



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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Dear Parents

We are delighted to see that so many of you have booked a parent consultation appointment to speak to your child's class teacher and see how they have settled into their new class. We wanted to take the opportunity to explain to you how our parent consultations and curriculum meetings work so that you have a clear overview of the year.

Autumn term

First parent consultation meeting - we will discuss how your child has settled into their year group and have a general chat about their learning behaviours in school. We will give you an overview of the year group curriculum and share your child's individual targets with you. You will have the opportunity to look at your child's English and maths books to see what work they have done so far. This meeting is also an opportunity for you to share any concerns or to ask any questions which you may have.

October Curriculum Evening for Year 1 and 2 parents - we will share important information with you about your child's curriculum, the expectations within this and how we assess and make judgments about your child's achievement. It is also an opportunity for us to share with you ideas of how you can support their learning at home.

Spring term

Parent consultation meeting - we will share our end of Autumn term assessments with you at this point. We will discuss the progress that your child is making and share the areas that they need to work on. We will send a paper copy of the assessment sheets home in advance to you so that you are able to come prepared with any questions. You will also have the opportunity to look at your child's English and maths books. Again there is an opportunity to share any concerns or questions you may have.

Family workshop - you will have the opportunity to come in to work with your child in a family workshop. This will give you the chance to see some of the learning which takes place in lesson time and the methods and resources we use.

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Summer term

Parent consultation meeting - at this meeting we will share our Spring term assessments with you and the meeting will follow the same format as the Spring term meeting.

At the end of the academic year

We will send home an end-of-year report detailing your child's progress and, if applicable, phonics assessments (all of Year 1 and some Year 2 pupils) and end of Key Stage assessments (Year 2). You will have the opportunity to arrange a meeting with your child's class teacher if you have anything further you would like to discuss.

The feedback from parent questionnaires this year shows that parents feel that this format provides regular opportunity for information about the progress children are making socially and academically. Some parents felt that the three meetings across the year were too many. If you feel that this is the case and the information that we have sent home is enough for you, then please don't feel that you have to attend all three meetings but we do try to encourage you to attend at least two of the three.

Thank you.

