



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture and challenge'

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Welcome back to the new half term

Despite it being a slightly shorter week than usual it has still felt very busy! It has been lovely to see everyone back after the half term break and hearing about what the children have been up to. 2MS and 1L started their Forest School sessions this week and both classes were very lucky with the weather that they had for their sessions!

Next week Year 2 will be enjoying a practical Science day on Wednesday run by staff from John Taylor Free School. Information about this has been sent to Year 2 parents.

Our parent consultations have started this week, so thank you to everyone who has attended their appointment. We look forward to seeing everyone else for their appointment next week.

On our INSET day on Monday we joined the other JTMAT primary schools at Rykneld Primary School. The focus of the day was to develop everyone's understanding of children who may suffer from attachment or trauma related issues. All of our staff who attended came back with lots of new ideas and understanding which they will be able to use in their everyday classroom practice.

Children in Need

Next Friday it is the annual BBC Children in Need event. The theme this year is for everyone to challenge themselves to be SPOTACULAR! We will be holding a non uniform day and the children are welcome to come dressed in their own clothes for the day—but please do ensure that they are wearing shoes suitable for playtimes outside. Donations are welcome and can be taken into classrooms on the morning. Thank you.



Remembrance Day

As Remembrance Day falls on a Saturday this year the Parish Council arranged for children from the schools in Barton to lay their wreaths today. The Y2 school council accompanied Mrs Moore into the village this morning to lay our wreath. Thank you to the children for being such good representatives of our school.

Forest School clothing reminder

There's no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing"

It's really important that your child is warm and dry during Forest School sessions. Children **will get muddy & wet**, so an old set of clothes is essential. Puddle suits are ideal or waterproof trousers and a jacket. If children get wet whilst outside, they can very quickly become cold and uncomfortable.

For Autumn/Winter children should have;

- A long-sleeved T-shirt/top.
- Warm over layers - jumper/fleece/sweatshirt/hoody.
- Warm trousers - leggings or jogging bottoms.
 - Gloves.
 - A warm hat.
- Waterproof trousers & jacket/puddle suit.
- Wellington boots/sturdy walking shoes.



Our learning behaviour for this half term

This half term our learning behaviour focus is confidence which we show through our character Confident Cheetah. In Monday's assembly we will talk more about what confidence looks like and how we are going to be looking for children who try things for the first time or who have a go at something that they think is initially too hard.

It would be lovely if you could reinforce this message with your child at home and talk to them how sometimes we all need to try things for the first time. If your child does something that you are particularly proud of or feels is a great example of confidence then please let their teacher know.



PTA News

Christmas Helpers Needed! The PTA are organising this year's Christmas Fair on **Thursday 7th December** and to make the Christmas magic happen, we really need some helpers! If you haven't attended before, it is a lovely event for the children to create Christmas memories with their family and friends after school. If you can spare 30 minutes before/during or after the event please fill out the details on this [Google form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf3CsCtDPpIYY-CIIdpPFBaDPNY_iT7LkHPTL9UFC4tqCRC_Q/viewform?usp=pp_url) by 17th Nov -



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf3CsCtDPpIYY-CIIdpPFBaDPNY_iT7LkHPTL9UFC4tqCRC_Q/viewform?usp=pp_url

Thank you - with your help we can create wonderful Christmas memories for our children.

We have two remaining spaces left for our Wreath making event on **Thursday 30th November 7-9.30pm**. The event is being taught by Lily from Flower Design Lichfield. If you are interested please use the following link to book on.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdMLP6z6kQzSKT1ywl3gJyQ2JPQTEmdSLbwmnpqtKCnw7hB7g/viewform?pli=1&urp=gmail_link

Thank you

From Thomas Russell Infants' School P.T.A.

Becky, Gemma, Hardeep, Kirsty, Lily, Mae, Rachael and Sarah

The MFL (Modern Foreign Language) JTMAT Primary & Secondary competition

Could you enter a virtual talent show?

To enter, pupils or groups of pupils should submit a digital entry showcasing their talent! We have had one entry so far and it would be lovely to enter a few more.

All entries need to be returned to school by Friday 8th December.

The entry could be:

- song performed in a foreign language
- poem performed in a foreign language
- dance performed capturing a different culture
- weather forecast performed in a foreign language
- short comedy sketch performed in a foreign language
- musical performance showcasing a different culture/cultural instrument





Stars of the week



2MS - Eva for showing great confidence in Forest School, when trying new activities



Dates for your Diary

Lunch menu from Monday 23rd October will be Week 2

Wed 15th Nov—Y2 Science Day

Tue 19th Dec - JTMAT Christmas concert

Thu 16th Nov - Y2 trip to the NMA

Wed 20th Dec - Y1 Christmas play to parents
2.00pm

Fri 17th Nov - Children in Need non-uniform
day

Thu 21st Dec - Christmas lunch

Wed 29th Nov- Pantomime in school

Fri 22nd Dec - Last day of term

Thur 30th Nov—PTA wreath making workshop

Mon 8th Jan - Back to school first day of term

Fri 1st Dec—PTA Non uniform day—bottle
donation

Thurs 7th Dec—PTA Christmas Fair

Fri 8th Dec - Christmas jumper day

Wed 13th Dec - Reception Christmas play to
parents 2.00pm

Thu 14th Dec - Y2 Christmas play to parents
2.00pm

Mon 18th Dec - Y2 Music performance to
parents 1.30pm & 2.10pm

Have a lovely half term break

Mrs Burton and Mrs Moore