

### Transition update

- Our new Reception children visited for a school lunch this week with their parents. It won't be long before they join us in September!
- Year 2 had a fantastic day on Monday on their visit to the Junior school. They came back excited and full of all the things they had done. Well done to all the children this week.
- Our current Reception and Year 1 classes will spend two sessions next week meeting their new teachers and spending time in their new classrooms.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Regards

*Mrs Farmer and Mrs Burton*

### *News in brief...*

#### Work experience

We have been joined this week by three students from John Taylor High School who have spent their work experience week with us. We would like to express our thanks to Ben, Niamh and Lauren for all their hard work.

#### Round the world...in one day!

Year 1 enjoyed a 'round the world' day on Tuesday, which included a tour of many virtual countries and their traditions. A highlight must be the 'Highland Games', which everyone took part in with enthusiasm! Much team work and determination was observed; we hope the children enjoyed their day.

#### Celebration concert

Our recorder, choir and drama clubs will be show-casing their combined talents in a show for parents next **Friday 15 July at 9.15am** - all welcome!

#### Extra drama club session

There will be one more after-school meeting of the Drama Club next Monday, 11 July.

### PTA

We are delighted to announce that Rebecca Sumners will be the Chair of the PTA for the next year. She will be ably supported by a team of parents and they will be putting together a great plan for the coming year. Huge thanks from everyone in school.

### Governor elections

Thank you to the three parents who applied to be a Governor and to all of the parents who completed a ballot form this week. We will be counting the forms this afternoon and we look forward to informing you of the outcome next week.