



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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World Book Day



There were some brilliant outfits on show on Thursday for World Book Day! Thank you to all the children for dressing up, bringing in their books and showing such great enthusiasm for reading.

Snow closure

It was a quiet day in Barton on Friday, with all three schools closed due to the weather conditions. The safety of pupils, parents and staff is always our primary concern, and it was felt that the forecast was bad enough to justify closure. We hope that by letting you know our decision on Thursday, it helped you make suitable arrangements for any necessary childcare on the Friday. Thank you.

Country Dancing

There will be no country dancing on Monday 19th March, due to staff training.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 9 March - RR Parent Lunch

Friday 16 March - RM Parent Lunch

Friday 16 March - Year 1 to Twycross Zoo & PTA Family Film Night

Friday 23 March - Sport Relief - non-uniform day

Tuesday 27 March - 2.00pm Easter church service

Wednesday 28 March - Last day of term - PTA Easter Bonnet Parade (morning)

Thursday 12 April - Back to school

Friday 20 April - 1S Parent Lunch

Friday 27 April - 1P Parent Lunch

World Book Day Fun!

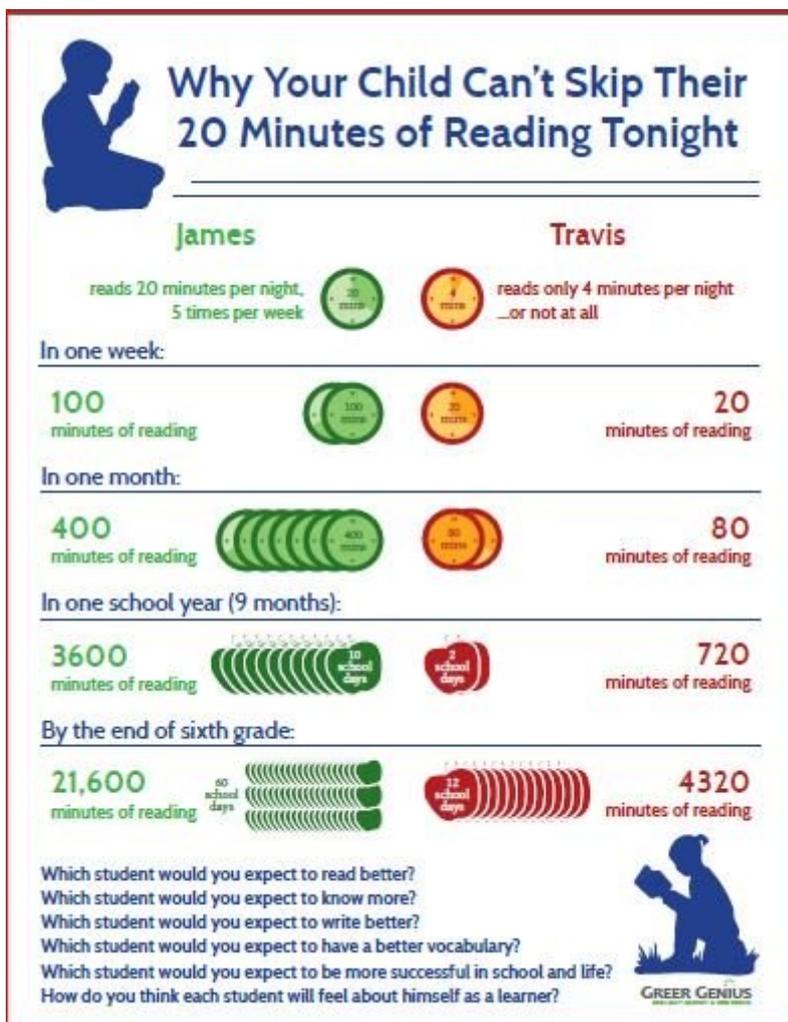
Thank you to everyone who took part in World Book Day yesterday. The children all enjoyed a visit from our visiting author Steve Smallman, who inspired them with his great story-telling and amazing illustrations! Thank you to the PTA for funding his visit.

We have had a very busy week in English, using books to stimulate the children's writing:

- Reception have been writing about dinosaurs, using lots of non-fiction texts to help them find facts and information.
- Year 1 have been reading the book 'Supertato' by Sue Hendra. The children have been designing a character to save broccoli from the evil pea!
- Year 2 have been reading 'The Day the Crayons Came Home' by Oliver Jeffers. They have been writing a postcard from Neon Red Crayon to Duncan explaining about their confusing journey home to the crayon box.

Please ask your child about the books that we have read in class and about Steve Smallman's visit to see how they have been inspired!

Below is a poster to explain the importance of reading at home with your child for 20 minutes every day. This doesn't always have to be the books that we send home from school, it could be any book that your child has chosen. Don't forget that we have a great volunteer-run library in Barton with a wide choice of books.



The children have also been given a £1 book token to either use towards buying a book or to buy one of the special World Book Day £1 books in a book store. This year there are some exciting titles including - Oi Goat, Mr Men, Paddington Turns Detective and The Girl Who Thought She Was A Dog.

Books written by Mr Smallman will be for sale at the school office on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, should you wish to purchase one. Cash only please and we will need the exact change! Prices start at £4.99. Mr Smallman will then sign the books later in the week if you would like to leave your book to be autographed.

PTA News

Valentine's disco - thanks to everyone who supported the disco this year. A fantastic time was had by all, and the children were really well behaved. All the activities were a great hit and the tuck shop was nearly cleaned out by the end! We are really pleased to be able to say that we managed to raise just over £500 which is incredible!! Thank you all!



Mother's Day pop-up shop - we will be holding a pop-up shop in school on Friday 9th March. The children will come to the shop during school time and be able to choose a gift for their mum or other special person. The gifts will be wrapped and brought home by the child at the end of the day ready for a lovely surprise on Mother's Day! The cost is £2 per child and should be brought in and handed to form tutors on the Friday morning. Please see flyers in book bags and attached to this newsletter for more details.

Family film night - we are excited to invite you to our Family Film Night on Friday 16th March from 4:30pm to 7pm. 🍿 The school council have chosen Paddington 2 as the film for the evening, and we will be serving hot dogs and pizza before the film and choc ices for the interval. There will also be popcorn and sweets for sale. Come along with the whole family to enjoy a lovely, relaxed evening together. The cost will be £3.50 per person to include food. Please see the attached flyer for more information. Reply slips are in book bags this week and should be returned to the black PTA box, in a clearly labelled envelope as soon as possible, as places are limited.

Easter is on its way!

Unbelievably, Easter is barely four weeks away, so here is some more detail for events to celebrate it:

Our Easter church service will be at 2pm on Tuesday 27 March in St James' Church. Parents and carers are welcome to attend. Offers of help to walk the children to church would be greatly appreciated—please speak to class teachers.

The Easter bonnet parade is on Wednesday 28 March. All children are invited to decorate a hat with an Easter theme and bring it along to take part in the parade, which will be at 10.20. The PTA will be organising an activity for all the children in year order: Reception at 9.10am, Year 1 at 9.30am and Year 2 at 9.50am. Parents are welcome to come and join in at the appropriate times. More details next week!

We have found over the years that it is easier if you come along for the time your child is doing the Easter activity and then again for the Bonnet Parade at 10.20am, instead of staying all morning - the hall gets very full! Thank you.



Regards

Mrs S Burton and Mrs L Farmer