



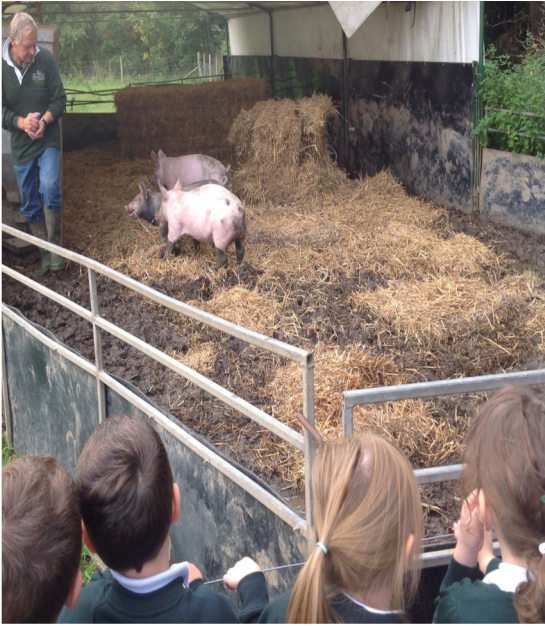
Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

Newsletter No. 4- 29th September 2017

Reception visit Packington Farm

The Reception classes thoroughly enjoyed a day on the farm where they learnt about the animals and explored the grounds with interest. The children behaved very well and we were really proud of them on their first visit- well done!



Curriculum Meeting for all Year 1 and 2 Parents

On Tuesday 17 October at 7pm, a session will be held in the school hall to support you when helping your child at home. Mrs Walker, Mrs Moore and Mrs Burton will run two workshop-style sessions on English and Maths, as well as explaining the changes in the National Curriculum. They will be explaining the best types of activities to do at home in order for your child to practice the skills taught at school. There will be plenty of opportunity for you to practice some of the activities and games we are suggesting. Please come along.

Attachments with newsletter:

- ◆ Policy update from Staffordshire County Council
- ◆ How well we are doing September 2017
- ◆ SkillShare Events

In Book Bags:

- ◆ PTA Halloween Party Invitation
- ◆ Year 2 Sponsored Event

Dates for your Diary

Monday 2nd October - PTA meeting 7.00pm

Wednesday 11th October - 1S Trip to Packington Farm, 2M Parent Lunch, 7 pm e-safety workshop for parents

Thursday 12th October - 1P Trip to Packington Farm, 2W Parent Lunch

Friday 13th October - Year2 Sponsored Event

Tuesday 17th October - KS1 Curriculum Evening Y1 and Y2 parents 7pm

Thursday 19th October - 9.15 Harvest Festival assembly, Halloween disco 4.45 pm.

Break up for Autumn half-term

Friday 20th October - School closed to pupils

Monday 30th October - children return to school



Stars of the week

Eisa Khan Maisie Cattell

Noah Elton Rose Miller

Tyler Press Demi Crutchley

Holly Thompson Harry Boucher

William Hughes



NSPCC Assembly

On Wednesday the 4th October a lady from the NSPCC will be talking to the children about how to stay safe and who they can talk to in school if they have any worries or concerns about anything, as part of our PSHE (Personal, social and health education) curriculum. Do chat to your children afterwards and find out what they learnt.



Harvest Assembly

This will be held on Thursday the 19th of October 9.15—10.00am in the school hall as already mentioned in the diary of events. Because of a restriction on space in the hall, the growing number of pupils, and in order to accommodate everyone safely, one ticket per family will be issued. These will be sent home in book bags the week before the assembly. This year, we have once again decided to donate food to the Burton YMCA Food Bank. A list of the foods they are in need of will be listed on the newsletter in the next few weeks.



PTA News

Reminder!! Next **Monday, 2nd October**, is our first PTA meeting of the year. We would like to extend a warm welcome to all parents to come and join us at 7pm at school to meet others and find out ways to become involved however much (or little!) time you may have!

Halloween party! Our PTA Halloween party will be held on the last day of this half term, Thursday 19th October from 4:45pm. For more information please check your child's book bag for the flyer and booking form.

Last chance! Calendar competition entries for the cover of the 2018 School Calendar must be returned by Friday 6th October. Check the Facebook page for more information.

50/50 Club! Numbers have been allocated and the first draw has taken place!! Check your child's book bag for your numbers. Thanks to everyone who has signed up, keep your fingers crossed that next month 'It could be you!' - And the winning number is **45**— Elaine O'Connell—Cara Mayes. Congratulations on being the first 50/50 Club winner!

Online Safety Workshop - Reminder

Further to the letter sent out this week, please come along and join us to help children and their families stay safe online. If you have not already done so, please return the reply slip, (on Monday) at the foot of the letter to confirm your attendance on **Wednesday 11th October at 7.00pm**. The hour long workshop will help parents and carers understand their child's online world and keep children safe online.

Parking around school

Please be considerate when you drop off and collect from school. We ask that parents do not park where the white line is opposite school as this is where families cross the road and we ask that you do not park on the bend of Holland Park as it makes it dangerous for residents driving around the corner. Wherever possible we request that you park further away from school and walk for part of the journey in order to ease congestion as far as possible. Thank you.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Regards

Mrs S Burton and Mrs L Farmer