



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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Practical help required!!!

On Friday 5th May we are hoping to spend the day (weather permitting) further developing our Early Years outdoor area. Mrs Mears and Miss Rowley have been busy planning and organising but would really appreciate practical help on the day. If you can spare an hour or more at any point during the day it would really help. If you are available then please speak to Mrs Mears or the school office.



Year 1 Bhangra Dancing

Well done to year 1 on Tuesday for being so enthusiastic and trying really hard with the Bhangra moves. Thank you to the young leaders from John Taylor for another enjoyable session.

Dates for your Diary

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)

IN YOUR BOOK BAGS...

- ◆ Primary Times booklet
- ◆ Legoland leaflet
- ◆ Dash booklet
- ◆ Premier Soccer Coaching letter
- ◆ Raring To Go booklet
- ◆ Lunch time Menu (starting after Easter)
- ◆ Shoe Aid leaflet

New Lunch time Menu

Look out for the new menu in book bags tonight. The new menu starts on Monday the 24th of April .

FA Skills

Year 1 will be starting the FA Skills sessions after Easter. These specialist football based PE lessons will begin on Tuesday the 25th of April . Children will need to bring in an outdoor PE Kit to wear each Tuesday morning. (Children who do not have a kit will not be able to take part.)

Shoe Aid

This week Mrs Toon led an assembly about 'Shoe Aid', a charity who collect used and unwanted shoes and send to families both in this country and abroad. The assembly shared with the children how every part of the shoe can be used, plastic and rubber soles from shoes are melted down to make amongst other things insulation and playgrounds and leather is sewn together to make items such as wall coverings, blankets and clothes as well as paired shoes being given to those in need.

We ask you to start collecting ALL old shoes, even odd shoes! They don't have to be in good condition at all, the charity accept all shoes. We are delighted to be the first Staffordshire school to be supporting Shoe Aid and ask you bring all your shoes into school on Tuesday 25th April. We are excited that on Wednesday 26th April the local press and Central news will be in school to report on the collection. So, please, we urge you to start asking all friends and family members, let's collect as many shoes as we can and help this charity continue with their great work. Many thanks for your support.

Chocolate Bingo!

Thursday 6th April at Thomas Russell Junior School

We have lots of chocolate eggs, so come along next **Thursday, doors open 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start** (children must be accompanied by an adult).



Entry £3.50 which includes your sheet of lucky bingo numbers. Additional sheets of bingo tickets available for a £1.00.

Refreshments available.

So its eyes down and BINGO!

All money raised will go towards my World Challenge fund.

World challenge is a multinational organization that helps organize student trips abroad. It includes a residential community project helping with the construction of village amenities and providing clean drinking water. This is a self-funded trip and I must raise £3395.

Many thanks

Emily Jackson

BARTON LIBRARY

The Library are holding a series of FREE interactive fun sessions for children aged 5 years and over. Adult helper recommended for young children, no booking required. **4-5 pm 6th April - Easter activities , 27th April - Make a bookmark**

Please see the attached files regarding two other activities also taking place at the library.

PTA Message

We will be holding a refreshments stall at the Easter Bonnet Parade next Tuesday, if you would like to help out - either setting up or serving tea, coffee and cakes, please let us know via Facebook.

Calling all bakers! We will be collecting cakes to sell at the parade at the school gates at drop-off next Tuesday. All cakes, either home-made or shop-bought, will be very much appreciated - thank you!

JD MAGIC

Easter Magic Show - PLEASE
NOTE THE TIME HAS NOW
CHANGED TO— 10.30 TO 12.30

April 23rd at Barton Bowls and
Social Club. Tickets from Ark
Furnishings, Bowls Club, Lorna
Walker, Jackie Wright

£4 per child or £5 on the door on

Stars of the week

Harry Campion Arthur Gale Thomas Rhead
Bohemia Howes Leo Harvey Oliver Cooper
Seb Jones Eleanor Motley Mollie Edwards
Ziggy Scrannage Silver Taylor-Jones

Reminder

If your child is unwell with diarrhoea and/or vomiting the child **must** be kept off school for 48 hours. This is for the child's welfare and to try and minimise the spread of germs in school. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Easter Reminders

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. All help with walking from school to the church will be gratefully received, 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 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.



Drama Club

Monday evening (3rd April) Drama Club is cancelled.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

Regards

Mrs S Burton and Mrs Farmer