



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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It was fantastic to see so many smiling faces on Tuesday morning on our first day! We welcomed back the children going into Years 1 and 2—along with some new starters - and said hello to our new Reception pupils. Everyone who was new to the school has settled in really well and we look forward to getting to know both children and parents over the coming months.

We have got lots planned for the autumn term, so please keep an eye on the 'Dates for your Diary' column to make sure you don't miss any events.

We are looking forward to an exciting and busy term and hope you are too!

Dates for your Diary

Wed 12 Sept—Reception in all day

Mon 24 Sept—Curriculum evening for Reception parents at 7.00pm

Fri 28 Sept—Y2 to multi-skills festival & RR to Packington Farm

Tues 2 Oct—1S to Packington Farm

Wed 3 Oct—1P to Packington Farm

Fri 5 Oct—RM to Packington Farm

Mon 8 Oct—Reception singalong at 2.45pm

Wed 10 Oct—2M parent lunch

Thu 11 Oct—2W parent lunch

Wed 18 Oct—2F parent lunch

Wed 24 Oct - Harvest Festival assembly at 9.15am

Fri 26 Oct - Inset Day - school closed

Mon 5 Nov—Back to school

What's new in school...

- Hopefully you will have seen our lovely new play-ground and its newly painted games on your way in and out of school. This, along with a new drainage system, was carried out thanks to funding from central government.
- We have three Year 2 classes for this academic year only, so we welcome Miss Fairley as class teacher of 2F.
- As some of you may have noticed, congratulations are in order to Mrs Wilson (one of our Year 1 Teaching Assistants) who is expecting a baby at the end of the year!

Reminders...

- Please clearly label everything that comes into school with your child—uniform, shoes, PE kits, water bottles. You'd be amazed what children can mislay and how many identical shoes they have!
- Do check book bags daily for letters, leaflets and other information.
- Please take care when crossing the roads near school—we still have no crossing supervisor for the zebra crossing on Main Street.
- If your child has a medical appointment, we need to see an appointment card or hospital letter for our attendance records.

Funding news

Our school is lucky to benefit from a generous amount of outdoor space, which we use as much as possible. We are always looking for ways to improve and update our grounds and have been lucky enough to receive a very generous donation of £10,000 from the Barton and Dunstall Key Trust to build an 'outdoor classroom' for use by all years. We had already secured £1,000 towards this project from Tesco and the PTA have kindly offered to support the project too. The project is in its early stages, but we hope to have it completed as soon as possible. More details will go in future newsletters—watch this space!

Important request

If someone other than a parent is going to be picking your child up from school, please let the class teacher know at drop-off in the morning or ring school before 3.15 if it's a last-minute arrangement. This is important, as our policy is that we cannot let a child leave school with someone other than their parent unless we have prior warning. We are sure you will understand that this is for important safeguarding reasons. If you have a regular pattern of people other than a parent picking up, please let us know to save you having to let us know daily. Thank you.

A parking plea

The safety of our pupils and everyone else who uses or visits our school is of huge importance to us. Traffic in Barton is exceptionally busy at school drop-off and pick-up times, and with three schools very close to each other, the roads get very congested. Please walk to school if it is at all possible—more cars equals more congestion which equals more dangers posed by traffic and parked cars. If you have no alternative to driving, please consider parking at the marina, in the village hall car park or in Holland Sports Club car park. All of these venues are within a short walk of school and take traffic away from the main road and the area immediately around the schools. PLEASE park legally and courteously if you have to park nearer school and be mindful of pedestrians and other road users. We ask in particular that you do NOT park outside school on the school side of Station Road, especially anywhere near the bend in the road, as this causes real problems when larger vehicles such as coaches try to pass. Thank you.



In Book Bags

- ◆ Learning Behaviour Characters
- ◆ Premier Soccer Coaching
- ◆ Y2 club and trip letters

Learning Behaviour Characters -

These are being sent out in book bags as a reminder. They were first introduced in April this year. This half term we will be particularly focusing on co-operation.

Job Vacancy

Please see a job vacancy attached.

Behaviour Policy

Please see our new behaviour policy which is available on the school website and has also been sent as an electronic attachment with this newsletter.

PTA News

A warm welcome back to school from the PTA! Hope you've had a fantastic first week back. We have lots of exciting events planned for the term ahead starting with:

Friday Sep 14th at 9.00 AM - 10.15 AM PTA Welcome Coffee Morning for Reception parents. Come and have teas and coffees with us straight after the school drop off, in the School Hall. A great chance to meet us and chat to other new parents- little ones welcome!

Thursday Sep 20th at 7:15 PM – 8:30 PM Attend the first PTA Meeting of the year in the School Hall. Open to all parents in all year groups. Come and show your support for the school PTA and help us to plan our upcoming events this term such as the Halloween Disco, Christmas shopping evening and Christmas Fayre.

50/50 club – We will be running the 50/50 club again this year, look out for letters in bookbags next week. We had a fab kitty last year seeing a lucky monthly winner pocketing £46!

We would love to hear your ideas and what you would like to be involved in. If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to contribute please just pop us a message. Ways to get in touch:

Facebook- Join the Facebook group 'Thomas Russell Infants School PTA' and message us

Email- thomasrussellpta@gmail.com

WhatsApp Group- If you would like to help out and volunteer regularly for adhoc tasks especially on the run up to our big events we can add you to the WhatsApp TRIS PTA group- please email us your

name and telephone number

Say hello- come over if you see us around and say hello, if you don't know who we are we will be putting up some pics on the Facebook page soon 😊

Barton Churches Together - Light Factory

First Friday in the month at the Methodist Church 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm.

This informal group of five to eleven-year old boys and girls meets once a month at Barton Methodist Church, Crowberry Lane just beyond the Village Hall. The children and their families do not have to attend a particular church, or indeed any at all. All children are welcome. There is a charge of 50p per child per session. The Leaders are drawn from the Anglican, Methodist and Catholic Churches and are experienced in working with children and fully checked. Each session has crafts and other activities such as cooking, games, and a bible story which sometimes involves acting, discussion, laughter, friendship and fun. Some children are overwhelmed by large groups in big spaces, ours is more intimate so no-one is left out. Older children may like to attend as junior helpers.

Children learn about the needs of others including making sweets to sell for Christian Aid and filling shoeboxes each year for the Shoe Box Appeal. Find out more by looking at the display in the Methodist Church. Or get further information by ringing Jill on 01283 712809 or email jill.rogers@uwclub.net or Meg on 01283 711051 or email enquiries@megiones.co.uk



Barton Rovers Soccer School in Partnership with Burton Albion Community Trust

Who – Girls & Boys

Age – Year 1 children only

When – Thursday evening's beginning 13th September 2018

Where – St Georges Park (David Beckham Pitch)

Time – 5.30-6.30pm

Cost – FREE (Until Oct ½ term)

Places limited to 20

How to join – Please email richlindsay16@btinternet.com to be sent the full registration pack with further details

Lunchtime Menu

The existing menu will continue until October half term. This week has been following week 2 and next week will therefore be week 3!

The menu is displayed on the school notice board by the front gate. Once printed, new menus will be sent out in book bags at the end of October.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs S Burton and Mrs L Farmer