



# Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture and challenge'

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## PTA News

Thank you to everyone who came to support the summer fair following the sports day event, we raised an incredible **£1,516** plus, a very generous donation from the Three Horseshoes of all of their profits made from the BBQ which was another **£569**. A grand total of **£2085** available to donate to TRIS. We had so many wonderful gifts donated from local businesses and we can't thank you enough for these generous donations, without these we couldn't raise the money we do!



This will make a huge difference and takes us one step closer to replacing another of the interactive whiteboards in school and improving the schools' facilities for the future of the children.

We also had our Fathers Day Pop up Shop last week which was a huge success, the children loved collecting their gifts and we hope each and every one of them enjoyed their movie nights.

On Thursday 20th July we will be hosting the year 2 leavers party. We have lots planned for the kids and can't wait to give them the send-off they deserve.

## Amazing news - thank you!

We had to put the PTA's amazing Summer fair news on the front page of the newsletter. It is an amazing amount of money. We can't thank everyone enough for their kind donations and the time that they spent putting the event together.

Our PTA is only a very small group of people but they do work tirelessly to put events together. This year, in particular they found it incredibly hard to recruit volunteers to help at the fair. Moving forward while you might not want to become a 'member' of the PTA committee I would urge everyone to support them with considering whether you can volunteer to help at events. If everyone helped out for just a short slot of time the whole event would be covered and you would still have time to enjoy it yourself.

Following the Summer fair we can announce (hot off the press!) that we have been in a position to place an order for the final 4 whiteboards that are much needed in school. Last year RT and 2MS had new whiteboards but very soon all of the other classes will have one. This will make a huge difference to our curriculum delivery.

Thank you to everyone for making this great investment possible.



## JTMAT Design & Technology

A big well done to everyone who entered the **JTMAT Design & Technology competition**. We were very proud of all our children and the amazing ideas they came up with for a product 'to make the world a better place'. Whilst the winning product from the Primary schools 'A gardening aid for the elderly' was from another school, we thought all our entries were 'winners'! The children were proud to receive certificates in our celebration assembly last week.

If you would like more information on the winning products, please see the attachment.

### Mrs Gilmore

After over 10 years working in our school office and before that as a parent volunteer whilst her 4 children attended our school, Mrs Gilmore has decided that the time has come for her to enjoy some new challenges in her life. She will sadly be leaving us at the end of this term and although we know she will be very embarrassed that we are putting it on the newsletter, we can't let her go without making a fuss!

Apart from being a fantastic person in our school office, we will all miss Mrs Gilmore's kindness as well as her fantastic memory for knowing every face who appears at the office hatch. We would all like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Gilmore and wish her lots of luck for her new adventures and challenges.

### Goodbye and Thank You!

Miss Malcolm has been working in IRS this year undertaking her teacher training through the John Taylor Teaching School Hub. Her final day with us will be next Wednesday and we wish her well with her future career and thank her for her time spent with us.

If you would like to learn more about how you can train to become a teacher with John Taylor SCITT please click on the link - <https://jtscitt.co.uk/>



### JTHS Music students

Thank you to Helen Thompson and the JTHS students who came into assembly this afternoon to perform for us. Everyone was blown away by the children's musical talents- it was also lovely to see some past pupils amongst the performers.



## Online safety

'The online world gives us access to a huge amount of information and services, but the scale of information available also means that there is content that is inappropriate for children. What is or isn't appropriate is up to individual parents and carers to decide, and could be based on things like age, ability, beliefs and family values'.

Please follow the link for guidance from the NSPCC on setting up parental controls to keep your child safe online.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

## Dates for your Diary

*Lunch menu from Monday 26th of June is Week 1*

Thu 29 June - Y2 visit to Tamworth Castle

Fri 7 July - Inset Day—school closed to children

(Staff JT MAT Training Day)

Tue 11 July - Y2 music performance pm

2MS—1.30

2W—2.00

Wed 19 July - Y2 Leavers assembly to parents  
2.00pm

Thu 20 July - Leavers party 3.30pm—5.00pm

Fri 21 July - Last day of term

Mon 4th Sept- Inset Day - School closed to children

Tue 5 September - Children return to school



*We hope you have a lovely weekend*

*Mrs Burton and Mrs Moore*