



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture and challenge'

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Flipping marvellous!

The village community came out to cheer us on as the Year 2s ran in the traditional annual pancake race to celebrate Shrove Tuesday, also watched by Reception and Year 1. It was lovely to see so many people there to support the children, who all ran with enthusiasm and gusto—they were all brilliant!

The winners were Qunain, Max, Sahaan, Freya C, Jacob H, George H, Taavi, Adam and William. Runners-up were Macy, Sophie G, Jamie, Lawy, Olive, George W, Shay, Walter and Alexander—well done everyone. Thank you also to all the volunteers who walked to and from school with the children—your help is much appreciated!



Dates for your Diary

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| Thu 5 Mar | World Book Day |
| Fri 6 Mar | Bedtime Story evening |
| Wed 11 Mar | Y1 trip to Fire Station |
| Fri 13 Mar | Sport Relief Day |
| Wed 25 Mar | Y1 music performance for parents |
| Fri 27 Mar | Y1 trip to Rosliston |
| Tue 31 Mar | Easter Bonnet Parade |
| Wed 1 Apr | RM parents Forest School session |
| Thu 2 April | Easter church service |
| Fri 3 Apr | Break up for Easter |
| Mon 20 Apr | Back to school |
| Wed 6 May | Y2 trip to Tamworth Castle |
| Fri 8 May | Early May Bank Holiday |
| Fri 22 May | Break up for half-term |

Welcome back!

It was good to see everyone back to school on Monday, happy and ready to learn—we hope you had a good half-term break. Our thoughts are with all those families in our school and the village community who were affected by the floods.

Don't forget...

...your outfit for World Book Day next Thursday—we are really looking forward to seeing all the different costumes that will be on show!

IN BOOK BAGS

- ◆ Y1 letter re Rosliston trip
- ◆ Premier League Poem competition Y1&Y2

PTA News

We hope you have all had a lovely half term despite the weather!

The CHANGE CHALLENGE has begun!!

Each class has their very own money container. Between the dates of **24th February to 27th March** we are asking for children to fill the containers in their class with loose change. The class who has raised the most amount of money will win a play session for their class. Happy collecting!

COMING SOON:

Dare to be Different Day – Friday 13th March – Next week we will be sending out more information in bookbags for this event so please look out.

Mother Day Pop-Up Shop – Friday 20th March - There will be a pop-up shop run by the PTA (volunteers welcome to come and help). It is suggested the children bring a £2 donation, but ALL children will be able to visit and choose a pre-wrapped present.

Easter Bonnet parade, hunt and cake sale – Tuesday 31st March 9-11am

Family Film Night – possibly 1st May but needs to be confirmed.

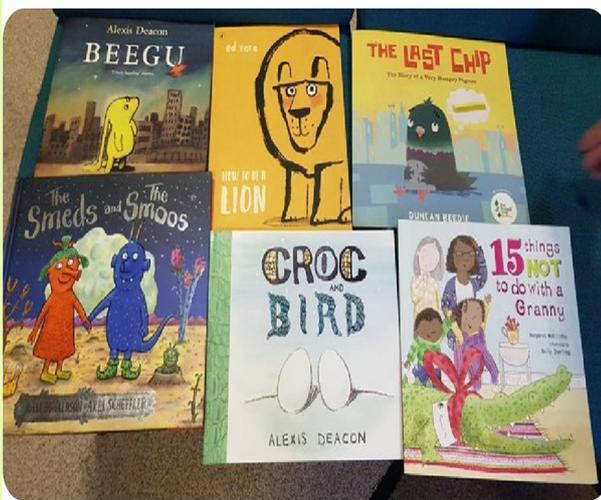
Thanks for reading. Happy weekend everyone.

The PTA Team x



Wellbeing

This week we have been thinking about the importance of spending time recognising different emotions that parents and children may show. You could use books to help, like the ones Lorna Lewis recommended (see the picture below) also like film characters from "Inside Out" a Disney film. #maketimetotalk



TRIS British Science Week Family Competition

Please see the attachment with the newsletter today for the competition details.

Sport Relief—Friday 13 March

The School Council have decided that they would like to ask everyone in school to dress up as their favourite sports person on this day. We will be asking for £1 donation per person to go to Sport Relief. We can't wait to see your outfits!



Burton Albion Community Trust Job Vacancy

Burton Albion are advertising for a Disability Coordinator Coach at Burton Albion Community Trust to focus on coordinating, developing and delivering disability sessions. Please see their website for more details.



Burton Albion - Writing Competition

We would like to invite all children in Year 1 and Year 2 to enter the Premier League Writing Stars poetry writing competition. This year's competition is all about the theme 'Ambition' and children are bringing home more information tonight if they would like to enter. There are some great prizes on offer for the winners including: a Premier League Trophy visit to our school, a visit to our school by a children's author or poet to lead a poetry workshop and Burton Albion match day tickets. Last year children in our school won 1st and 3rd places in the local competition! All entries need to be returned to school by **Friday 6th March**.



Easter

Our Easter church service will be at 2pm on Thursday 2nd 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 Tuesday 31st March. 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.



Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend

Best wishes

Mrs S Burton and Mrs L Farmer