



# Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

Newsletter No.7 19th October 2018

THURSDAY- OCTOBER 25TH  
LAST DAY OF TERM



JOIN US FOR A

## PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION

FOR CHILDREN & PARENTS!

Bring your carved pumpkin to school on Thursday morning, labelled with your name and class underneath the pumpkin!

PRIZES TO BE WON

ENTRY: CHILDREN £1 | ADULTS £2

### Dates for your Diary

Tues 23 Oct - Y1/2 curriculum meeting 7pm

Wed 24 Oct - Harvest Festival assembly at 9.15am

Thursday 25 Oct - Halloween Disco 3.15 - 5.00pm

Fri 26 Oct - Inset Day school closed

Mon 5 Nov - Back to school

Thu 8 Nov -Parent consultations

Mon 12 Nov - Parent consultations

Thu 15 Nov—PTA Christmas Shopping evening 7.00pm-9.00pm

Fri 16 Nov - Children in Need day

Fri 7 Dec - 2pm Reception Nativity

Tue 11 Dec - Christmas Play 2pm 2M,1P and half of 2F class

Wed 12 Dec - Christmas Play 2pm 2W,1S and half of 2F class

Fri 14 Dec - Christmas Fayre

Fri 21 Dec - Sing-a-long 2.30pm

### Please note...

- No art club on Thursday 25th October due to Halloween disco
- No dance club on Friday 26th October—school closed.

### In your book bags...

- Harvest Assembly ticket
- Year2 Trip
- Raring2go
- PTA Calendar order form

### 50/50 Club Winner

Congratulations to the October winners number 57 Mr and Mrs Conlon. Please call into the school office to collect your winnings.

### Harvest Festival Assembly

We look forward to welcoming you to our assembly on Wednesday. Any donations to the YMCA food bank can be brought in when you drop your child off at school in the morning. Please don't forget your tickets—in order to ensure everyone's safety and comfort in the hall, we have to restrict admission to one adult per family.

If you are not able to attend please hand your ticket back to the school office by Tuesday morning. Any spare tickets will be issued on a first come first served basis on Tuesday afternoon.

Thank you for your co-operation.

### Reception Classes

Please can we ask that reception parents allow the children to enter the classroom independently from Monday next week. The children have settled well and are now learning to put their belongings away on their own. If you feel they are ready we welcome you to leave the children at the cloakroom door to enter the cloakroom by themselves, hang their coats up and enter the classroom independently.

### Sainsbury Lego Cards

One of our parents has a friend who works for Sainsbury and they have kindly donated some Lego cards for our children to play with at lunchtime. We have a large number of them and thought it would also be nice to send some home with the children. If your child would like to swap cards with friends can we politely ask that they do not bring them into school as this can cause disruption to lesson times. Thank you.

### Burton Mail Photograph

The Burton mail photographer came in this week to take the reception class photographs. We have been informed they will be published in the newspaper on Friday the 26th of October.

### Maths focus



This week in maths:

Reception have been learning to name and recognise shapes including a square, rectangle, triangle and circle. They have been sorting these shapes according to their shape and then by colour. The children have been making repeated patterns with the shapes and beginning to recognise the properties of the shapes such as whether they have curved or straight sides and how many corners the shapes have.

Year 1 have been learning to use and recognise number bonds and related subtraction facts to 10. They have been investigating how many different ways they could make a particular number eg for number 7 they could have had  $7+0$ ,  $6+1$ ,  $5+2$ ,  $4+3$  etc. The children have used equipment to help them find the answers and also used the part whole model and number tracks to help them count on.

Year 2 have been learning different methods to help them subtract a 1-digit number from a 2-digit number. They have used a number line and counted back to the previous multiple of ten and then subtracted the rest of the number and they have also been using the resources to help them exchange a ten for ten ones ie to subtract 8 from 24 the children decide if they can take 8 ones away. If not they then exchange one ten for ten ones and then take away the 8 ones. The children have also been adding two 2-digit numbers together by first partitioning the numbers into tens and ones and then recombining the numbers eg  $34 + 23$  would be  $30+20=50$ ,  $4+3=7$ ,  $50+7=57$ . Again the children used the concrete resources and drew pictures to help with their understanding.

PTA news

**Halloween Disco** -The Disco looks to be a Spooktacular event, with so many slips being promptly returned! Thanks to all the volunteers who have agreed to help on the day, and for the decorations collected this morning.

**THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> October**

-Anyone lending disco lights, please bring them along in the morning.

-Don't forget that your child's Halloween Costume needs to be sent into school in a labelled bag.

-Bring your Pumpkin if you are entering the competition

**Pumpkin Competition** - Bring you carved pumpkins in on Thursday morning and pay at the gate before placing your pumpkin in the relevant section of the playground for your year group.

\*\*\*PLEASE REMEMBER to write name and class on your entry\*\* The pumpkins will be placed on the grass bank outside the school to be collected after the disco/when convenient.

**Christmas Cards** - You should have received your Christmas card sample and order form in book-bags this week. We hope you like them! Please make any cheques payable to TRISPTA.

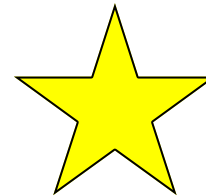
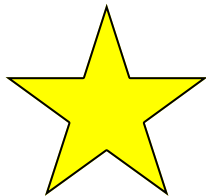
Orders to be returned by Tuesday 23rd October please to the PTA Post Box.

**TRISPTA Calendar 2019**- Order forms should be in book bags this week, please place your order and post into the PTA box as usual.



**TRISPTA**

Thomas Russell Infants' School  
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION



Stars of the Week

Jacob Hughes

Daisy Crowden Freya Duesbury

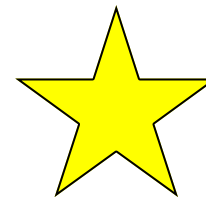
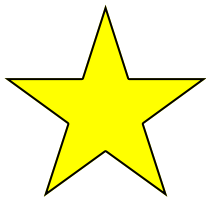
Rhys Gower Evie Newstead

Jonathan Wildgoose

Noah Waller

Annelise Smallman

Elsie Woodings Tyler Press



Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes

*Mrs S Burton and Mrs L Farmer*