



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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Year 2 trip to the Arboretum



The sun shone on our visit to the NMA today and all the children had a fantastic time, taking part in the activities and learning more about the NMA and its aims. The brand new learning centre was wonderful and we'd like to thank everyone at the Arboretum for making it such a memorable visit. The children were a credit to the school, so well done to all!

Winter's coming...

Welcome back after the half-term break! Please can we remind parents that, as the colder days are now upon us, all children should have a coat in school. Hats, gloves and scarves should be labelled clearly to avoid lost items and cold hands - thank you.

Remembrance Day

Poppies go on sale around the classes next week from Monday, so if children want to buy one, please can they bring in a donation. We have a limited supply of wrist bands, which will be £1 each.

IN YOUR BOOK BAGS...

- Christmas card sample & order form
- PTA calendar order form
- Mellors Catering Services newsletter & menu
- Y2 only – letter re applying to junior school

Dates for your Diary

Monday 7 November - Parent and Teacher Consultations 1.30 to 5.30

Wednesday 9 November—Open day for September 2017 entrants

Friday 11 November - PTA Gin Tasting Event

Friday 18 November - Y2 to Meadowside Centre for Change for Life activity

Thursday 1 December - Reception Nativity pm

Tuesday 6 December - 2M & 1S Christmas play

Wednesday 7 December - Whole school trip to Christmas pantomime in Derby

Thursday 8 December - 2W & 1P Christmas play

PTA News

Thank you to everyone who has purchased their tickets for the Artisan Gin Tasting event next Friday, 11th November. We are very much looking forward to an evening of fun and laughter, trying new gin combinations and even getting some Christmas presents ordered. There are still a few places left, so if you want to come along please get your slips back to us with payment by Monday, 7th November. Many thanks!



Stars of the Week!

Isaac Pick Archie Whitaker
Tilly Bloor Jonathan Wildgoose
Brodie Horler Ethan Kenny
Sophie Knight Lauren Harrison
George Chapman

Well done to you all!

Personalised Christmas Cards!

Look out in your book bag for your child's design for a Christmas card, along with an order form. If you would like to order some, please return this form to school by Friday 11 November. Huge thanks to the PTA for organising this.

Open Day

Please remember we are holding our annual open day for children due to start school next September on Wednesday 9th November next week. The sessions will run from 9.30 to 10.30 and 1.30 to 2.30. Please let friends and family know!

Individual Photos

On Monday 7th November the photographer will be in school to take photos of each child. If you have more than one child in school, they will also have one taken together. These will all happen in school time and will be available for you to buy afterwards.

If you wish your child to have a photo taken with another sibling/s who do not attend our school, the photographer will be here from 8.20am. Please arrive at the front of school where a queuing system will operate. This will end at 9.00am when all children are expected to be in class. If you are bringing an older sibling, please let their school know that they may be late arriving. Thank you.

School lunches

Our new lunch-time menu seems to be going down a treat with the children, which is lovely to see. We have now received copies of the menu for all children, which you will find in your book bag today. Next week will follow Week 2's menu, with Week 3 the week after, and then we revert back to Week 1. We look forward to working with Mellors in providing the children with healthy, tasty food, cooked by Mrs Cullen and her team.

Country Dancing

If any Year 2 children would like to join the Country Dance club after school on Tuesdays, please give the school office a ring or speak to Mrs Moore—we still have a few spaces!

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

Regards

Mrs L Farmer and Mrs S Burton