



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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Reception reading workshop

Thank you to all the many reception parents who attended this week's reading workshop with our educational phycologists. It was a great turn out and lovely to see so many toddlers, babies and pre-schoolers enjoying the toys and books in the hall. We hope you felt it was useful, let us know about any successes you have with the methods taught.

Our new learning space

You will see the new learning space is taking shape and is looking very nice indeed. The Governing Board met this week and one of the items for discussion was the use of the space once it is finished. It is too early to say how we will utilise the space except to say your children's education is paramount to us and so once we know reception numbers for September 2018 we will ensure all children in school receive the most appropriate teaching and curriculum matched closely to their individual needs.



IN YOUR BOOK BAGS-

- ◆ Santa Family Fun Run Leaflet
- ◆ Primary Times
- ◆ PTA Santa's Grotto Leaflet
- ◆ Y2 Multi Skill Festival letter
- ◆ Bags2School Bag

St James' Church Christmas Fayre

Saturday 25th November 2017 -
10.30am—1.00pm at St James' Church Hall.
Fun for all the family - Santa visit from
11.00am . Carol Singing 12 noon.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 1 December—Year 2 to Meadowside for
Multi-skills activities

Friday 8 December - 2.15pm Reception Nativity and
Christmas Non - Uniform Day

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

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

Thursday 14 December - Christmas Lunch & Parties

Friday 15 December - Pantomime Trip to Derby Arena
followed by Christmas Fayre (3.30 pm)

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



Stars of the week



Alexander Kenny Jacob Gill

Billy Groves Jacob Harmon

William Cartwright

Harry Champion Sophie Knight

Rocky Howes Beatrice Haysman

Freya Duesbury Isaac Olbison

Poppy Vydelingum Dylan Norris

Amillie Timbrell Sophie Marshall



Children in Need—Update

Thank you to everyone who generously donated funds to Children in Need. Our final total raised was a fantastic £340!!!!.

Maths focus

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This week in maths:

Reception have been learning about the number 7. They have been finding different ways to make 7 recording this with pictures and also as a number sentence eg $4+3=7$. They have used Numicon to make 7 as well as putting 7 counters on a 10 frame in different ways.

Year 1 this week have been counting forwards and backwards to 20 from any given number. They have been matching number words with the appropriate numeral cards. The children have been learning how to show the tens and ones for numbers from 11-20. They have been introduced to the base 10 equipment recognising that they do not need to count the base 10 as it is always 10. The children have been counting one more and one less than a number up to 20 showing this number with base 10 and recording it pictorially. Using word problems the children have been recording one more and one less by creating a number sentence.

Year 2 have been recognising number bonds to 100. They have been creating their own 2-digit number using dice eg 36, then finding out how many more ones they need to get to the next 10 (40). They then worked out how many more tens they would need and wrote this as a number sentence eg $36+64=100$ using concrete resources to help. The children have also been adding three 1-digit numbers together looking for any possible number bonds to help them eg for $7+5+3$ they might add $7+3$ together first to get 10 and then add on the 5. They have started to look at money concentrating on counting in pence and recognising different coins. They have been comparing different amounts of coins using the $<$ (less than), $>$ (greater than) and $=$ (equal) signs.

PTA News

Christmas is a coming!! We need your help please! At the fayre we will be running a teddy tombola so we need donations of good quality, clean, soft toys. The perfect chance for a pre-Christmas clear out!! We will be collecting them on the gate on Thursday 30/11 and Friday 01/12. Thank you!



Christmas decorations! Are you upgrading your decorations this year or maybe changing your colour scheme? We are looking for donations of Christmas decorations to make school feel Christmassy and festive in the run up to the end of term. We will also be collecting these on Thursday 30/11 and Friday 01/12. Thank you!

Final request! We are planning on having a second hand book sale again this year at the fayre. If you have any quality children's books that you could donate we will happily take them off you on Thursday 30/11 or Friday 01/12. Thank you again!!

In book bags this week is a letter to book a time to see Father Christmas at the fayre. These will be allocated on a first come, first served basis in order to be as fair as possible. Please see the enclosed letter for more information and return slips by Friday 1st December.

Thank you to everyone who attended the quiz last Friday! We had a really fun evening with you all and managed to raise some funds for the school. We'll let you know the total once we have it!

Finally, we have lots of return slips coming in for DVDs, Father Christmas slots, fayre helpers etc at the moment. Please could you help us by clearly labelling envelopes with your child's name, any monies enclosed, and what it's for. Thank you.

Christmas Pantomime Trip - Friday 15th December

The whole school will be off to see the pantomime Beauty and the Beast. **The school gate will open at 8.40, please bring children in by 8.50 so that registers can be taken and the children are ready to leave promptly at 9.00am.** Pick-up times remain as normal at 3.15. The children will be given a packed lunch on our return to school.



Non-uniform Day

Friday the 8th of December is non-uniform day in exchange for a bottle donation for the tombola at the Christmas fayre. The PTA will collect the bottles on the gate on the Friday morning. Thank you in advance.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Regards

Mrs S Burton and Mrs L Farmer