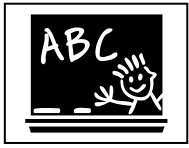


Thomas Russell Junior School

Inspiring all, achieving together.



Newsletter



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What's Cooking? Meet the lunchtime team

In the kitchen, we have Mrs Brammer (centre), Mrs Roach (left) and Mrs Savings (right). The ladies cook fresh for two sittings each day to ensure the best menu choices are available for all of our children. The menus are based on a

selection of nutritionally balanced options, tweaked to accommodate your children's favourites with some special treats occasionally too. By being flexible in our approach we hope our children learn to make



sensible choices and also grow in confidence to try new foods and flavours that they may not be sure about.

We are able to cater for a range of special dietary requirements - if you would like more information, please contact school to speak to Mrs Brammer.



On ParentPay, we have Mrs Jackson (kjackson@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk).



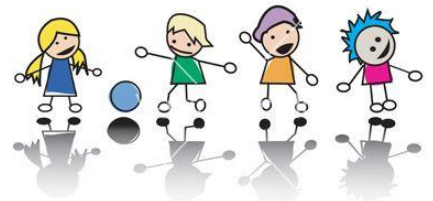
ParentPay

If you log on to ParentPay, you will see that the menus have been uploaded to help keep parents informed about what their children are eating and to allow them to support children in their choices. Please inform the school office via ParentPay of any changes to the days on which your child has dinners. This can be done by selecting 'I want to' from the home screen, then 'View Communication' then 'Contact School'

In the dinner hall and on the playground we have **Mrs Sawbridge, Mrs Warner, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Vardy, Mrs Da Rosa and Mrs Gadsby**. We operate a rota system for dinner sittings so that all children get equal chance to come in for their dinner first. Our lunchtime supervisors monitor children eating, encourage good manners and clean tables between sittings. I can assure you it is no mean feat to feed 240 children within an hour when the hall is used as a classroom until 10 minutes before lunch and PE lessons begin again as soon as lunchtime is over!!

In addition the lunchtime team supervise games on the playground, help to resolve friendship issues and deal with first aid requirements as well as ensuring the smooth running of the lunch hour.

Parental understanding of the difficulty of this task is very welcome.



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Grandparents lunches - thank you to those who have come along to support, and special thanks to those who have taken time to drop us a line about how much they have enjoyed their visits.

Your positive feedback is really appreciated and helps to make the hard work worthwhile ☺

Coming Up! Wed 6th May - 5B, Wed 20th May - 5M, Wed 17th June - 6D, Wed 24th June - 6S.

"My parents attended the Grandparents Lunch and had a wonderful time. They said that the food was delicious and they were so pleased to be given the chance to see their grandson's school, his classroom and indeed his work."

"Very many thanks to everyone who helped to give me such a lovely lunch today. Beautiful food, very pleasant kitchen staff and helpers, and in such a clean and bright environment."

"Thank you so much for inviting me to the Grandparents lunch. I thoroughly enjoyed the lovely roast and delicious apple crumble you kindly provided for us. My grandson was very proud to show us around his classroom and it was wonderful to see how much he loves his school. Best wishes and many thanks."

"We should just like to make a few comments on how much we enjoyed our lunch on Wednesday. My own particular recollection of school cabbage was enough to put most people off the vegetable for life! However, what I tasted, together with the swede and carrots were all cooked to perfection – not been standing for hours either. The pork and roast potatoes also very good. Well done to all the staff involved."

"We had an invite to join our grandson last week at lunchtime. We accepted and are pleased that we did – the lunch was excellent – school lunches were not like that in the nineteen fifties! We were also impressed with the attitude and behaviour of the children. You have much to be proud of regarding your school – please accept our thanks to you and all your staff for the experience."

Chasewater

What a super Chasewater Assembly we had this morning! It is brilliant to see how much the children had enjoyed themselves and very obvious that they take away some happy memories to be treasured.

A huge thank you to the staff who accompanied the visit, without your support it would not have been possible. If you would like a copy of the DVD of the assembly and the photographs, then please look out for the order slip in the next few days. Please remember not to upload any photographs onto websites or social media.

Friends - EGM

Unfortunately we haven't yet had anyone come forward to take on the roles of Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer or Secretary for the Friends. In this situation, if a committee cannot be appointed, it may be necessary to rethink how parents and supporters of TRJS help us to raise funds for the benefit of our pupils. Certain events may be taken back into school and be organised by staff, but unfortunately it may mean that there would be some events that would no longer be possible. We are holding an EGM where your ideas will be warmly welcomed to promote this new chapter of fundraising ideas. The EGM will be held at school at 7pm on Tuesday 21st April. Please do come along if you are able to support in any way.



Please log on to www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk to give your views about the school.

The survey asks parents to rate 12 statements with a tick box scale.

If you do find that you disagree with any of the statements, we would really appreciate if you would send an e-mail to: questions@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk to tell us about your worries and explain what you would like to see us do to address the issue. We are very open to hearing about what parents feel we could do better, in fact this has played a key part in helping us to secure the improvements we have made in recent years, but unfortunately the anonymous tick box style of the Parent View website does not allow for such open communication. Alternatively – if you agree (or strongly agree) with a comment and would like to feedback why you think this, or what it is that we have changed to improve your view, then please let us know this too, so we can keep doing what you judge we do well.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe

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