



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture and challenge'

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Coronation celebrations

After the constantly changing weather forecast last Friday we couldn't believe our luck with how beautifully the sun shone for us. It was lovely to see so many parents and relatives joining us for the afternoon's celebrations. The country dancers performed their dances for everyone and the whole school sang beautifully. Thank you to everyone who came.

The field was a buzz of activity afterwards and it was wonderful to see everyone enjoying the opportunity to have their afternoon tea's and picnics together. Thank you to the PTA for organising the event and to Pom's Kitchen at the Marina and the Silver Tree Bakery for their support.



Coronation Celebrations in the village

The Coronation celebrations continued in Barton on Sunday when the Parish Council organised a community celebration for everyone. Mrs Moore and Mrs Garratt took the country dancers to perform and we were again very fortunate with the good weather. Thank you to everyone who took part or came along to support us. Well done to our team of country dancers, we received lots of compliments about the children's good behaviour during the afternoon.



During the afternoon there was also the opportunity for everyone to see the tree of wishes which our children had contributed to. These will now be sent to Buckingham Palace.



Walk to School Week—15th May

Walk to School Week is an annual celebration of walking and all its benefits, organised by Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking. Walking is the easiest, cheapest, and most accessible form of exercise, so why wouldn't we encourage more children to do more of it?



One in five boys and one in six girls of primary school-age aren't active for at least 60 minutes a day, the level recommended by the Chief Medical Officers to stay healthy and happy. But walking, wheeling, cycling or scooting to school is an easy way to get those active minutes adding up.

Currently less than half of children walk to school, despite most families living within two miles of their closest primary school. Living Streets, the charity behind the walk to school campaign wants to see those numbers increase. During Walk to School Week, the charity encourages families to give walking to school a go to see if it's something they can then do all year round.

Walking is not only good for children's bodies, but also for their mind and mood. 15% of children aged 10-15 demonstrate symptoms of mental ill health (ONS, 2018). But the potential mental health benefits of encouraging your children to walk to school from a young age and instilling healthy habits for life are significant.

Walking to school is a great way for children to spend time with their family, friends or carers. Getting active on the journey to school can boost a child's imagination and creativity before the school day even begins, with it being shown that children who walk to school arrive feeling more refreshed, alert and ready to learn.

Plus swapping the school run for a school walk, means there are fewer cars, less congestion and less air pollution outside the school gates. What's not to love?

Why not try walking every day and see the difference it can make to your lives?

Reminder - Nut Free School

We are a nut free school due to a number of children having nut allergies. Please do not send any items containing nuts in lunch bags. This includes any Nutella products. Children are also not permitted to have sweets in lunch bags and we would be grateful if this guidance could be adhered to. Thank you for your support with this.

Reminder—Get your DT thinking caps on and become a designer of the future!


Products can be drawn, modelled from junk, Lego or any other materials. All your child needs to do is submit their entry to tri-office@tri.jtmat.co.uk by the **EXTENDED DEADLINE OF WEDNESDAY 17th MAY!**

Entries need to be on an A4 PowerPoint Slide saved as a PDF with your full name and school as the file name e.g. joe.smith_ThomasRussellInfantsSchool.

Make sure you answer the 3 questions fully. No more than 100 words per question.

• Who does your product help? • How does it help them? • Why is the product needed?

Include a visual representation of your idea (Maximum 3 images). These could be drawings or photographs of 3D models that you have made.



Stars of the week



RT - Hugo for beautiful handwriting



RT - Penelope for fantastic communication skills

RC - Ben for writing an amazing shopping list for the tigers tea

RC - Daniel for drawing an amazing life cycle of a butterfly

1RS - Freddie for excellent football skills in PE

1RS - Leo for having such a positive and enthusiastic attitude towards learning

2MS - Elsie for being an excellent role model

2MS - Bobby for an imaginative story plan for the dragon adventure



Dates for your Diary

Lunch menu from Monday 15th of May is Week 1

Wed 24 May - Reception parents Forest school

RT parents at 1.15pm

RC parents at 2.15pm

Thu 25 May—Break up for half term

Fri 26 May - Inset Day school closed to children

Mon 5 Jun—Back to school

Thu 8 June - Sports Day 1pm

Thu 22 June - Reserve Sports Day 1pm

Thu 29 June - Y2 visit to Tamworth Castle

Fri 7 July - Inset Day School closed to children

(Staff JTMAT Training Day)

Tue 11 July - Y2 music performance pm

Wed 19 July - Y2 Leavers assembly to parents

Thu 20 July - Leavers party

Fri 21st July - Last Day of term

Have an enjoyable weekend

Mrs Burton and Mrs Moore