



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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Summer's coming... (we hope!)

Although the weather has been less than summery recently, we are heading towards the time when the days will be hotter and sunnier. Here are a few reminders:

Sun hats - Please can you make sure that your child has a suitable sun-hat (clearly named) with them every day for use at breaks and lunch-time.

Sun cream - If you wish your child to be protected with sun-screen, please put this on at home in the morning, as we are not permitted to apply it in school. If you feel that your child is able to apply their own cream, you may put a labelled tube/bottle in their book bag.

Water bottles - The warmer weather also makes it even more important for the children to drink plenty of water during the day - please ensure your child brings a full, named water bottle to school each day.

Sunglasses - We only allow prescription sunglasses in school. If your child likes to wear non-prescription sunglasses on the way to and from school, please take these back with you during the day.

Footwear - This was mentioned on a recent newsletter, but can we emphasise again the importance of sensible, practical footwear for school. Please, no flip-flops, high heels or flimsy sandals - the children need to be able to run around safely!

Drama Club

Please note that Drama Club will not be running for the next two Mondays due to other events. The Club will resume after the half-term break on Monday 5 June. Thank you.

IN YOUR BOOK BAGS....

- ◆ Tamarisk Parents Choir leaflet

Dates for your Diary

Monday 22 May - Year 1 visit to Rosliston

Monday 29 May to 2 June - School closed

Wednesday 7 June - Parent and child Forest School activity 1S 1pm-2pm 1P 2pm-3pm

Thursday 8 June - Parent and child Forest School activity RR 1pm- 2pm RM 2pm-3pm

Tuesday 27 June - Sports day (reserve day Thursday 6th July)

Wednesday 19th July - Leavers' assembly (pm)

Stars of the week

Edward Leason Ethan Kenny
William Cartwright Rosie Evans
Dylan Collett Lauren Harrison
Lucia Thompson Nevaeh Hurst
Demi Crutchley Chloe Butler
Isaac Heathcote

Parent questionnaires - did you miss out?

Thank you to all the parents who took the time and trouble to complete one of our parent surveys during the recent parent consultation afternoons. If you didn't get the chance to fill one out, please drop in to the school office and pick one up - we really value all comments and feedback.

Spotlight on...Lunchtime Supervisors

The Lunchtime Supervisors are a huge asset to our school and play a vital role in the everyday lives of your children, but as they work in the middle of the day, they are not as visible to you as the rest of the staff.

Our team of Lunchtime Supervisors (LTS) look after your children every day, ensuring they eat well, have fun out on the playground and stay safe until it's time to go back to class for the afternoon session. Led by Mrs Hall, the LTS do a fantastic job, knowing every child individually and helping them get the most out of their lunchtime break. We keep a variety of special play equipment for use at lunchtime, such as hoops, skipping ropes, bean bags and balls which the LTS use with the children. They are also experts at coaxing reluctant eaters to try to finish their meals, comforting upset children, administering first aid for those play-time scuffs and bumps and generally managing the happiness and welfare of the children during the lunchtime session.

So a big thank you goes to Mrs Hall, Mrs Hurdman, Mrs Reeves, Mrs Woodward, Mrs Kendrick, Mrs Elson and Mrs Bradbury for all their hard work and dedication!



Change4Life festival

Year 1 had a fantastic morning out last Friday at the Change4Life festival in Branston. There were lots of activities on offer and the children had the chance to try out some new skills. Thank you to Caroline Smith from the School Sport Partnership who organised the free event and all the parent volunteers who helped out on the day.

Rashes and Skin Infections

We have had a few cases in school of children with rashes due to various reasons. Although not all are contagious, we ask that you are vigilant and consult a doctor if you spot a rash and have any concerns. Thank you.

Head lice

We have had a couple of cases of head lice in Year 1, so please check your child's hair regularly. A comb through with a nit comb is often required as many are too small to be spotted with the naked eye. If you do find evidence of lice, please treat promptly and thoroughly to minimise the chances of passing them on. Children can continue to attend school, as long as treatment has started. Can we ask that long hair be kept in plaits, pony tails or bunches, to help stop the problem spreading. Thank you!

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.
Regards

Mrs S Burton and Mrs L Farmer