



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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Under the Sea Adventures!

Reception had a fantastic visit to Birmingham's Sealife Centre last Friday. They saw hundreds of fish and other sea creatures - even a turtle! Considering this was their first 'big' trip out - and quite early on in the school year - they all rose to the occasion and were a fabulous credit to the school. Huge thanks as well to all the parent helpers, without whom the trip would not have been possible.



IN YOUR BOOK BAGS....

- Fleet Street Performers leaflet
- La Jolie Ronde French classes letter
- TRISPTA Spring Newsletter
- Election of Parent Governor letter

Dates for your Diary

- 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
- Friday 3 February** - 1P Parent Lunch 11.30
- Friday 10 February** - 1S Parent Lunch 11.30
- PTA Valentine's disco 3.15—5.30
- Thursday 16 February** - Break up for half- term
- Monday 27 February** - Back to school
- Tuesday 28 February** - Pancake Race
- Friday 17 March** - RR Parent Lunch 11.30
- PTA Film night 3.15 - 5.30
- Friday 24 March** - Comic Relief day
- Friday 31 March** - RM Parent Lunch 11.30
- Tuesday 27 June** - Sports day
- (reserve day Thursday 6th July)

Family workshops

The first of our popular family workshops take place next week, when the pupils and staff will be welcoming parents and other family members into school to join them in school for a typical lesson. This year, the theme will be English. Workshops start at 9.15am and last about an hour - please see 'Dates for your diary' panel for all class dates.

Parent/teacher consultations

Thank you to all who attended this week and to those booked in for next week. Teachers still have spaces, so if you have not yet booked please contact the school office to arrange an appointment as the electronic booking system has now closed. Thank you for your positive comments and feedback about the meetings and the information we sent out prior to them. We hope you found the information useful in understanding where your child is with their learning and, moving forwards, what you can do to support them.

Reminder

Year 2 Football

Children 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.)

After school clubs

Running as normal next week

Spare uniform appeal!

If you are having a post-Christmas clear out and find any unused or out-grown clothes or uniform, we'd be very grateful for donations. We're particularly short of boys' trousers, pants and socks for ages 6-7. These are really useful for us to have in school in case of 'emergencies', so all offerings gratefully received!

Stars of the week

Grace Gardner Eisa Khan
Samuel Griffiths

William Cartwright Ella Forsyth

Isaac Olbison Evie Nicholls

Kyon Chapman

Jessica Garrett Chloe Watling

William Brennan

Reception starters for September 2017

The closing date for applications for Reception

September 2017 is Sunday January 15th, so if you have a child who will reach the age of five between 1

September 2017 and 31 August 2018, please make sure you've applied! This is also the deadline for applications to Thomas Russell Juniors. For full information on the application process, please go to

www.staffordshire.gov.uk and search on 'admissions to school'. PLEASE NOTE: due to site maintenance, the online application process is now suspended until midnight on Saturday 14th January.

Parent Governor vacancies

Rob Brittle and Katie Johnson have decided to step down from their role of parent governors due to work commitments and we would like to thank them for all their hard work, time and commitment given to this role.

Being a parent governor is an opportunity to learn more about the strategic vision and direction of the school and we are now in a position to recruit two new parent governors. If this appeals or you would like to find out more then please find further information in book bags tonight.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

Regards

Mrs L Farmer and Mrs S Burton