

Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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Parent Workshop



What: **Children's Emotional Wellbeing**
When: Tuesday 10th October, 3:30pm - 4:45pm
Where: Thomas Russell Junior School
Who: Parents / Carers and Junior School Pupils



Emotional development involves learning what feelings and emotions are and developing effective ways of managing them. As children grow and are exposed to different situations their emotional lives also become more complex. Developing skills for managing a range of emotions is therefore very important for their emotional wellbeing. Parents, carers and schools all have an important role to play in supporting children's emotional development.

Book a place at our workshop to find out more.

- 1) Log on to www.schoolinterviews.co.uk and enter code: **8spm6**
- 2) Complete details of those wishing to attend
- 3) Receive instant e-mail confirmation of booking.

Limited places - book early to avoid disappointment.



Parent Consultations - Autumn 2017

Consultation evenings this term will be held on Tuesday 17th October and Thursday 19th September between 4.00 and 7.00 p.m. The purpose of these consultations is for you to discuss with your child's teacher (and teaching assistant if applicable) how well your child has settled into their new year group; as well as being an opportunity to share any information or concerns. The staff will also be able to indicate any areas of support required. We strongly advise that you meet first with your child's English and Maths teacher; then if you require an additional appointment with your child's class teacher to discuss any specific concerns, make it after your first appointment so that you already have a clear picture of learning. I know some parents have previously felt compelled to make two appointments; it is not compulsory, just offered.

In response to feedback we will not be reviewing Support Plans and EHCPs during these meeting, please look out for separate invites to review these plans with our SENCo and your child's teacher / TA.



Electronic booking for consultations can be completed following the steps below:

- 1) Log on to www.schoolinterviews.co.uk
- 2) Enter **Parent Consultations code: hb6eg**
- 3) Enter e-mail, child(ren)'s first **AND** surname.
- 4) Choose the exact date and time(s) to suit you.
- 5) Receive instant e-mail confirmation of booking.

Bookings close on Monday 9th October.

We will also be holding a Scholastic Book Fair on both evenings for parents who wish to purchase any books. For every book sold, Scholastic will donate 60% of the value towards books for the School Library, so we are really grateful for any support you are able to offer.

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Consultations take place in classrooms. We ask all parents to meet in the hall where we will be serving complimentary tea and coffee and there will also be an opportunity for discussion with school governors. From this point we will ring a bell every 10 minutes and send parents to the appropriate room. We hope this will ensure equality for all parents in the amount of time with their child's teacher. If you would like more time, please return to the hall to make an additional appointment following your consultation, or for an informal update pop onto the playground at the end of the day to see your child's teacher.

Night Owls will run until 5:45 as normal on both evenings, but there are no extra-curricular activities. Children are welcome to use the playground, but it is only to be accessed via the hall doors. Please note the playground is not supervised and parents are responsible for ensuring normal playground rules are adhered to such as no climbing trees or accessing out of bounds areas.



Good luck to Morgan H who is taking part in the JDRF One Walk on Sunday 24th Sept. She has a just giving page 'Horler's One Walk' if anyone would be kind enough to sponsor her. Follow the link to JDRF website to find out more about Type 1 diabetes.



Winter weather - Coat with a hood & wellies

It is really important that children come to school in a coat (with a hood) every day. We do go out to play at break time and dinner time even if it is raining, so it is essential children have an appropriate coat to keep warm and dry.

Wellies are most welcome on rainy days too – please send school shoes in a carrier bag that wellies can go into once school shoes are put on, this helps to keep belongings dry in your child's locker. There's nothing worse than sitting all day in wet shoes and socks.

As we start to need hats, scarves and gloves – please also ensure these are clearly labelled.



Diary Dates for Autumn 2017

Fri 29 th Sept	10:30	Macmillan Coffee Morning (cake donations welcome)
Wed 4 th Oct	8:30am	Family & Individual Photographs
	3:30 – 4:30	Friends' Meeting
Thur 5 th Oct	pm	Y3 Flu Vaccinations
Tues 10 th Oct	3:30 – 4:45	Parent Workshop Children's Emotional Wellbeing
Thur 12 th Oct	am	Y5 at JTHS Maths Masterclass
	3:30 – 4:30	Mr Twynham to see Y6 pupils / parents
Fri 13 th Oct	2:00 – 2:45	Harvest Assembly
Tues 17 th Oct	4:00 – 7:00	Parent Consultations
Thur 19 th Oct	am	Y6 at JTHS Maths Masterclass
	4:00 – 7:00	Parent Consultations
Fri 20 th Oct		INSET Day
Mon 23 rd – Fri 27 th Oct		Half Term
Mon 30 th Oct	By 8:50	Back to School
Tue 19 th Dec		End of Term NO NIGHT OWLS

Governor's Corner

Welcome to Thomas Russell Junior School

Hello, TRJS Governors would like to welcome new parents and children as well as those returning for another year. Staff and governors work together to ensure the school is a welcoming and friendly place that provides high quality education for its community. We are pleased that our children are well prepared for their secondary education.

Many will know of the great support provided by the Friends who organise events during the year to provide the 'extras' that so enrich the children's experience. We also have a Parent Forum where elected parents can discuss general points or concerns with staff and governors. Many parents have liked contributing to the school as parent helpers in the classroom and to other school activities. As always, we hope children and parents will enjoy and benefit from their TRJS experience.

Best wishes to you all.

Terry Wells – Chair of Governing Body

Please see the letter attached regarding Parent Governor Vacancies on our Governing Body.