



## Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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**Gotta Dance!** Our Year 2 dancers put on a fantastic display at the Lichfield Garrick on Wednesday evening! We are so proud of the hard work they've put into rehearsing and performing their routine over the past weeks and it certainly paid off on the night! Well done to all of them.



### Messy Church

*"If you're looking for something to do this Sunday afternoon, Barton Methodist Church will be running a Messy Church session at the church on Crowberry Lane. It will run from 4pm to 5.30pm and is a family event with a fun activity and worship. We have tea and cake afterwards. Everyone is welcome. This week's theme is Mother's Day."*

### IN BOOK BAGS

- ◆ Soccer Coaching Letters

### Dates for your Diary

Friday 16 March - RM Parent Lunch

Friday 16 March — Year 1 to Twycross Zoo, Y2 gymnastics competition and 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

## Texting service

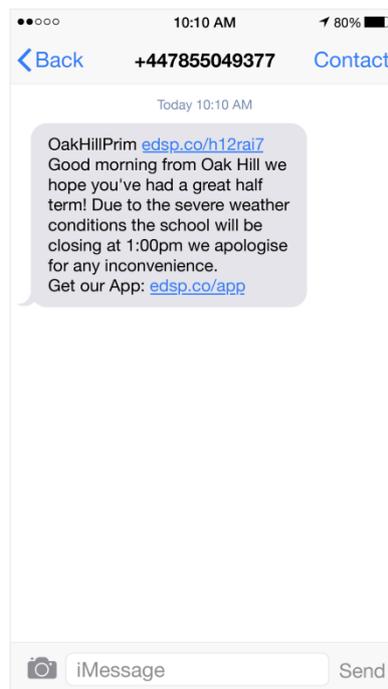
Please read the following message from Teachers2Parents, who provide our texting service:

From the week commencing Monday 5th March, the text messages you receive from school will appear differently on your phone.

Teachers2Parents, are excited to introduce an additional new security verification measure to allow parents/guardians to check that the messages you receive are from school.

Much like telephone banking, you will continue to receive messages from a secure number with the school message ID now in the body of the message, accompanied with a link at the beginning of the message to click through to a Teachers2Parents verification page; confirming that the sender of the message is genuine.

This added security measure is another step forward to help reassure parents/guardians of the safety and wellbeing of your child at school.



## Zebra Crossing Safety

As you are aware, we are still lacking a crossing patrol on the main road outside of school, which is an on-going cause of concern to us. The vacant position has been advertised in various places now, but with no progress. In order for us to apply pressure for at least a temporary, seconded patrol person, please can we ask you to report any instances of potentially dangerous situations you witness or experience either on the way to or from school. We are aware of an incident this week where a car overtook vehicles stopped at the crossing, which could have had very serious results. Incidents can be reported to the police (on the non-emergency number), to the Parish Council, to Staffordshire County Council or to us. Thank you for your help - we really want to make it known that having a zebra crossing by school does NOT ensure road safety for pedestrians.

## Maths focus



This week in maths:

Reception have been learning about repeating patterns. They have been describing different patterns to each other including 'real life' patterns such as block paving and 'noisy' patterns e.g stamp, stamp, clap, clap, jump. They have been comparing patterns looking at and describing the similarities and differences between the two. Reception have also been learning about time and have been introduced to key vocabulary including day, week, month, year, season, morning, afternoon, evening, night-time, minute. They have been sequencing days of the week, months of the year and answering questions such as 'What comes before.../after...?' The children have carried out investigations to see how many marbles/shells/buttons they can put in a container in one minute and how many hops/star jumps they can do in one minute.

Year 1 have been learning about length and height using vocabulary such as long/short, longer/shorter, tall/short, double/half. They have been comparing lengths of string and putting these in order from shortest to longest and have also hunted around the classroom to find things that would be longer or shorter than their pencil. The children have been measuring using non-standard units such as pencils, crayons, paper clips and finding out, for example, how tall a water bottle is using paper clips. They have also started to use standard units to measure learning how to use a ruler to measure centimetres accurately.

Year 2 have continued to learn about fractions and have been finding  $\frac{1}{4}$  of different objects/quantities. They have used a bar model to help them work out different fractions such as  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 12 would be shown as

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They have also been introduced to thirds and have been finding one third of shapes and quantities ensuring that each part is equal. The children have been learning to recognise that  $\frac{1}{2}$  is the same as  $\frac{2}{4}$ .

### PTA Pop Up Shop

Thank you to the PTA for all of their hard work for this event. The children thoroughly enjoyed their shopping experience and hopefully the people receiving the gifts will be very appreciative. If there are any further £2 donations still to come into school for this then please bring these in early next week.

### Class Photographs

On Tuesday, our school photographers will be in school to take the children's class photographs which will be on sale to parents afterwards.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Regards

*Mrs S Burton and Mrs L Farmer*