



# Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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## Panto fun on Treasure Island

We had a whole-school treat on Wednesday morning when a theatre company came in to give the children a performance of 'Treasure Island'. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the show and huge thanks to the PTA who funded this experience!



## Dates for your Diary

- Wed 10 Apr - Parents invited to Yoga group
- Thu 11 Apr - 2pm Easter church service
- Fri 12 April - Easter Bonnet parade & activities & break up for Easter
- Mon 29 April - Back to school
- Fri 3 May - 1P Parent Lunch
- Mon 6 May - School closed—May Day
- Tue 7 May - Maypole Dancing
- Wed 8 May - Y2 visit to Tamworth Castle & 1S Parent Lunch
- Tue 14 May - Sleep workshop in school
- Fri 17 May - Y1 visit to Twycross Zoo & RR Parent Lunch
- Fri 24 May - RM Parent Lunch
- Mon 27 - Fri 31 May School closed

## School lunch time menu

We are currently on week 3 of the menu but this week Tuesday and Thursdays meals were swapped around due to a late delivery of potatoes! We are expecting a new menu after Easter and we will share this with you as soon as it is available.

## In Book Bags

- ◆ Premier Soccer Coaching
- ◆ Sealife voucher
- ◆ Y1-Music letter

## Ofsted Inspection - 26th March 2019

On Monday this week, we received a call from Ofsted to say they would be with us on Tuesday to conduct a Section 8 inspection. For those unfamiliar with the Ofsted inspection system, there are two possible options: a Section 5 (full) or a Section 8 (short) inspection.

A Section 8 (1-day) short inspection involves inspectors visiting the school to look at progress since the last inspection, the school's own evaluation of its performance and the effectiveness of safeguarding, but does not result in a change in overall grading.

Schools do not have the power to determine which of the above inspections they receive. In December 2017, changes to the inspection framework removed the possibility of a short inspection being converted to a full inspection within 48 hours, unless there were concerns about a school.

As a 'Good' school, there are four possible outcomes for us from a Section 8 inspection:

**1. School remains Good -**

Where the lead inspector judges that a school remains 'Good', they will receive a letter setting out that school remains Good and its next steps to work on before the next Section 8 (short) inspection (which will be within 3-5 years).

**2. School remains Good, with marked improvement -**

Where the lead inspector considers that a school remains Good and there is sufficient evidence of strong practice and marked improvement in its performance to believe that the school may be judged 'Outstanding' under a Section 5 (full) inspection if carried out now, they will receive a letter confirming that the school remains good, highlighting the specific areas where particularly strong practice has been evidenced, as well as priorities for further improvement and recommending a Section 5 inspection take place (within 1-2 years).

**3. School may no longer be Good -**

If safeguarding is effective and behaviour is not inadequate, but there are other concerns, then the school will receive a letter setting out strengths and giving clear areas for improvement. They will also receive a Section 5 inspection within one to two years.

**4. There are serious concerns about safeguarding, behaviour or quality of education.**

The short inspection will convert to a Section 5 inspection, usually within 48 hours.

The outcome of our inspection remains confidential until the final letter is received in school, but we look forward to being able to share this with you in due course (hopefully before the end of term).

The inspector has asked we pass on his sincere thanks to the 98 parents who completed the Parent View survey or left messages on the texting service (he was overwhelmed by the number), to the staff and governors for their warm welcome and to our wonderful children who he described as being 'hard-working, motivated, polite and friendly'.

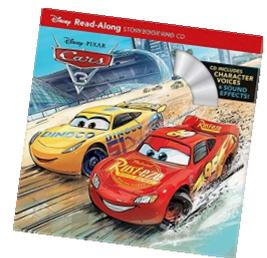
## Book Corner



**DID YOU KNOW?** Bournville Bookfest are currently running a story writing competition, challenging children to write a story featuring at least one female villain! She doesn't have to be the main character, she just has to be completely original. Stories need to be a maximum of 400 words with the deadline of Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April. More details can be found at: <https://bournvillebookfest.com/blog/story-writing-competition>

**Recommended read: Disney Read-Along Cars 3 by Disney**

This book has been recommended by Teddy in RR. Teddy says that you will enjoy the book if you like racing cars. He thinks that the best thing about it is that it's fast and exciting with lots of crashes!



## Easter

Our Easter church service will be at 2pm on Thursday 11 April in St James' Church. Parents and carers are welcome to attend. Offers of help to walk the children to church would be greatly appreciated—please speak to class teachers.

The Easter bonnet parade is on Friday 12 April. All children are invited to decorate a hat with an Easter theme and bring it along to take part in the parade, which will be at 10.20. Younger siblings are welcome to bring their hats too! The PTA will be organising an activity for all the children in year order: Reception at 9.10am, Year 1 at 9.30am and Year 2 at 9.50am. Parents are welcome to come and join in at the appropriate times.

We have found over the years that it is easier if you come along for the time your child is doing the Easter activity and then again for the Bonnet Parade at 10.20am, instead of staying all morning - the hall gets very full! Thank you.




**Stars of the week**

Alexa Brennan  
Evie Rollins  
Oliver Campion  
Aria Garside  
Robert Brittle  
Henry Chapman  
Charlie Elton  
Annelise Smallman  
Jessica Shaw  
Dylan Collett  
Lily Croghan



**Mrs Robinson**

Mrs Robinson, one of our year 1 teaching assistants will be leaving us at the end of the term to spend more time supporting the family business. Mrs Robinson will be missed but we wish her the best of luck in the future. We are interviewing for a new teaching assistant next week so will keep you informed once we know more.

**PTA Pop Up Shop**

Thank you to the PTA for all of their hard work for this event. The children thoroughly enjoyed their shopping experience and hopefully the people receiving the gifts will be very appreciative. If there are any further £2 donations still to come into school for this then please bring these in early next week.

**50/50 Winner PTA**

Congratulations to the March winner number 46—  
Selina Kendrick.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes

*Mrs S Burton and Mrs L Farmer*