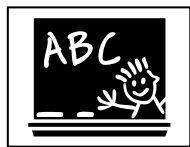


Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mrs S Sharpe

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It's a busy week next week!

Monday - Y6 Bikeability - there will be 64 Y6 children arriving on bikes, so please be patient if the pavements and path into school are a little congested. Thank you

Monday - Y6 parents and children meeting - Don't forget that Mrs Cochrane, Head of School at John Taylor High School, will be here on Monday 24th September at 3:45 to talk to Y6 children and parents about John Taylor High School.



Tuesday - Y4 trip to Amazon - Y4 children are off on an enterprise trip to learn all about the Amazon distribution company and the workings inside the factory from point of order to delivery.



Thursday - Individual Photos - if you would like family photos including any siblings who do not attend TRJS, then you are most welcome. Please come to school from 8:30.

Friday - Y5 Geography field trip - 9am. Please ensure children have a waterproof coat in school as they are off to investigate various different aspects of the village - shops, traffic, amenities, entertainment, housing etc.

Friday - Macmillan Coffee Morning - 10:30. You are warmly invited to our first Coffee Morning of the year in support of Macmillan. Children who do not have a family member able to attend the coffee morning are able to bring a donation of 50p to buy a cake from the playground stall so that no one misses out. To help us avoid upsets at break time, please ensure your child is clear whether a family member is attending or not.



Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please remember children are expected to attend every week if they have signed up and we require advanced notice if they will not be attending. The table below indicated the dates which clubs are running to ensure children are collected at correct times. All clubs finish at 4:30 with the exception of Hiit which is 4:15.

Club	W/C	Next week	1/10	8/10	15/10	22/10	Half term	5/11	12/11	19/11	26/11	3/12	10/12	17/12
Golf	M	x	x	x										
Interval Training (Hiit)	M							x	x		x	x		x
Board Games	M							x	x	x	x	x	x	
Yoga 1	T	x	x	x	x									
Yoga 2	T							x	x	x	x	x		
Netball Club	W	x	x	x	x									
Aerobics US	Th	x	x	x										
Aerobics LS	Th							x	x	x	x	x		
Choir	F	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x		

Donations - do you have any spare (good condition) plastic toys / animals / people, dressing up clothes, cars or construction toys such as KNEX or Lego? If so, we would be most grateful to receive these and could make excellent use of them at 'Fun and Games' club and also during wet break times and lunchtimes. Any donations are always gratefully received - please send them in to Mrs Kerr-Delworth. Thank you.

Parent Consultations – Autumn 2018

Consultation evenings this term will be held on Tuesday 23rd October and Thursday 25th October between 4.00 and 7.00 p.m. The purpose of these consultations is for parents to discuss with their child's teacher (and teaching assistant if applicable) how well their 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.

We received really positive feedback about reviewing Support Plans and EHCPs outside of parent consultations evening so are happy to inform you we will be holding these separately again this year. Please look out for personal 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 code: **q99kz**
 - 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 15th October.*

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. This system is really effective and ensures 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.

As part of our Enterprise project, Y6 children will be running 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.

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.

**Don't forget Friday 26th October is an INSET Day. Staff will be in school but not pupils.
Thank you.**



Please find attached to this Newsletter, a letter and information leaflet regarding forthcoming PHSE teaching. We hope it will be really informative for parents in helping to keep their children safe online and to understand the learning that will be taking place in school. The letter contains a link to a video which children in Y5 & 6 will use as part of their class assembly that parents may wish to view beforehand.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe