



# Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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## May Day celebrations

Once again, our country dancers—and singers! - did us proud last Tuesday in glorious sunshine when they danced and sang for the school and parents. A huge 'well done' to all concerned, with a particular 'thank you' going to Mrs Moore, who runs the country dancing after-school club.

Next Monday is the last country dancing session for the year and parents are invited to come and watch—and even join in!

## IN BOOK BAGS

- ◆ Walk To School Week leaflet

## Dates for your Diary - Forest School

Fri 8 June 2M 1.00-2.00 2W 2.00-3.00

Wed 20 June 1S 1.00-2.00 1P 2.00-3.00

Mon 9 July RM 1.00-2.00 RR 2.00-3.00

## Walk to School Week - 21st May - 25th May 2018

Please see the leaflet in book bags today for more information regarding the "Walk To School Week".

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 14 May—last country dancing (parents welcome)

Thursday 17 May - Parent consultations

Friday 18 May—Y2 to football festival

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

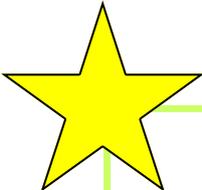
Thursday 28 June - Sports Day 1.15  
(Friday 6 July reserve sports day)

Weds 18 July - Leavers assembly 2pm

Thurs 19 July - Leavers Party 3.15-5pm

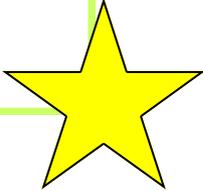
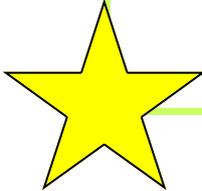
Friday 20 July - Last day of term

Tuesday 4 September - Back to school



### Stars of the Week

Charlotte Elkin      Rhys Gower      Mollie Crisp  
Emily Workman      Thomas Whitby      Tyler Press  
Qunain Rahouff      Evie Cooper      Archie Hunt  
Isaac Olbison      Holly Thompson      Erin Campbell  
Daniel England      Evie Stokes  
Bohemia Howes



#### PTA News

PTA handover - it's that time of year when we need a new team of volunteers to take over running the PTA from September. If you have any questions about what's involved we are all more than happy to do our best to answer them and give you an idea of our experience this year. It has been a really positive, rewarding and enjoyable experience for us all and we would be able to offer support to a new team to help them get up and running if wanted. Please speak to any of us or contact us via the PTA email or Facebook page as soon as possible. Thank you!

AGM - just a reminder that the minutes from this meeting can be found attached to the newsletter or on our Facebook page. Please have a read through and find out what's being planned for the term ahead and see if there are any ways in which you can get involved.

Summer fayre - planning has started for this event in the school calendar. The fayre will take place on 28th June (or 6th July if the first date is a total wash out) and will follow on from the school sports day. We are holding a planning meeting on Friday 18th May in the Skinny Kitten at 1:45pm to get as many ideas as possible and properly start the ball rolling on this event. We would love for as many of you as possible to come along. Children are welcome of course and there is plenty of cake to help keep our strength up! We will of course be finished in time for the school pick up. Hope to see you there!

Teddy festival funding - we are really excited to be able to tell you that the PTA has been chosen as one of the charities to benefit from the teddy festival on 23rd/24th June this year. We are really chuffed that our proposal was successful and will help to kit out the outdoor area in front of the new classroom which will benefit all the children in the school once it is finished.

Teddy festival helpers - we have all enjoyed taking our children round the festival in previous years and this year the three of us will be helping run one of the rides during the weekend. Can you help too? The organisers have well over 100 volunteers to recruit to make sure the festival can run properly. Each volunteer 'shift' will last 2 1/2 hours, either 12:30 to 3:00pm or 3:00 to 5:30pm. If you think you can help out on either of the days please contact Lucy James at [lucytheakerjames@gmail.com](mailto:lucytheakerjames@gmail.com)

## Maths focus



This week in maths:

Reception have been learning to share objects into groups making sure that each group has the same amount. The children have been sharing Unifix, counters, beanbags and 'children' into different groups and have even used the Mud Kitchen to help with their sharing by sharing the plates, sweets, cups making sure that each group has an equal amount. The children have worked together to answer questions such as 'I cut a cake into 8 equal slices. I share it between 4 friends. How many slices do they get each?' Reception have also been practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Year 1 have been investigating how many different ways they can halve a shape making sure that they understand that half of a shape is one equal part out of two and that two halves make a whole. The children have also been finding half of a quantity again ensuring that they have two equal parts and answering in complete sentences ie 'There are \_\_\_ cakes. There are \_\_\_ cakes in each half. A half of \_\_\_ is \_\_\_.' The children have been challenged to answer questions such as 'Matthew is finding halves. He says, "It is hard to find half of an odd number". Do you agree?' They have also been finding a quarter of shapes making sure that they split the shape this time into four equal parts. The children have also been finding a quarter of a quantity splitting the amount into four equal groups and using this within a sentence eg 'There are 20 balloons. There are 5 balloons in each quarter. A quarter of 20 is 5.'

Year 2 have been busy doing lots of revision of maths from over the year.

## General Data Protection Regulation

As many of you will be aware, GDPR comes into force on 25 May. All organisations, including schools, are subject to it and we have had to look carefully at the way we collect, store and share personal information, as well as the reasons for requesting it. As part of John Taylor MAT, a lot of the work has been done alongside their staff and we are happy that our working practices are compliant with the new regulations.

There will be a few small changes. We have had to re-draft our Privacy Notice, which will shortly be available via the school website for you to read, and some of the standard consent forms have had to be re-written to reflect the changing regulations. One change we have decided to make is to the newsletter. Currently, we sometimes include or attach information about third-party, for-profit organisations when we email out the newsletter. To continue doing this and comply with GDPR, we would need to obtain specific signed consent from all parents/carers who currently receive the newsletter by email (which is everyone!), which is an administrative task we can't easily accommodate at present.

We will continue to let you know about local events and opportunities run by community and/or voluntary groups, but will no longer electronically pass on information relating to commercial enterprises. We will still continue to put leaflets in book bags occasionally, when appropriate or possible, as this doesn't contravene the regulations. We may look again at the situation in the future, but for now we won't email out any further flyers and similar information.

## Football festival

Year 2 children will be attending a free football festival at Burton Albion on the afternoon of May 18, where they will learn and practice new football skills. This has been organised through the School Sport Partnership and funded through the school's Sports Premium.

Can year 2 children please come to school in sports clothes and trainers for the Football Festival. Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school to take with them in the afternoon. Thank you.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend .

Regards

*Mrs S Burton and Mrs L Farmer*