



# Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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## Forest School

The children enjoyed looking for spring bulbs and flowers in the fresh air yesterday in Forest School.



## Dates for your Diary

Friday 24 March - Comic Relief day

Friday 31 March - RM Parent Lunch 11.40

Monday 3 April - Easter Assembly in Church 2.00

Tuesday 4 April - Easter Bonnet Parade

Thursday 4 May - Parent Consultations

Monday 8 May - Parent Consultations

Tuesday 27 June - Sports day

(reserve day Thursday 6th July)

## Comic Relief - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Reminder

Our school councillors are requesting that children wear red for Comic relief. The theme this year is 'Make Your Laugh Matter' so the children are also invited to bring in their best joke to share with their class. The children in each class will then choose their favourite, funniest joke to take to assembly on Friday afternoon. Any donations towards Comic Relief will be collected in the classes in the morning and the total announced on the Newsletter.

## Burton Albion Community Trust Games Festival

Sunday 26th March—

Please see attached file for more information.

## IN YOUR BOOK BAGS...

- ◆ Fleet Street holiday club leaflet
- ◆ Soccerstars leaflet (Reception age only)
- ◆ School Class Photograph order forms

## Dogs

We have now installed some rings to tie dogs to along the wall near the school gate. Please use these to tie up your dog to keep them away from the main path into school. Thank you.

### Easter is coming...

We are already looking forward to Easter in school. The children are starting to practice their Easter songs and dates have been set for Easter activities!

**Monday 3 April –Easter church service** We will be holding our traditional Easter service at St James' Church at 2.00—parents and carers welcome. Offers of help to walk to the church would be welcomed—please speak to class teachers. Thank you. Children will be able to leave the church with parents and carers after the service. All other children will be walked back to school for collection at 3.15 as normal.

**Tuesday 4 April—Easter Bonnet parade and egg hunt** Get decorating your hats for bonnet parade—let your imagination run wild with the Easter theme! The children are all invited to make an Easter bonnet and bring it into school on the morning of the 4th April. Parents and carers are invited to come to school for drinks and refreshments provided by the PTA and take part in the Easter trail around the school grounds. This is always a lovely informal session which is enjoyed by children and adults alike. The classes then parade in their bonnets, winners are chosen and prizes awarded.

Times are as follows for the Easter Trail:

9.10am- Reception classes with parents

9.30am- Year 1 with parents

9.50am - Year 2 with parents

10.20am—Bonnet parade outside (if wet, in the hall!)

We have found over the years that it is easier if you come along for the time your child is doing the Easter Trail and then again for the Bonnet Parade at 10.20am, instead of staying all morning - the hall gets very full! Refreshments will be available to purchase from 9 until 10.30am. We politely ask you do not buy cakes and drinks for children in school - they will be provided with their usual drink and snack at break. Thank you.



### PTA News

At this point in the year and with lots of successful PTA events already having taken place, we wanted to take the opportunity to say a big thank you to all parents, families and friends of the school for all the support given so far this year. We also wanted to share with you some of the details of what has been raised and how the money is being spent - after all, that is what it's all about!

So the total raised through events such as the Halloween Party, Christmas Fayre, Wine Tasting, Christmas Production DVDs and School Calendars is just under £6500. Around half of this has already been put to good use: it has paid for the coaches for the panto and other school trips, a donation was made towards Santa's Christmas lunch and a mid-year donation to the school is helping to pay for various improvements to the quad area, (ideas soon to be finalised by the school council) along with new equipment for the Rainbow room and new lunchtime toys and games. The PTA will be making another donation to the school before the end of the year specifically for new iPads for classrooms.

As you can see the money raised goes straight back to the school and all the children get to benefit from it. So thank you again for all your support and we look forward to some more fun and exciting events in the coming months!

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

Regards

*Mrs L Farmer and Mrs S Burton*