



# Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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## Jeans for Genes

Thank you to everyone who brought in a donation today for this fantastic cause - we have raised an amazing £177 so far!

## School Expansion

All parents and carers should have received an email yesterday giving details of the planned expansion to our school capacity. If you didn't receive the email please contact the school office.

## Parent volunteer meeting

Thank you to the parents who attended the meeting this week. Volunteers in school are always appreciated and we greatly value their contribution to school life. If you weren't able to make the meeting, and can spare even an hour every now and again, please drop into school and have a chat.

## Dates for your Diary

**Monday 26 September** - Reception curriculum evening for parents - 7pm

**Tuesday 11 October** - Reception coffee afternoon 2.30pm

**Wednesday 12 October** - 1S trip to Packington Farm

**Thursday 13 October** - 1P trip to Packington Farm

**Friday 21 October** - Harvest assembly 9.15am & break up for half-term

## Lunchtime Supervisor Position

We are recruiting for an additional Lunchtime Supervisor with immediate effect, as Miss Hollender - who now works as a Teaching Assistant in Reception three days a week - is sadly having to give up her lunchtime role at the end of September. We require someone to work every **Wednesday and Friday** from **12.00—1.20 pm** each day with additional cover work on offer for holidays and absence.

This is a really rewarding position, working with a supportive team and delightful children.

If you are interested or know of anyone who may be interested in finding out a little more about this role, please catch one of the Co-Headteachers to have a chat or call the school office.

### School Lunches

We are excited to inform you that we are changing catering providers towards the end of October. The junior school have used Mellors for a few months now and have been really pleased with the service and, most importantly, the menu options. The menu choices offered to your children will be child-friendly and healthy and will still include a daily salad bar. We look forward to hearing the children's and parents views in the near future.

The Chartwell's menu sent out in book bags recently will therefore no longer come into effect, as we will be continuing with the current menu until we switch to the new provider. If you do not have a copy of the current menu and would like one, then they are available for collection from the school office. We hope to provide you with the new Mellor's menus towards the end of October.

### PTA News

The first PTA meeting of the year will be taking place on Wednesday 28th September at school at 7.30pm. We have lots of things up for discussion, from Artisan Gin tasting to our children's Halloween party! We always welcome new ideas and input, so if you can spare the time and want to get involved, or simply want to see what the PTA is all about, please do come along and we may even have a little chocolate too!!!!!!

### More fund-raising news!

Brodie Horler (RR) will be doing the JDRF 5k one walk on 25<sup>th</sup> Sept with her older sister Morgan to raise funds for JDRF, a diabetes charity. Morgan is now at juniors, but attended TRIS for three years and was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes around her second birthday. Please help the family raise funds for this cause by visiting their Just Giving page: Horler JDRF one walk 2016.

### Morning arrivals - a safety note

Thank you to all of the children and parents who are making a real concerted effort to ensure bikes and scooters aren't ridden once you reach the school gate. It really does help ensure that children are walking safely and sensibly into school grounds. If you are not aware of this rule, then we do request that all children walk as they enter school grounds. Thank you for your support.

### Library sale & McMillan coffee morning

Barton Library is currently having a sale of ex-library stock, so pop along and grab a bargain! They will also running a fund-raising coffee morning for McMillan Cancer on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October from 10.30-12.30 - all welcome.

### Stars of the Week!

Tristan Sumners

Lois White

Abbigail Cramp

Lucy Turner

Solomon Evans

Ethan Finch

Lucy Willis

Flora Hanstock

Harry Elsigood

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

Regards

*Mrs L Farmer and Mrs S Burton*