



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture and challenge'

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Thank you!

We have been absolutely blown away with the fantastic response to our Amazon wish list. The parcels have just kept arriving this week and the teachers and children have been so excited to see what has arrived. Thank you so much to everyone who has generously donated a book to school. If you would still like to have a look at the wish list then it has been updated and you can find it here—https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2L7WLU3FD5PFY?ref=wl_share

2MS enjoyed having a sneak peak at the books before they were delivered to the other classrooms!



Year 2 library visit

The children in Year 2 enjoyed a trip out to the Library last Friday morning. The librarians explained to the children when the library is open and how you can become a member. The children made a bookmark and then became library detectives, looking around the library for different books. Everyone had a fantastic morning and the librarians commented on how well behaved the children were.



Gardens for Schools

Please can you help us to get free gardening products for our school? Gardens for Schools is a scheme run by Byrkley Garden Centre. For every £10 you spend at the garden centre or coffee shop you can collect a Gardens for Schools voucher. For every 250 vouchers that we collect we are able to exchange them for a £100 garden centre voucher to spend on garden products that we can use in school. Vouchers can either be brought into the school office or posted in the PTA box outside. We are very excited to collect the vouchers because we have big plans for developing and enlarging our forest school area over the coming months.



Klondyke & Strikes
GARDEN CENTRES

Easter Bonnets and Treasure Hunt - Friday 31st March

With only a few weeks to go, now is the time to be thinking about Easter bonnets if you have not already started to do so! We will be holding our annual Easter bonnet parades and treasure hunt on the Friday morning and we are looking forward to seeing all of the children's creations. As you will see the PTA are going to be holding a coffee morning during the event.

Year 2 will start at 9:15 with their parade and treasure hunt followed by **Year 1** at 9:50 and **Reception** at 10:30. Parents and carers are welcome to come and join in the fun and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and cake.

Prizes will be awarded for the most inventive and the ones which the children have obviously been hands on with. For some inspiration try decorating a baseball cap or a sun hat, make a hat out of cardboard or paper and decorate that, use some natural materials out of the garden to help with the decoration maybe. Take a look at the various designs we found just from a quick google search!



Forest School working party

As already mentioned in this newsletter, we are currently finalising some exciting plans for developing our forest school area. We are going to be making the area bigger which will enable new activities. We have already made a start by creating a log circle so that the children can sit together as a group while finding out about the session.

Our next step is to plant a hedgerow boundary and fruit trees which have been delivered to school this week! We are also going to be taking away some wooden fencing to open the area up.

We would really love some support with the planting that we are hoping to do on **Saturday 18th March 9.30–12.00**. If anyone is able to support us by coming and helping for an hour or so, we would be incredibly grateful. If you are able to help then please let the school office or Mrs Moore/Mrs Burton know. We'll make sure that there is a good supply of warm drinks and biscuits to keep everyone going. If you are able to bring a spade and gardening gloves we would be grateful.

Safeguarding

We are aware that many of our children have access to the use of a tablet/iPad at home. We have attached some useful advice for parents/carers about how to support the children with using these devices safely.

PTA News

Mothers Day Pop up Shop

All the children will have the opportunity to come to the shop on Friday 17th March to choose a surprise gift for their someone special. We can't wait to see the children's faces when deciding what to buy. If the children could kindly bring £2 on the day and give it to the teachers in the morning.



Easter Bonnet Parade

Our Easter Bonnet Parade will be Friday 31st March. We will be inviting parents, grandparents and carers to join in the fun. There will be a treasure hunt and we will be offering tea, coffee and cakes. We are looking for cake donations to be made for this event, any help would be massively appreciated. We will be sending more information about this next week.



We have kindly been donated a hamper from The Boat House and Kitchen Bakery, we will be selling tickets at £1 a strip on the day.

The PTA

Reminder -Comic Relief - Red Nose Day Friday 17th March

This will be a non-uniform day and children are welcome to choose their outfit for the day or to wear something red! In return we are suggesting a donation of £1 be brought in to school for Comic Relief. Alternatively donations can be made using the Justgiving site https://www.justgiving.com/page/mrs-susan-shorten-1678373796046?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=one_page&utm_content=page/mrs-susan-shorten-1678373796046&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=e33472b41d83428f98aa1dd409d8cde2





Stars of the week



RT - Penelope for fantastic work in number pairs

RT - Hugo for great sounding out in writing

1RS - Billie for writing a super story all about your Super Veggie and Evil Pea

1RS - Elsie for making great progress in Phonics

2MS - Marc for fluent and accurate reading

2MS - Evie-Mae for excellent ideas in English

2W - Avery for working hard to answer questions about the Elf Road story

2W - Olivia for showing a good understanding of "grouping" in maths



Book recommendation

Hugo has enjoyed reading *George's Marvellous Medicine* by Roald Dahl and he would like to recommend it to everyone. His favourite part was when George gave his medicine to his grandma and she grew super tall!



Dates for your Diary

Lunch menu from Monday 13th of March is Week 1

Fri 17 Mar—PTA Mother's Day Pop up shop

Mon 17 Apr—Back to school

Fri 17 Mar—Red nose day non-uniform

Mon 1 May—Bank holiday

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

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Burton and Mrs Moore