



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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New year—new logo!

Welcome back to school and a Happy New Year! We hope 2017 is a healthy and happy year for everyone and we are looking forward to exciting things here at school. As you can see above, we have a new logo which you will be seeing on correspondence and around school from now on.

The staff started the term on Tuesday with some excellent training which enabled us to focus on the children and plan for their next term in school. We were trained in 'Lego Therapy', which is an intervention to help any children who may need support in specific areas of development. If anyone has either any small Lego or Duplo kits with instructions or just spare bricks you no longer need, we would be very grateful for it - thank you. We then had an informative session from Mrs Smith, our computing leader, on assessment in computing and an introduction to three new excellent apps we will be using with the children.

Library help needed!

We love our school library and the children use it well but every now and again it needs a good sort out. If anyone has any spare time and would like to volunteer to help with the tidy-up it would be greatly appreciated. A group of parents or grandparents working together for a couple of hours should do the trick. If you are interested, please see Mrs Moore in Year 2 for more details. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Today's Achievement Assembly

Thank you to all the children who brought in an achievement from home today. It really helps us to build a greater understanding of the skills, interests and talents our youngsters have outside of school.

Reception children are welcome to bring their achievements in next Friday to show to the rest of the school.

IN YOUR BOOK BAGS....

- Barton Badgers Holiday Club

Dates for your Diary

Monday 9 January - Parent and Teacher Consultations 1.30 to 5.30

Friday 13 January - 2W Parent Lunch 11.30

Monday 16 January - 2M Family Workshop

Tuesday 17 January - 2W Family Workshop

Wednesday 18 January - 1S Family Workshop

Thursday 19 January - 1P Family Workshop

Thursday 19 January- Parent and Teacher Consultations 1.30 to 5.30

Friday 20 January - 2M Parent Lunch 11.30

Monday 30 January - RR Parent Workshop

Tuesday 31 January - RM Parent Workshop

Thursday 16 February - Last day of term

Monday 20 February - New term starts

Friday 24 March - Comic Relief day

Art exhibition

If you are free between now and the end of Saturday, pop down to Burton Library, where several pieces of our children's art work are being displayed as part of the John Taylor Multi Academy Trust art exhibition. We are very proud of the pieces, to which all children in school contributed.



Year 1 Reading Support

We are making a plea for any parents who feel that they could offer an hour a week or more to support our reading in Year 1. If you feel that you or a relative are the sort of person who has the skills to support children on a one to one basis, listening to them read and ask simple questions about the text then we would love to hear from you. This would be of real benefit and help the children to move forward in their reading more quickly. We would offer some very basic training to ensure that our volunteers are able to help the children in the best possible way.

Reminder—Year 2 Football

Starting on Tuesday 10th January Year two will play football with Brent Freeman an FA Skills Coach. Children will need to bring an outdoor P.E. kit to wear. These are to be taken home each week to be washed and returned the following week.

(Children who do not have a kit will not be able to take part.)

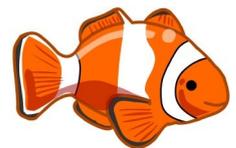
Brent Freeman, our local FA football coach, will be in school soon training our Year 2 teachers to become football coaches in their own right. We look forward to the children benefiting from this in school.

Reception Sea Life

Trip

The children had a great time today and were very well behaved.

Photographs will follow next week!



Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

Regards

Mrs L Farmer and Mrs S Burton