



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'

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Sports Day and the Summer Fayre

On Tuesday the gates will open at approximately 1.00pm for Sports Day, which starts at 1.15pm. Everyone is welcome—but please note that we will be locking the gates again this year once family members are on site. If you arrive after 1.15pm, please call at the school office to be admitted. Please do take care when walking down to the field and use the steps, rather than coming down the bank, which can be slippery. All children will need their PE kits, including a pair of named PE pumps or trainers. Children will also need a sun-hat, sun-cream (fingers crossed!) and full water bottle please. This will be followed by the PTA's summer fayre—one of our main fund-raising events of the school year. We do hope you'll be able to join us for both events — grandparents and other friends and relatives are also most welcome.

Dates for your Diary

- Tue 18 June - Y3 teachers visiting Y2
- Tue 18 June - Sports Day 1.15 followed by Summer Fayre
- Wed 19 June - Class photos
- Thu 27 June - Y2 to TRJS for swim
- PTA Gin Tasting Skinny Kitten
- Tue 2 July - Y2 to TRJS for the day
- Wed 3 July - Reserve Sports Day
- Fri 5 July - Y1 To Rosliston Forest Centre
- Wed 17 July - Leavers Assembly
- Fri 19 July - Break up for summer!

Sports Day Team Captains

We are pleased to announce our team captains who will be flag bearers, chosen by the children in each class. Good luck teams!

Penguins Jacob Clamp, Elsie Woodings

Robins Noah Waller, Ava Elsgood

Owls Freddie Johnson, Bella Pickess

Swans Giles Taberner, Tilly Bloor

Gardening

Thank you for the plant donations, please keep them coming! Year 1 have enjoyed planting out Lupins this week with Mrs Wildgoose.



In Book Bags

- ◆ Soccer Fun week
- ◆ BNA Leaflet

Wellbeing In Schools Award

As you know from recent newsletters the school are working toward a national 'wellbeing' award which we hope will benefit both children, staff and parents. Although it is early days, we have a 'wellbeing team' made up of staff representing different areas in school, governors, parents, our educational psychologist and a friend of the school who volunteers in the area of mental health locally. Thank you to the 31 parents who completed the online anonymous survey, sharing your thoughts on how we currently deal with wellbeing in school. We have taken these views and those of staff and are currently working on an action plan.

A few facts for you...

Throughout the year each class has been receiving PSHE sessions in class, where the taught curriculum covers areas of friendship, growth, emotions and feelings. All classes have daily opportunity to talk with staff and friends and we value the relationships we have with our children. In addition to this we talk regularly about the things we already have in school to support friendships and how they are feeling such as; the friendship stop in the playground, our active lunchtimes to keep us all busy and healthy, year 2 clubs such as yoga and running, mindfulness activities we do in class regularly, strategies to keep us calm if we feel cross or sad and many more.

Mrs Farmer is now an adult Mental Health first aider as we recognise the importance of looking after the adults in our school community.

We are planning workshops and information for parents which we hope you will find time to read and attend if you can. Everyone's mental health and wellbeing in our school community is important.

To start us off we have attached a very helpful list of websites and organisations which have been recommended by one of our team. While you may not need any of these links now, they are always useful to have, you never know you may be able to offer them to friends and family in need of support.

We do care, staff take an enormous amount of time to ensure they get to know their classes and the children in their care, we talk daily to the children and they talk back to us, sometimes sharing how they feel and why.

It is important we reiterate our open door policy, please speak to any member of staff you feel comfortable with if you or your child has a concern or worry, nothing is too small. If we don't know we can't do anything to help.

Have a look at this link, it is a simple idea which can be used to calm children or adults, we have all tried it in school, have a go.

<https://youtube/sh79w9pn9Cg>

Thank you for support, we look forward to sharing further information as we move into the new school year.

Everyone's Wellbeing - At Thomas Russell we want to work as one, to help the children to flourish.



School Crossing Patrol Vacancy

Vacancy

School Crossing Patrol to work term time only on
E48 EFFLINCH LANE BARTON UNDER NEED-
WOOD

Monday to Friday

Times 8.20AM TO 9.00AM

3.00PM TO 3.50PM

Paid all through the school holidays

Vacancy

E206 YOXALL, Road Burton on Trent

Monday to Friday

8.10-9.05am

3.00- 3.35pm Paid all through the school holidays

**In the first instance please contact Caroline Pegg
School Crossing Patrol Organiser on tel 07773 791
502.**

FATHERS DAY POP UP SHOP

Thank you to everyone who supported our annual Fathers Day pop up shop this morning. It is always so lovely to see how much the children enjoy picking out a gift for their loved ones. We hope they also enjoy gifting these on Sunday and wish you all a very happy Father's Day x

SUMMER FAYRE

Thank you so much for everyone's donations of bottles and teddies for the Summer Fayre this morning. If you forgot to bring your donations in don't worry - we'll be accepting last minute donations on Monday. Please just pop them into the office on Monday.

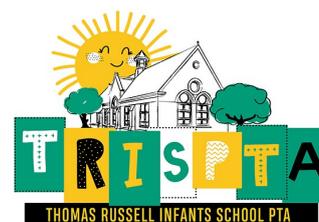
If you have pledged a raffle prize we really appreciate it - thanks so much! Please drop all donations into the school on Monday so we can make sure we have everything.

A big thank you to everyone who has offered to man a stall - we wouldn't be able to do the summer Fayre without you! A helpers timetable is now on display on the PTA board outside the school gates and will also be emailed to everyone who has volunteered over the weekend. Please refer to this for the times you have been allocated to man a stall.

We could do with a few more helpers to set up during the morning if you are unable to help at the Fayre. Please let us know if you are able to spare an hour or two. Thank you in advance. We are looking for cake donations too for the summer Fayre please. Whether these are handmade or bought - all donations will be very much appreciated. Please bring to school on Tuesday morning in a named container.

TEA TOWELS

This week all the children in school have completed a self-portrait of themselves and these are now ready to be collated and printed on to tea towels. We anticipate the tea-towels being with us in two to three weeks time and they will be £5 each. Please look out for order slips in book bags next week.



Wishing you an enjoyable weekend

Best wishes

Mrs S Burton and

Mrs L Farmer