



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

Newsletter No. 6 13th October 2017

Year 1 visit Packington Farm – This week it was Year 1 who had the chance to visit the farm and explore the forest, find out which animals live at the farm, which crops are grown and search for leaves in the woods. The children had a fantastic time and behaved very well.



Dates for your Diary

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 (INSET)

Monday 30th October - children return to school

Tuesday 31st October - PTA pumpkin competition

Thursday 2nd November - Parent and Teacher Consultations

Monday 6th November - Parent and Teacher Consultations

Tuesday 14th November - World Diabetes Day

Friday 17th November - PTA Quiz Night

IN YOUR BOOK BAGS....

- Harvest Festival Assembly Ticket
- Packington Leaflet
- Pumpkin Carving Competition

Friday 8th December - 2pm Reception Nativity

Tuesday 12th December - 9.30 2M & 1P Christmas Play

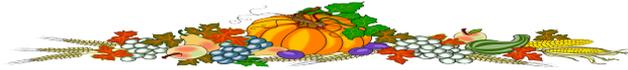
Wednesday 13th December - 9.30 2W & 1S Christmas Play

Friday 15th December - Pantomime Trip to Derby Arena followed by Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 19th December - 2.30 Sing a long, last day of term

Last day of term!

Harvest Assembly



This will be held on Thursday October 19th at 9.15 in the school hall as already mentioned in the diary of events. Because of a restriction on space in the hall and in order to accommodate everyone safely, only one ticket per family is issued, which will be collected on the day upon entry. These will be sent home in book bags tonight. This year, we have once again decided to donate food to the Burton YMCA Food Bank. Tom Foster will also be joining us to talk about the food bank. The YMCA have listed the foods they are in need of, these are:

- Tinned meat/tinned pie
- Tinned fish
- Tinned Vegetables including potatoes
- Tinned fruit
- Past & Pasta sauces
- Coffee/Tea bags
- Milk (UHT)
- Sugar
- Tinned puddings
- Jam
- Instant noodles/pasta
- Cereals

Please note we are unable to accept any fresh food items.

If you could spare any of the above items we would be extremely grateful. Donations can be brought into school on the morning of the assembly.

Many thanks in advance for your support.

Half-term activities

East Staffordshire Borough Council are running a number of activities over October half-term aimed at children of various ages. For details, please go to www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/holiday-activities

PTA News -

Thanks to everyone who has returned their Halloween party slips. We are looking forward to welcoming your children to the party next Thursday. Just a reminder to arrive at 4:45pm to allow us to start activities promptly at 5pm. Pick up will be at 6:30pm from Y1 corridor. Thanks also for all the offers of help, we will be in touch next week with more information!

Pumpkin carving competition! We will be holding a pumpkin carving competition on Tuesday 31st October. Bring in your carved pumpkin on the Tuesday morning. Start planning your design now and get creative. Winner and runner up prizes will be awarded for each year group and an adult category too! Something to keep everyone out of mischief over half term! 🎃

Save the date reminder!! We have a quiz night planned for Friday 17th November. It promises to be great fun so book a babysitter now!!

Maths focus

This week in maths:

Reception have been learning all about the number 3. They have been focusing on the formation of 3, the conservation of 3 so recognising that a number of 3 objects will remain the same even when they are rearranged, recognising the Numicon shape for 3 and beginning to use 1p and 2p coins to make 3p.

Year 1 have been focussing on recognising number bonds to 10 eg $6+4=10$, $5+5=10$. They have shared the part whole model with the children and used the Numicon shapes to help the children quickly recognise these number bonds. The children have also been introduced to the addition symbol and have been looking at addition fact families eg $2+3=5$, $3+2=5$, $5=2+3$, $5=3+2$. They have also been finding missing numbers in a number sentence such as $1+6=7$, $__+1=7$, $__=1+6$, $7=__+1$. The children have been encouraged to practically work these out using the concrete resources in school to help them find the answers.

Year 2 have been learning to recognise addition and subtraction facts within 20 and use this learning to help them find missing numbers eg $18=15+__$, $16+__=20$, $__-12=5$. The children have been encouraged to use the inverse operation to help with this, so for $__-12=5$ the children could add $12+5$ together to make 17. They have been finding the fact families for 3 numbers so if they know that $14+2=16$ they could also find out $2+14=16$, $16-2=14$, $16-14=2$. Year 2 have also been comparing numbers using the $<$ (less than), $>$ (greater than) and $=$ (equals/same as) symbols eg $9 - 5 = 10 - 6$, $9 - 5 < 10 - 5$ or $11 + 4 = __ + 8$.

Barton Library

Remember to visit the Barton Library or consider becoming a member, it is free to join and there are a range of benefits .

DECORATE A PUMPKIN COMPETITION

Carve or decorate your pumpkin at home
Bring down to Barton library during the week beginning 23rd October
Last entries by 11am Saturday 28th October
Prize for the winner in each category: up to 7 years/
8 years and upwards.



Flu Vaccinations - The school nurse team will be in on Friday the 3rd of November to carry out the vaccinations.

FA Skills Session – October Half Term

The FA Skills Team is delivering FREE holiday sessions for girls and boys during the upcoming half term break.

DETAILS:

Date: Thursday October 26th 2017

Venue: Barton Rovers FC, Holland Sports Club, Efflinch Lane, Barton-under-Needwood, Staffordshire DE13 8ET

Time: 10.00-12.00pm OR 12.30-2.30pm

Age: 6-11 year olds

Cost: Free (Parents will still need to sign players in on arrival)

To book a place please email Brent Freeman (Brent.Freeman@thefa.com) with the **name, date of birth, emergency contact number** and any **medical information** of your child / children.

Parents / guardians **MUST** book online beforehand as we have limited places and it will be first come first served. Anyone wishing to do both sessions please enquire when making their booking.

Diabetes Fund Raising

A message from the Horler family: "We just wanted to say a huge thank you for all of the kind donations in support of the JDRF one walk, as I said before they do amazing work and all donations make an amazing difference. So far we managed to raise a wonderful of **£292.00.**"

To further support this great cause, TRIS will be supporting World Diabetes Day on Tuesday 14 November - 'wear a onesie for Type 1' for a £1 donation. We look forward to seeing all the children in onesies on that day!



NSPCC online safety workshop

Thank you to the parents who braved the weather on Wednesday evening to attend. Hopefully you found it as informative as we did. It certainly provided some useful information and reflection time about how safe your children are on their tablets or phones (depending on their age).

If you were not able to attend did you know that O2 offer a fantastic, free service whereby they will help you to set your privacy settings on all of your home devices and on your actual broadband router (regardless of whether you are an O2 customer or regardless of the types of device you have)? To access the service you can phone and book an appointment at either the Burton or Lichfield store with an e-safety Guru or call and ask for advice over the phone.

The two other key messages from the event were:

- ◆ To have open discussions with your children about the time they spend on their devices. What are they doing? What are they accessing? Show an interest in their IT or online world. Start these regular conversations from a young age so that you establish openness and honesty and so you know what they are accessing and who they are talking to. Don't limit your only talk to 'it's time to come off that now - you've been on far too long' or 'you've lost your ipad time for tomorrow night now!'
- ◆ Use a fabulous resource called 'NetAware'. This gives guidance, age ratings and reviews for lots of different apps. Just type in the APP name, read the information and make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable or appropriate for you child. Find more information about this at 'www.net-aware.org.uk'

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Regards

Mrs S Burton and Mrs L Farmer