



# Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture and challenge'

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## Comic Relief

Thank you to everyone who sent in a donation or donated online to Comic Relief - together we have raised £176.45. The children looked bright and colourful supporting red nose day.



## Dates for your Diary

*Lunch menu from Monday 20th of March is Week 2*

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| Wed 22 Mar - 1RS Forest school with parents 1.30pm                  | Mon 8 May—Bank holiday            |
| Wed 29 Mar—Reception music performance for parents RT 1.30pm RC 2pm | Thu 25 May—Break up for half term |
| Thu 30 Mar - Easter service St James' Church 2pm                    | Mon 5 Jun—Back to school          |
| Fri 31 Mar—Easter bonnet parade and coffee morning                  |                                   |
| Fri 31 Mar—Break up for Easter                                      |                                   |
| Mon 17 Apr—Back to school   |                                   |
| Mon 1 May—Bank holiday  |                                   |





## Eco Team News

This week, our Eco Warriors participated in the *Plastic Free Schools* 'Trash Mob'. We collected all of the litter from around our school grounds and bagged it up. Our school was already very tidy, so we only half-filled one bag in total! This is one of the objectives that we are completing for the *Plastic Free Schools* award.





## Year 1 Fire Engine visit

Year 1 enjoyed a visit from the crew at Barton fire station on Wednesday when the firefighters brought the fire engine to school. They showed the children the different equipment that they use in their fire and rescue work. The highlight for the children was being able to sit in the fire engine and listening to the siren!

The crew at Barton are all retained firefighters which means that they aren't based at the station on a full time basis. They have other professions and jobs that they do alongside being on call for emergencies. We'd like to say a huge thank you to the firefighters who came for taking time off from their 'other' jobs to give the children such a lovely experience.



## Raring2Go—Spring edition

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## Team captains

This week the Year 2 children voted for team captains for each of our 4 teams. As you will know children are put into a team when they join school and they can earn team points for good behaviour, good work, contributions in lessons amongst other things. Traditionally we have voted for team captains before sports day but this year we decided to do it earlier so that the children could be well known by everyone who is part of their team before sports day. Congratulations to our successful captains:

Swans—Nancy and Farren

Penguins—Charlotte and Henry

Robins- Elsie W and Sam

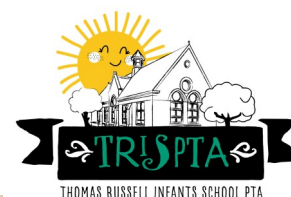
Owls—Olivia P and George L

We saw some very sensible voting by all of the Year 2 children who thought about their choices carefully. There was also some lovely congratulations given to the successful children.

## PTA News

### **Mothers Day**

We would like to wish all the special people in the children's lives a very Happy Mothers Day. The children loved coming to the shop and taking their time to pick the perfect gift for you all.



### **Easter Bonnet Parade**

We hope all the children are getting creative with their Easter Bonnets, and we can't wait to see all of their designs at the parade. We previously mentioned we would be offering tea, coffee and cakes. Any donations of your delicious cakes would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to do a spot of baking could they please be dropped off to school on Thursday 30th March.

Thank you



## Our learning behaviour this half term is....

### Curiosity!

The children have been thinking about how to be curious and getting their minds to think in a curious way. This week we were looking at a variety of optical illusions which were trying to play tricks on their minds and therefore they were having to be curious about the images they were seeing. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be thinking about how being curious can help us in our learning and even add excitement to the learning.



## Easter Fun! Free Holiday Activities and Food (HAF)!

Keep your children entertained over the Easter holidays with #HAF2023

There will be lots of different holiday clubs offering Easter themed activities.

Plus, the favourites including dodgeball, cooking, horse-riding, dance, football, swimming, bushcraft and lots more!! They'll get a chance to socialise, have fun and be fed a healthy meal!

☐FREE for eligible children aged 5-16 years in receipt of benefits related free school meals.

☐Eligible children will get a code to register.

☐Registration opens at 4pm on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023.



Find out more on the Staffordshire County Council website [bit.ly/3f107Hd](https://bit.ly/3f107Hd)

## Book recommendation

This week Poppy would like to recommend the 'Zoe's Rescue Zoo' books.

Poppy says "these books have lots of animals who have exciting adventures. Zoe is the daughter of a zoo vet and she has the ability to speak to animals. Her best friend is a mouse lemur called Meep. I like these books because I like reading about lots of different animals. My favourite one so far is The Rowdy Red Panda."

It sounds like you have really enjoyed reading them Poppy, thank you for sharing your recommendation with everyone





### Stars of the week



RT - Isaac for fantastic independent writing

RT - Nixon for brilliant focus in phonics!

RC - Benjamin for great progress with reading

RC - Louis for super listening and writing in phonics

1L - Frankie for great participation in English lessons

1L - Logan for always giving 100% in every lesson

1RS - Max for great progress in Phonics

1RS - Millie for growing in confidence in forest school

2MS - Beatrix for trying hard with her presentation and handwriting

2MS - Luca for excellent multiplication in Maths

2W - Toby for showing a good understanding when answering questions about Neil Armstrong



2W - Santi for writing a super descriptive story about what was behind the fairy door



### Safeguarding

#### **What is Nitrous Oxide?**

Nitrous oxide is an odourless and colourless gas inhaled from balloons, or - far more dangerously - directly from canisters, for its psychoactive effects.

Nitrous Oxide is also called: Balloons, Chargers, Hippie Crack, Laughing Gas, Nos, Noz and Whippits  
Symptoms can include feeling relaxed, giggly, sound distortions and/or dizzy, anxious and paranoid.

#### **Risks of taking Nitrous Oxide**

It is extremely dangerous to inhale Nitrous Oxide directly from canisters. Never place a plastic bag over your head. If too much is inhaled there is a high risk of falling unconscious and/or suffocating from the lack of oxygen.

In addition to the already widely-reported risks of accidents while under the influence and of direct harm from the cold gas, there are increasing hospital reports of young people with serious nerve damage that may be lasting. This is probably associated with the increasing availability of larger canisters of gas and people using more of it, perhaps without really keeping track of just how much more they are using. Nitrous oxide inactivates vitamin B12 leading to nerve damage.

It can also cause headaches and stop people from thinking straight.

If Nitrous Oxide is used on a regular basis it can lead to the body stopping the production of white blood cells properly.

For more detailed information about anything drug or substance related please visit the following link

<https://www.talktofrank.com/>

*Have a wonderful weekend*

*Mrs Burton and Mrs Moore*