



# Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture and challenge'

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## Reception Nativity

We are definitely in the Christmas spirit after Reception's wonderful Nativity performance on Wednesday! A huge 'well done' to all the children, who sang and spoke brilliantly, and who all showed fantastic confidence in their first big performance.



## Dates for your Diary

Tue 10 Dec	Christmas Play 2pm 1P&2M
Wed 11 Dec	1P parents invited to join in Forest School at 1.15pm
Wed 11 Dec	Last dance club this term
Thu 12 Dec	Christmas Play 2pm 1F&2W
Fri 13 Dec	Christmas Fayre
Wed 18 Dec	Y2 Recorders performance 2M 1.30pm 2W 2.00pm
Fri 20 Dec	2.30 Sing-along and break up for Christmas (1 person per family—see opposite)
Mon 6 Jan	Back to school
Fri 10 Jan	Rec height & weight checks
Thu 13 Feb	Break up for half term
Mon 24 Feb	Back to school

## Notes & Reminders

*Forest School*—It's the turn of 1P to invite family members to join in their Forest School session next Wednesday at 1.15pm. Please dress for the weather!

*Children in Need* - Thank you to everyone who sent in a donation. The total raised was an amazing £349!

*Christmas Sing-along*—To ensure safety and comfort, we have to restrict attendance at the sing-along to one person per family. Thank you for your co-operation—it is appreciated.

*Dance club*—last one will be next Wednesday 11 December.

## IN BOOK BAGS:

- Curriculum note
- Premier Soccer
- PTA Calendar
- Christmas card orders

### Beware — Chicken Pox

We have had an increasing number of cases of Chicken Pox over the last couple of weeks, particularly in Reception and year 2 so if your child does have red spots appear and they haven't had chicken pox then please bear this in mind.

### Family Learning Sessions

We are inviting parents in to come and spend time with their children in the classrooms and to share in the learning which takes place during some of our afternoon lessons initially. We do have to restrict this to one family member per child as it is already going to be a tight squeeze in classes! We welcome you to attend on the following dates:

22<sup>nd</sup> Jan RM

23<sup>rd</sup> Jan RR

27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2M

28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2W

29<sup>th</sup> Jan 1P

30<sup>th</sup> Jan 1F

All from 2.15 - 3.15 pm .



### Stars of the week

Jack Sylvester

Ella Cavendish Tommy Whitaker

Lily Bailey Finley Asson

Dylan Cuthbert Eryn Spong

Niamh Staniland -Dye

William Gratton

Freya Duesbury

Rhys Gower

Alexa Brennan

Alexander Kenny



### Show off your skills!

We have an exciting curriculum in school and we would like to enhance it further by giving the children the chance to benefit from the huge range of skills and professions out there in the wider school community. We know our children's parents and family members are multi-talented and skilled in many fields, so if you would like to let us know what you (or a family member, with their permission) do for a job and/or a hobby and are happy to share it with the children in school, please let us know! Many thanks.

### Safeguarding Alert

Although children in our school are very young, we are conscious that mobile device usage is nearly universal now, so we wanted to share the following information: "West Midlands Police has been made aware of an App called "UNICO LIVE". The app is publicised as age restricted 12+ and designed for young people to upload videos of them performing, singing and dancing etc.; it has come to our attention that there is inappropriate content on the platform involving young people which is being investigated.

*The content does not appear to be monitored and we urge you to raise awareness widely to increase vigilance and reduce the likelihood of any child being exploited."*

### PTA News

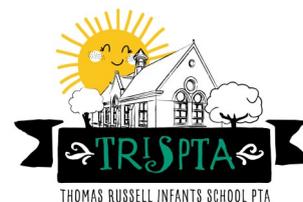
Happy Friday Everyone, only one week to go until the Christmas Fayre! Where has 2019 gone??

Thank you to everyone who has already purchased the Christmas Performance DVD. If you would still like to order yours please fill in the form and pop the money and slip into the PTA box.

**WARNING apologies in advance for all the requests you are about to read but please remember we are truly grateful for your fabulous support and kindness!!**

- ◆ As we have mentioned its only one week until our Christmas fayre. We would like to ask for kind donations of yummy scrumptious cakes for our very popular cake stall. Please can you bring them to school on the morning of the **13<sup>th</sup> December**. The PTA will be there to collect your lovely donations.
- ◆ There is still time to donate a raffle prize. We already have over 30 brilliant prizes and would like to thank everyone who has donated a prize, we really appreciate it.
- ◆ Don't forget to sell those raffle tickets that you had in the bags last week. If you did not get yours and would like some (or if you have sold out already and would like more) please let the PTA know.
- ◆ We still need a handful of volunteers to help us pull off our Christmas fayre. We will only require 20 minutes of your time and if we have lots more sign up we may be able to shorten these slots.

Thank you again for your kindness and support



Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes

*Mrs S Burton and Mrs L Farmer*