



# Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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## Year 2 Clubs

Running club got off to a sunny start this week with year 2 children enjoying their early morning session.



## Free Workshop!

We are holding a free session in school for parents and carers **next Tuesday 24 April from 1.30pm-3.00pm** looking at strategies to help you help your child with reading and spelling. The session will be led by Sue Hall, a specialist teacher from Entrust's Learning Support and will look at reading, spelling, visual and listening skills and recognising signs of dyslexia.

## Year 2 Health Mornings -

The Year 2 children had their first fun, active and informative session with Mr Glover on Tuesday morning taking part in various games whilst learning the importance of exercise and how much physical activity children should be taking part in. Just a reminder to parents that Mr Glover will be in the Hall from 8.45am - 9.00am every Tuesday morning (this half term) if you have any questions or queries for him.

## Dates for your Diary

- Friday 27 April - 1P Parent Lunch
- Monday 7 May - May day holiday
- Tuesday 8 May - Y2 Maypole dancing 2.30
- Thursday 17 May - Parent consultations
- Monday 21 May - Parent consultations
- Wednesday 23 May - Meeting for new Reception parents 7.00pm
- Friday 25 May - break up for half-term
- Monday 4 June - School closed-Inset Day
- Tuesday 5 June - School re-opens
- Thursday 28 June - Sports Day (Friday 6 July reserve sports day)
- Wednesday 18 July - Leavers assembly
- Thursday 19 July - Leavers Party

## PTA News

PTA AGM - This will be held on Thursday 26th April, 7pm at school. Please come along and get involved! We will be planning for the term ahead with a special focus on our Y2 leavers and would welcome any ideas and suggestions you may have. Please see the attached agenda for further information.



Photography competition - we were delighted to get such a good response to our photography competition. All the entries were fantastic and it was great to see the children get creative with their photography. Special thanks to Robert Brittle for being our judge and taking on the difficult task of picking winners and runners up in each year group. We are hoping to display all the photos submitted next week on the top playground (weather permitting!).

The winners and runners up for each year group were:

Year 2 - William Tranberg-Wilkinson	Amillie Timbrell	Jessica Golder
Year 1- Ella Forsyth	Evie Newstead	Clayton Golding
Reception- Layla Morgan	Evie Rollins	William Orford

Second hand uniform - we have a lot of second hand uniform which has kindly been donated, but despite several efforts to sell it on we have had a very limited response. As a result we have decided to donate all the old logo uniform to a charity which is happy to accept it. Most charities refuse items with logos, but we have a connection with a charity which ships out a container to support schools in poor areas of Kenya and Tanzania. We will arrange a date later this term to collect any old logo items you may have and would like to donate ready for shipping later this year. Thank you!

### Maypole Dancing show

On Tuesday 8th May at 2.30pm, the Year 2 country dancing club will be performing their dances for May Day. The event will take place on the playground if dry and all parent/carers are invited to watch. If it rains, however, and we are forced to hold it inside, we ask that only parents of dancers come along as it is physically impossible to get everyone in the hall as the children need a lot of space to perform. Many thanks for your understanding - here's hoping for blue skies.

### School Crossing Patrol

We have been notified that there will not be a school crossing patrol on duty on the Efflinch Lane/Gilmore Lane today and for all of next week. Please take care when crossing the road and use the Efflinch Lane/Short Lane crossing where possible thank you.

### Year 2 Transition

With just one more term to go until our year 2 children leave to go to their new schools, transition activities will soon be upon us.

Initially though, we ask the simplest of things in order to start to prepare the children for a greater level of independence and that is for all year 2 parents to now say goodbye to the children by the playground gates in the morning, so that the children can walk across the playground and into class on their own.

If you need to speak with a teacher then by all means speak to them in the usual way but for the majority of the time the children will be expected to go into the building on their own.

Thank you

Attachments -

- ◆ Maths Focus
- ◆ PTA Meeting Agenda

### On Your Bikes!

New family ride at Rosliston forestry Centre, on 13th May 2018. Booking on, is on the day from 9.30am and the ride starts at 10.30am, or through the British cycling website [www.britishcycling.org.uk](http://www.britishcycling.org.uk)

It is a route of 5 miles and it can be done twice. The cost is £20 per family of 4. The route is marshalled all the way, with a support car for any one who needs help.

The aim for this is to encourage families to take up cycling, with the safety of experienced people to lend a hand where necessary.

Thank you

Samantha Ireland

Midland Monster Sportive organiser

<http://www.ccqiro.net/midland-monster-2018/>

### Summer

*Sun hats* - Please can you make sure that your child has a suitable sun-hat (clearly named) with them every day for use at breaks and lunch-time.

*Sun cream* - If you wish your child to be protected with sun-screen, please put this on at home in the morning, as we are not permitted to apply it in school. If you feel that your child is able to apply their own cream, you may put a labelled tube/bottle in their book bag.

*Water bottles* - The warmer weather also makes it even more important for the children to drink plenty of water during the day - please ensure your child brings a full, named water bottle to school each day.

*Sunglasses* - We can only allow prescription sunglasses in school. If your child likes to wear non-prescription sunglasses on the way to and from school, please takes these back with you during the day.

*Footwear* - Sensible, practical footwear for school. Please, no flip-flops, high heels or flimsy sandals - the children need to be able to run around safely!

We will keep an eye on the weather as well, and if there are days when we feel the heat is particularly intense, we will limit the amount of time the children spend outside.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend

Regards

*Mrs S Burton and Mrs L Farmer*