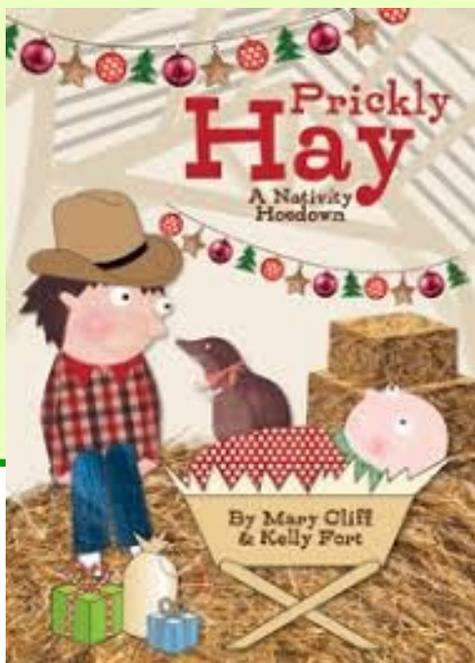




## Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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### Christmas is nearly here!

We are now well and truly in the Christmas spirit after Years 1 and 2 performed their play, 'Prickly Hay' for parents, friends and family this week. We think you will agree that all the performers were absolutely fantastic, singing their songs and delivering their lines with great enthusiasm. Many thanks to all of you who came along to give the children your support and thanks also to the Year 1 and Year 2 staff who put so much time and work into making sure the performances went off without a hitch.

### A Christmas Round-up Reminder

All the children will be having a traditional Christmas lunch on **Tuesday 18 December**, followed by class Christmas parties and (fingers crossed!) a very special visitor!

And on **Friday 21 December**—the last day of term—we will have our traditional whole-school sing-along where one member of each family is invited to join us in the hall for some festive songs.

### Dates for your Diary

**Tue 18 Dec - Christmas lunch for the children**

**Fri 21 Dec - Sing-a-long 2.30pm**  
Last day of term

**Mon 7 Jan - staff INSET day**

**Tue 8 Jan - Children back at school**

**Fri 11 Jan—Reception to Sealife Centre**

**Mon 21 Jan-2M Family workshop**

**Tue 22 Jan - 2W Family workshop**

**Wed 23 Jan - 2F Family workshop**

**Fri 25 Jan - 1P Family workshop**

**Mon 28 Jan - RR Family workshop**

**Tue 29 Jan - RM Family workshop**

**Fri 15 Feb—Break up for half-term**

### Reception parents' questionnaire

Attached to this newsletter is a summary of the responses to the questionnaire sent to all Reception parents earlier this term. It is always useful and welcome to directly hear the views of parents and carers, as this allows us to address any concerns. As we have asked before, please speak directly to school staff about any concerns, rather than using social media such as Facebook to voice niggles. Thank you.

### In your book bags.

- ◆ Football letter

### Parking

Thank you to those parents who are making an effort to park further away from school and walk at least part of the journey. It does make a difference to the congestion and safety around school.

Can we please request that those parents who do still park opposite school respect the drop kerbs. The blocking of these makes it extremely difficult for bikes, scooters and pushchairs as well as blocking visibility. Last week we noticed that a local resident's car was blocking the drop kerb directly opposite the school gate which required the help of the local PCSO to move.

### Family Workshops

Our popular family workshops take place soon, when the pupils and staff will be welcoming parents and other family members into school to join them for a typical lesson. Workshops start at 9.15 and last about an hour—please see 'Dates for your diary' section for all class dates.

### Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a lunch time supervisor to start after Christmas. If you are interested in the position please contact the office for more details.

### PTA News

The Christmas plays performed by the children were fantastic! Thank-you to Gareth Newstead for filming them all for us. If anyone would like a DVD but hasn't ordered yet, please do contact us.



**PTA Team** –We would love to welcome new team members, so come along to the **Skinny Kitten Café on the 19<sup>th</sup> December from 2pm-3pm** to meet us all and explore how we can work together in 2019. Are you new to the school? Have you always helped? Would you like to take over running a particular event on the calendar? The PTA (past and present) have created lots of resources and a good infrastructure, making planning much easier and accessible to all going forwards 😊

Best wishes,  
PTA Team

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes

*Mrs S Burton and Mrs L Farmer*