



# Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture and challenge'

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## Classes for September

We are excited to inform you of your child's new class teachers for September:

Current Class	New Class	Teachers	Teaching Assistants
RT	1SB	Miss Brassington/ Mrs Sutton	Mrs Warner / Mrs Marshall
RC	1L	Miss Lamond	Mrs Warner / Mrs Marshall
1L	2W	Mrs Walker	Mrs Garratt / Mrs Huxtable
1RS	2MS	Mrs Moore / Mrs Smith	Mrs Garratt / Mrs Huxtable

Mrs Raw also teaches Tuesday afternoon, all day Wednesday and all day Thursday and will be covering different classes for leadership time and teachers planning, preparation and assessment time.

Parents will receive further information over the next couple of weeks about the year group staff and the new year group arrangements for September.

We look forward to introducing the children to their new teachers, teaching assistants and classrooms on the forthcoming transition sessions which are to be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July.



## Staffing update

We will be seeing a number of staff leaving us at the end of this term and therefore new staff joining us in September. As you are aware, Miss Rowley will be leaving us and we have now appointed a new, part time teacher to work with Mrs Sutton and Miss Lamond in year 1 next year. We look forward to welcoming Miss Brassington to our class induction day on 4<sup>th</sup> July where she is very much looking forward to meeting the children.

Miss Warrington and Mrs Taylor are also off to pastures new and are looking forward to following new career paths.

On Monday we are interviewing for three teaching assistants for various roles across school and will look forward to introducing the successful candidates once these are finalised.

Our final changes are within the office team with Mrs Gilmore leaving us in July and Mrs Shorten leaving us at October half term. Both have been at TRIS for a long time now, first as parents and then as employees so it will be very strange for both them and us. The office manager post is a very busy role with lots of different elements within it. In order to aid a seamless transition, we have advertised the post now in the aim that Mrs Shorten can work alongside the successful candidate until she leaves in October.

**UPDATE**

### Governor Update

Our local governing board play a crucial role in supporting and challenging the leadership of our school. We are very fortunate to have excellent governors whose skills are wide ranging. We have however just lost three of our governors: Ali Cottrill, Kayte Haselgrove and Charlotte Garner. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all three for their contributions and support to the school and the governing board during their terms of office. Ali has been a governor for a number of years now and has chaired the board for the last few, providing us with unwavering commitment and professionalism which we have greatly appreciated so a big thank you from us.

Katie Manning was voted in by the governing board last week, to take on the role of Chair from September and we very much look forward to working closely with Katie moving forward.

We are seeking more governors to compliment the team. Whilst it is a voluntary role, many people find it extremely interesting to gain a greater understanding of our school, behind the scenes if you like and it can be very rewarding. We welcome parents or other people from the local community who may be interested, and they certainly do not have to have a background in education as we very much need the expertise of others to challenge our thinking.

Our governing board meets once a half term on a Tuesday evening but in addition to this, governors will have a link role in school and may be required for some additional training or to support other things such as staff recruitment for example.

Please do spread the word and if you are interested or know anybody who may be interested then please do chat to us on the gate, pick up the phone or email. Further details will be coming in an email.

### Leavers' Assembly

July is a busy month for Year 2 . The leavers' party will take place on Thursday the 20th of July, straight after school until 5.00pm and the leavers' assembly will take place on Wednesday 19th July at 2 pm.

As with similar events, the assembly will be limited to two attendees per family - sadly our hall cannot safely and comfortably accommodate any more than this, so we thank you for your co-operation. Two tickets per family will go in book bags - please bring them with you on the Wednesday. If you are not going to use one or more of your tickets, please drop them back to the school office and we will allocate them on a first-come, first-served basis.

### Pupil leadership extravaganza

Four of our Year 2 children joined Mrs Garratt at Fradley Park Primary school today for the JTMAT Pupil Leadership extravaganza. Our children worked with children from across all JTMAT Primary and Secondary school to talk about their role as pupil leaders and how they can influence decisions that are made in our school.

Despite being amongst the youngest children attending, Mrs Garratt said that everyone got stuck into the day and made some excellent contributions about the leadership roles that they have had in school.





### Stars of the week



- RC - Freddie for playing percussion to the beat  
RC - Theo for trying new foods  
RT - Fleur for brilliant focus in writing  
RT - Daisy for fantastic team work in PE  
1L - Madeline for excellent investigation skills in science  
1L - Charlie for working independently to write a story in English  
1RS - Hannah for growing in confidence and independence in the classroom  
1RS - Ben for good reflections about his design decisions for his puppet in DT  
2W - Lily for great work describing turns in maths  
2W - Qasim for super recognition of the features of a castle  
2MS - Marc for excellent problem solving in maths  
2MS - Henry for being an excellent role model for our learning behaviours



### Dates for your Diary

*Lunch menu from Monday 3rd of July is Week 2*

**Fri 7 July - Inset Day—school closed to children**

(Staff JTMAT 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 3.15pm—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*