



# Thomas Russell Infants' School

*'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'*

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## PTA News

Don't forget the 2017 School Calendar drawing competition will close next Friday. For your child's entry to be in with a chance of appearing on the cover page of next year's school calendar, please ensure it is submitted by next Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> October, to your child's class teacher. Thank you!

Thank you also to all the parents who came along to the PTA meeting yesterday, it was great to have so many of you there - your input and fresh ideas are very much appreciated.

## 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.

## IN YOUR BOOK BAGS...

- Christmas Pantomime Trip letter
- PTA Halloween Party flyer

## Dates for your Diary

**Monday 3 October** - RM trip to Packington Farm

**Wednesday 5 October** - RR trip to Packington Farm

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

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

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

**Thursday 20 October** - Curriculum evening all year 1 and 2 parents 7.00 pm

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

PTA Halloween party 5.00-6.30pm

**Thursday 3 November** - Parent and Teacher Consultations 1.30 to 5.30

**Friday 4 November** - Y2 trip to the National Memorial Arboretum

**Monday 7 November** - Parent and Teacher Consultations 1.30 to 5.30

**Friday 18 November** - Y2 trip Change for Life Meadowside

**Thursday 1 December** - Reception Nativity pm

**Tuesday 6 December** - 2M & 1S Christmas play

**Wednesday 7 December** - Whole school trip to Christmas Pantomime in Derby





## Harvest Assembly

This will be held on Friday October 21st at 9.15–10.00am in the school hall as already mentioned in the diary of events. Because of a restriction on space in the hall and in order to accommodate everyone safely, one ticket per family will be issued. These will be sent home in book bags next week. This year, we have once again decided to donate food to the Burton YMCA Food Bank. The YMCA have listed the foods they are in need of, these are:

### **Tinned Goods**

Vegetables e.g. potatoes, carrots etc

Soup, Spaghetti, Beans, tinned tomatoes etc

Corned beef, ham, other cold meats, tuna, sardines etc

'Meals' i.e. Stew, curries, chilli con carne, stewing steak, mince beef & onion, casseroles, hot dogs and meatballs etc

Milk puddings, fruit, Custard (or instant packet to be mixed with water) etc

### **Cereals**

Breakfast cereals

Pasta, rice, savoury rice, noodles, pot noodles

Biscuits, cream crackers, savoury biscuits, crisps

### **Drinks**

500 ml (not 1 litre) cartons of UHT milk (not dried milk) – Urgent, regular need for these – we like to put one in every food parcel so need at least 90-110 each month, Small screw top bottles of UHT milk also urgently required for the Rough Sleepers bags

Instant coffee, tea, cuppa-soups etc

If you could spare any of the above items we would be extremely grateful. Donations can be brought into school on the morning of the assembly.

We have also decided to issue food baskets to a few needy senior citizens in the village, and as in previous years, we will ask the year 2 children to help.

In addition, because of the current refugee crisis, we will put out a donation basket in the hall where money contributions will be sent to 'Save the Children - Child Refugee Crisis Appeal'. If you are unable to attend on the day, donations may be sent via book bags.

**Many thanks in advance for your support.**

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

Regards

*Mrs L Farmer and Mrs S Burton*