



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture and challenge'

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WELCOME BACK

It was lovely to see our families as they came through the gate on Monday morning and to welcome everyone back to school. We hope that you all had a lovely festive break although we know that lots of our children (and staff) were hit with the bugs and germs that have been doing the rounds.

This half term is a very short one and I'm sure there will be lots packed in over the coming weeks.

Monday's assembly gave us the opportunity to introduce the new learning behaviour for this half term which is resilience. We talked about resilience being like an elastic band where we try to bounce back quickly from tough or difficult things. Rather than feel down or upset because things haven't gone as we planned we get back up and have another go. Over the coming weeks staff will be looking for children who are showing resilience to be awarded certificates in our achievement assembly.

JTMAT Exceptional Achievement Award

We wanted to remind everyone about the criteria for the JTMAT Exceptional Achievement award. The Exceptional Achievement Award can be nominated for at any point in the academic year, based on the following criteria:-

Primary	Secondary
County, National or International status in any given activity in the	National or International status in any given activity in the last 18
Grade 1 at KS1 or Grade 3 plus level in music or singing at KS2. Performing in televised programme/ film or National stage production	Grade 8 level/ Diploma in music or singing. Performing in televised programme/ film
Fundraising for a charity over £2000	Fundraising for a charity over £5000
Success in overcoming adversity	Success in overcoming adversity



Parents, carers, staff and peers can all make a nomination using the above criteria. If you feel that your child could be nominated then please speak to us for a copy of the form. It is a lovely opportunity to celebrate achievements and success.

Admissions September 2024

Do you know anyone who has a child due to start Reception in September 2024? If so then please remind them that applications need to be submitted by the **15 January**. If they haven't yet made a decision and would like a tour of the school then please ask them to contact the school office for an appointment. Thank you.

JTMAT Subject Excellence Business Competition

The Business JTMAT Primary & Secondary competition is to design a safe and environmentally friendly HGV for Hawkins Logistics who have partnered us with this opportunity. Hawkins Logistics will be judging the competition and awarding both a primary and secondary winner.

Entries can be paper based or digitally produced.

Closing date: Friday 2nd February 2024

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Special visitor

Although it feels like a very long time ago, the children were very lucky on the last day of term when we had a special visitor come to school to share in our Christmas singalong. The children were all very excited to see Father Christmas and they waited patiently to receive a gift from him before we finished by singing him a song. Thank you to the PTA for providing the children with the gift and to Father Christmas for making space in his busy schedule to pop by.





Stars of the week



RT - Elsie for her positive attitude

RC - Oliver for resilience in managing routines and emotions

2MS - Leo for showing resilience when exploring and creating 2D shapes



Dates for your Diary

Lunch menu from Monday 8 January will be Week 1

Fri 9th Feb - Inset Day school closed to pupils

Mon 12th Feb - Fri 16th Feb - Half term

Fri 22 March - Last day of term

Mon 8th April - Back to school new term starts

*Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Burton and Mrs Moore*