



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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Down on the farm...

Year 1 enjoyed a visit from Packington Farm this week who talked to them about where their food comes from. The children had a go at making flour, milking a 'cow' and learnt how many potatoes it takes to make a bag of crisps! Thank you very much to Vicky and Roy of Packington Farm for such an interesting and enjoyable session.



Dates for your Diary

Monday 27 February - Back to school

Monday 27 February—Recorder & Drama Clubs concerts at 10.45am

Tuesday 28 February - Pancake Race 11.00

Thursday 2 March - World book dress up day

Friday 3 March - PTA Wine tasting

Tuesday 14 March - Class Photographs

Friday 17 March - RR Parent Lunch 11.40

PTA Film night 3.15 - 5.30

Friday 24 March - Comic Relief day

Friday 31 March - RM Parent Lunch 11.40

Monday 3 April - Easter Assembly in Church

Tuesday 4 April - Easter Bonnet Parade

Tuesday 27 June - Sports day

(reserve day Thursday 6th July)

Welcome to our new governors

We extend a warm welcome to Mr Harmon (parent of Jacob in Reception) and Mrs Lloyd-Jones (parent of William in Reception) who are soon to join our Board of Governors. Mr Harmon works for a large national company and Mrs Lloyd Jones' background is in education, so the skills they will both bring to the role will complement those of our current board members.

News and reminders

- The drama and recorder clubs will be putting on a performance for their parents/carers on Monday 27 February at 10.45am (not 11.00 as previously communicated)- we look forward to seeing you there!
- There will be NO country dancing on 28 February due to the dance show at the Lichfield Garrick.
- There will be a photographer in school on the afternoon of Monday 27 February to take pictures for marketing materials for the John Taylor MAT National Forest Teaching School. As per the text that was sent out yesterday, if you do not want your child involved in these pictures, please let us know by Monday morning. Thank you.
- Over 100 children have had 100% attendance records for this half-term - well done, children! The class with the best attendance this half-term is 2W, with a fantastic 98.5%.

Lost property

We will be having a clear-out of lost property over half-term - Reception in particular have collected a large pile of jumpers, odd gloves, hats, etc, which we texted out about earlier this week. Can we remind you to ensure that all items that come into school are clearly labelled? If we cannot re-unite items with their owners after a reasonable length of time, unclaimed things will be disposed of - we unfortunately do not have the space to store lost property long-term.

Ahoy There Shipmates!

Reception children have enjoyed a wonderful, exciting day as pirates !!!! The children have been tasting fish, playing pirate games, singing , making arts and crafts and have had lots of fun!



Easter Bonnet Parade - Forward Planning

The children are all invited to make an Easter bonnet to bring into school for the parade due to take place on 4th April. More details to follow nearer the time!

Wishing you an enjoyable half-term break.

Regards

Mrs L Farmer and Mrs S Burton