



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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Reception Trip to Derby Mosque



Reception children had a great day out yesterday and learnt a lot about the Mosque and that there are lots of similarities between Islam and Christian faiths and beliefs. The children enjoyed learning about different ceremonies and celebrations and particularly liked the food tasting activity!



Country Dancing

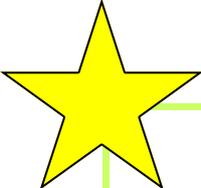
The last Country dancing session will be on Monday the 14th of May and we would like to invite family members to watch the children dancing at 3.20pm.

In book Bags

- ◆ New Lunchtime Menu

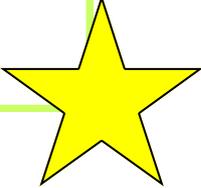
Dates for your Diary

- 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
2pm
- Thursday 19 July - Leavers Party 3.15-
5pm
- Friday 20 July - Last day of term

Stars of the Week

Skylar Widdowson-Prudham	Lucy Foster	
Oliver Jepson	Charlie Elton	Sam Moore
Jack Knight-Dutton	Rose Miller	Rosie Evans
Jessica Golder	William Hughes	Sam McCarthy
Evie Allison	Poppy Yydelingum	Thomas Barker



Fantastic News

Over the years we have really struggled with our drainage system around school and each year have to spend a small fortune on having drains unblocked due to the drain size not being adequate from the children's toilets and tree routes blocking drains further down in the system. Each time this happens we have to phone somebody to come out with their specialist equipment to sort it. These are funds we would much prefer to be spending on the children. In addition to this, our playground is now in a very poor state of repair and needs attention to ensure the surface is safer for our children.

After applying to the academies, Condition Improvement Fund a number of times (this is the fund which paid for our new roof last year) with a bid for replacement drains and playground and being unsuccessful, we are thrilled to announce that our last effort has at last been successful! This means that over the summer holidays we will be having a major overhaul with the promise of a lovely, new playground ready for September. This is wonderful news and we can't wait to see the results!

PTA News

Help needed! We need someone to help us film the Year 2 leavers' assembly on Wednesday 18th July in the afternoon. This is a special occasion for our Y2 children celebrating their time at school, and the DVD is a lovely keepsake and reminder of their time here. Our usual camera man can't make it this year so if you think you could help out please contact us as soon as possible. Thanks!

Teddy festival - we have been asked by the organisers of the teddy festival if we could support this year's event. It is a fantastic, family event and the only one like it! The festival will take place on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th June and volunteers are required to help run the rides. There are two time slots each day, from 12:30 to 3pm, and from 3 to 5:30pm. Volunteers will help to fling, fire and fly teddies as they take on exciting rides in the churchyard and by the fishpond! Please can you contact Lucy James (lucytheakerjames@gmail.com) if you think you could help out or if you would like more information. Thank you!

PTA AGM - the minutes from this meeting are now available along with the financial report and are attached to the newsletter for this week. Please have a read through and let us know any feedback you may have along with any ideas for going forward.

Maths focus



This week in maths:

Reception have been learning to recognise doubles this week and have doubled different numbers writing an addition number sentence to help them. They have made doubles using Numicon and also unifix cubes. Outside they have been hunting for doubles so if they found four daisies they were working out what double would be. The children have also been working out problems such as 'Yesterday Jane made 6 cup cakes. Today she made double. How many did she make today?'

Year 1 have continued with multiplication and division and have been solving one step problems. The children have for example been given an amount of bears and have investigated which number of bears they can share equally so that none are left. They have been challenged to answer questions such as 'Lollies cost 5p each. A pack of lollies costs 13p. How much money do you save when you buy a pack of 3 lollies instead of 3 single lollies?' The children have been solving word problems such as 'Michael has twenty cupcakes for him and his three friends. How many cupcakes will each person get?' focusing on the key information that they have been given.

Year 2 have been focusing on 2D and 3D shape again this week. They have been naming the shapes and their properties as well as investigating the similarities and differences between different shapes. The children have also been reading and comparing scales (eg measuring jugs, thermometers, speedometers) making sure that they count from zero and work out what the numbers are going up in. They have been learning how to use a ruler to draw and measure a line.

Class Photographs

Year 1 and Year 2 had their class photographs taken on Thursday .
Reception children will have their class photographs taken on the same day as the whole school photograph on the 19th of June.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend and bank holiday
Monday and we will see everyone back at school on Tuesday.

Regards

Mrs S Burton and Mrs L Farmer