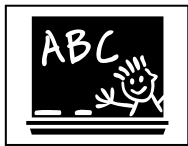


Thomas Russell Junior School

Inspiring all, achieving together.



Newsletter



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Headteacher Mrs S Sharpe

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More 'GOOD' news!

Following the publication of the league tables last week and our Ofsted inspection in June '14, I was very excited to receive a telephone call from the office of the Secretary of State yesterday! Representatives from Thomas Russell Junior School have been invited to an evening reception in London to meet the Secretary of State for Education to celebrate our achievements and results, as well as to discuss how they were achieved!

Onwards and upwards!

Parent Governor Election

The election for parent governors closed on Friday 12th December. The parents receiving the most nominations and therefore joining the Governing Body are:

Jane Budge

Matt Harrington

Kate Jones

We would like to warmly welcome them and thank all of the parents who stood in the election.

Christmas Carol Service

I hope you enjoyed our Carol Service at St. James Church this week. It was great to be able to perform in Houses, having the older children take responsibility for looking after the younger children as we walked to and from church, as well as seeing how well they worked together and supported each other during the performance. We will inform you of the total raised for Lauren's medical trip to America in January.

Friend's Mince Pies and Hot Chocolate

Thank you also if you were able to join us back at school for a drink and cake. The event raised £284.25 for the Friends.

To have your say in how this money is spent on the children, why not join the next Friend's meeting on Monday 19th January at The Three Horseshoes at 7:30pm

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to the families who made purchases from the Scholastic Book Fair. Altogether we raised £735.71 and since we received 100% commission, we were able to choose £735.71 worth of books to replenish our Reading Scheme and class library stocks.

Winner from the prize draw were:

£10 prize - Ruby W (3M) and Riley E (4E)

£5 prize - Harry K (6D)

Residential visit

We still have a small number of parents who we have not heard from yet with regard to our residential visits. If you do not wish your child to attend, please drop us a line via the questions@ e-mail address. If you would like your child to attend, please ensure the deposit is paid via ParentPay.

Handball Tournament Report.

On Wednesday 3rd December a group of Year 4 children went to John Taylor High School for a Handball Tournament. They were split into 2 teams of 10. There were two other schools in the tournament Rangemore and Richard Crosse. Thomas Russell 1 came 1st and Thomas Russell 2 came 3rd. Man of the match was Aidan (Team 1) and Isaac (Team 2.) By Ellie-Mae and Fern

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Extra-curricular Clubs

Don't forget Choir on Friday 9th January, as we are preparing for Young Voices at the LG Arena on Tuesday 13th January.

We will circulate the new clubs information with the Newsletter on the first Friday back.

Dinner Money

Letters have been sent out to show how much is owed for the next half term in dinner money £63.00.

Apologies - there is an error on the date on some letters which should read Jan - Feb not Nov - Dec.

Breakfast Club

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club next term the cost is £2 per session or £54 if attending every day for the half term. Please note Breakfast Club must be booked in advance so we know which children are attending.

Red Carpet Cinema Visit



Thank you to the Friends for funding this visit, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. It was great to receive such support from parents accompanying us as we walked back and forth too.

Fond Farewells

There were mixed feelings today, of excitement as we break up for Christmas, but we also said some sad goodbyes.

Miss Press and Mr Rudge are both leaving us to move on in their careers. They have been valuable members of staff for a long time and seen us through a most important part of our journey of improvement. Their presence in school will be missed, but I am confident they have forged some strong friendships which will remain and we wish them all the very best.

Tilly W also leaves us today; I know the children and staff will really miss her smiley presence. We wish her all the luck in the world and look forward to hearing how she settles into her new school.

Goodbye and good luck to you all.

Diary Dates

<i>Mon 5th Jan</i>	<i>8:50</i>	<i>Back to School</i>
<i>Tues 13th Jan</i>	<i>12:00</i>	<i>Children to Young Voices Concert at LG Arena</i>
<i>Mon 19th Jan</i>	<i>7:30</i>	<i>Friend's Meeting @ Three Horseshoes</i>
<i>Mon 16th Mar – Fri 20th Mar</i>		<i>Y5 Chasewater Residential</i>
<i>Thurs 30th Apr – Fri 1st May</i>		<i>Y4 Whitemoor Lakes Residential</i>
<i>Wed 1st July – Fri 3rd July</i>		<i>Y6 PGL Residential</i>

Further information about specific events will follow closer to the time.

*Merry Christmas,
Mrs Sharpe*