



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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Multi-skills Festival

On Monday afternoon year 1 and year 2 went to the John Taylor School to take part in various sports activities, including throwing and catching a ball, using a tennis racket to balance a ball and football passing skills. It was lovely to see the children so involved and really enjoying another sporting opportunity.



Reminder - Recorder, Drama and Choir Concert

Wednesday 28th June 9.15am

All welcome to come and watch the clubs show-casing their talents!

IN YOUR BOOK BAGS...

- ◆ Premier Sport
- ◆ Mama Life magazine
- ◆ Bag 2 the future

Dates for your Diary

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

Wednesday 28th June -
Drama/Recorder Concert 9.15am

Wednesday 19th July — Leavers' assembly (pm)

Friday 21st July—Break up for summer

Tuesday 5th September - Back to school- new school year starts!



Stars of the week

Connor Bowering George Johnson

Ben Leason Lily Needham Brodie Horler

Summer Trinh Arthur Mitchell Harrison Mitchell

Harriet Knight Giles Taberner Saul Heathcote

Rosie Gadsby Ava Elsigood Sian Gower

Sophie Knight Laurence Hill



Sports Day Team Captains

We are pleased to announce our team captains chosen by the children in each class. We are sure they will enjoy the responsibility of being flag bearers next week. Good luck teams!

Penguins Charlotte Carvell, Noah Griffin

Owls Elisa Madill, George Johnson

Robins Olivia Boulter, Ben Leason

Swans Florence Comelio, Oliver Keasley

Sports Day

On Tuesday 27 June, the gates will open at approximately 1.00pm for Sports Day, which starts at 1.15pm. Everyone is welcome—but please note that we will be locking the gates this year once family members are on site. If you arrive after 1.15pm, please call at the school office to be admitted. Please do take care when walking down to the field and use the steps, rather than coming down the bank, which can be slippery.

All children will need their PE kits, including a pair of named PE pumps or trainers. Children will also need a sun-hat, sun-cream and full water bottle please.

We hope you can join us!

PTA Summer Fayre News— 3.15-4.30

Sadly our summer fayre will not be running in its entirety this year. Whilst we have had a number of parents come forward and offer to help with certain individual tasks during sports day, we just don't physically have the people-power to run a full Summer Fayre. With thanks to a handful of willing helpers, we are hoping to see the following take place:

- a BBQ
- strawberries and ice creams / ice lollies
- Hot and cold drinks
- I Spy for younger siblings to keep them occupied during sports day
- tombola - thank you to all of the parents who donated a bottle
- an after school cake stall run by the school council (all cake donations gratefully received on the morning of Sports Day)
- Punch Balloons
- Lucky number board

A very big thankyou to all of the parents who have willingly offered help with the setting up of stalls and the running of activities over the last couple of days. These events, however large or small, cannot happen without you. It is still not too late to help out so if you can help out please get in touch via the PTA facebook site.

Year 2 Friday Dance Club

Parents and carers are invited to attend the end of the dance session on Friday 14th July at 4.00pm to see the latest dances the children have been learning. Please note that this will be the last dance club session.

Bag 2 The Future

In book bags today will be a bag to donate any unwanted clothes, hats, belts, handbags, ties, and soft toys. All donations help raise money for the school. Please return the bag to school on the evening of Friday 30th June or the morning of Monday 3rd July. Thank you!

Road Safety

Once again may we remind parents of driving and parking sensibly and legally around school. It has been brought to our attention that parents have witnessed a number of other parents and other drivers using mobile phones while driving around the school vicinity and near to the crossing patrol. Our children are precious and with behaviours like these being witnessed, along with erratic driving with parents in a rush to reach school on time, it feels as though there is an accident waiting to happen. Please help us to ensure that our children and other pedestrians are safe walking to and from school. Some incidents have already been caught on a Dash Cam (now being used by more drivers) and footage is being passed to the PCSO. It really is of great concern that the children are being put at serious risk by road users in the village.

Keyboard Lunch Club

Keyboard club will be on Monday next week instead of Tuesday due to sports day preparations.

"Walk The Wonders"

The East Staffordshire Schools Challenge will finish next Friday. We would be grateful if children could bring in their completed cards showing how many steps they have taken on the following Monday (3rd July). We can then add up all the totals and see how many steps have been taken. Good luck for the final week!

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Regards

Mrs S Burton and Mrs L Farmer