



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture and challenge'

Newsletter number 2 - 13 September 2019

Gardening Club

Year 2 children have been busy picking the vegetables that have grown over the last few months! A big thank you to Mrs Wildgoose for all of her hard work over the last few months, sharing her passion for gardening with the children.



Dates for your Diary

Weds 25 Sep	Individual & family photos
Thurs 26 Sep	PTA meeting 7pm
Mon 30 Sep	EY curriculum evening 7pm
Tues 1 Oct	1P on farm trip 2W parent lunch
Weds 2 Oct	1F on farm trip 2M parent lunch
Thur 17 Oct	Harvest assembly 9.15am
Weds 23 Oct	Reception sing-along 2.45
Fri 25 Oct	Break up for half-term
Mon 4 Nov	Return to school

Salvation Army Bag Collection

Reminder - Recycle with Michael collection day is next Thursday 19 September. Bags were sent out before the summer break (unfortunately we do not have any spare collection bags). Please refer to the bag for details of what can and can not be included. Please bring in the bags between 8.45 and 9.00 and leave them outside the front office. Thank you!

IN BOOK BAGS...

- ◆ Y2 Parent lunch letter
- ◆ 50/50 TRISPTA letter
- ◆ Y1 Packington Farm letter

School calendar

As you will see from the TRISPTA section of the newsletter, we produce a yearly calendar to raise money for the PTA. The children draw little pictures of themselves and are photographed with other children sharing their birth month to make a lovely and useful addition to your kitchen wall! The photographs will be taken in school on 30 September and it would be great if you could send your child in with a 'prop' for their month of birth:

January - Winter - Bobble hats, scarves, gloves, earmuffs

February - Valentines - Hearts made of paper, crafted, hanging heart ornaments

March - Spring—Daffodils, spring lambs and rabbits

April - April showers - Umbrellas and wellies

May - May pole - No props to bring in

June - Summer solstice - Suns e.g. large painted sun or crafted model, floral headbands

July - Tennis - Tennis rackets, tennis balls

August - Summer Holidays e.g. Buckets, spades, sunglasses, sun hats

September - Back to school - Book bags!

October - Halloween e.g. hats, trick or treat buckets, witch hats, brooms

November - Bonfire Night - Large model or painted Rockets, sparkly pom poms

December - Christmas - Santa hats, tinsel, baubles, reindeer antlers

Thank you—the calendar is always popular and you will be able to pre-order copies in due course.



Reminders-

- ◆ Children with earrings must remove their own earrings themselves for PE or cover them with their own microporous tape—the staff are not permitted to do this. Please leave tape in book bags.
- ◆ **Please** clearly label **all** your child's clothes, shoes, PE kits and water bottles. We are already having problems with unnamed shoes and clothing, which is causing confusion and delays when getting changed for PE.

Book corner



September is Roald Dahl's birth month and the 13th of September is Roald Dahl Day to celebrate his wonderful books that generations of children have grown up reading. If Roald Dahl were alive today, he'd be 102 this year. That's much older than Grandpa Joe in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, who was only ninety-six and a half.

Why not take the time this weekend to read one of your favourite stories that he wrote.

Volunteer meeting

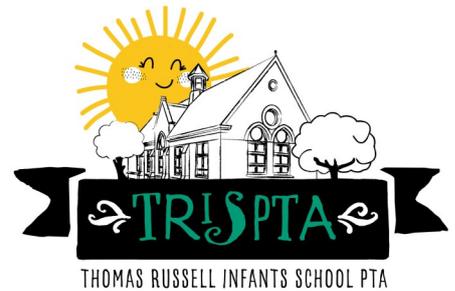
With so much to fit into the modern school day, we always welcome any additional help from parents to either hear children read, support with display work, work with groups of children, practical help around the grounds, etc., etc. If you feel you could offer an hour or more a week then a short meeting will be held on **Wednesday 18th September at 2.45pm**. If you are interested in volunteering but cannot attend the meeting then please email or call in to the school office and the information will be forwarded to you.

If you were a volunteer last year and would like to continue volunteering, please call into the office to let us know. Any help is very much appreciated!

**PARENT
VOLUNTEERS**

TRISPTA news - The PTA hope you have all had an amazing summer and that all the children have settled into the school routine nicely. We will use this part of the newsletter to tell you about the exciting events planned.

Firstly, for those who don't know we are a new PTA team. We would like to say a quick hello and introduce ourselves. On the team there is Sam, Rhian, Vicki, Kate, Katie and Katy (not too many names to remember!). Sam is Bella's mum who is in RR. Sam will be at school on Tuesdays and Fridays. Katy is Eleanor's mum who is also in RR. She will be at school on Mondays and Fridays. Kate is William's mum who is in RM and is almost always at drop off and pick up each day. Rhian is Isla's mum in RR. Vicki is our Treasurer; she has Kieran in 1P and is at school most days. Katie is Hughie's mum who is in RR. Katie will be at school most days. We have many events planned for this term, starting with our Reception Coffee Morning this morning. Thank you for everyone who came along we hope you enjoyed having a warm drink and a cheeky biscuit!



Thursday 26th September at 7pm-8:30pm is the first PTA meeting of the year at the school, open to all parents across the year groups. We can't run events without your help so come along and hear about events such as the Halloween Disco, Christmas Fayre and the Christmas Shopping evening. We are a friendly bunch so please come along and see how you can help the school! If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to contribute, please just pop us a message; see below for ways to get in touch.

On **Monday 30th September** the popular school PTA calendar 2020 will be photographed (during school time). Please can your child bring in a prop relating to their birthday month on this date. Please see the box on page 2 for a list of suggestions!

We will be running the **50/50 Club** again this year. Letters are in bookbags today, so please look out for them. The lucky monthly winner won £50 last year!

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 and volunteer regularly for ad-hoc 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!

□□□□□ **PTA DATES FOR YOUR DIARY** □□□□□

□□**Thursday 26th September** - PTA meeting 7:00pm at School - ALL welcome

□□**Monday 30th September** - Photo-shoot for PTA Calendar

□□**Friday 25th October** - Pumpkin Carving competition and Halloween Disco

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs S Burton and Mrs L Farmer