## Thomas Russell Junior School

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# Newsletter



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#### My Money Week

I am delighted to report that the children have had an absolutely fantastic week this week learning all about budgeting, saving,



borrowing and giving. Their lessons have helped to increase knowledge of financial awareness and responsibility and an increased enjoyment of maths. The Brand vs Budget taste test in Y6 caused great excitement!

#### **Enterprise Project**

As you will probably be aware the Bank of TRJS has given a £1 startup loan to all children. The aim is to encourage their entrepreneurial talents. We have already had a super response with red forms being returned to give permission. This is a purely voluntary project designed to ignite some enthusiasm for business and develop financial thinking. It you do not wish for your child to get involved all that we ask is that you return the red card with the £1 still attached. Thank you.

#### Children's Duathlon

The School Council has been keen to organise an event to raise funds to buy a huge piece of playground equipment. Sporting activities are always a hit at TRJS and so the Duathlon will replace the end of year evening concert this year. You should have received some information explaining how it will work. Please understand that we have a limited number of places so you need to respond quickly to get involved.

### Parent Forum

We will be holding our next Parent Forum meeting on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 9am.



If there are any parents who would like to add items to the agenda then please do so via 'questions@' as below. Any parent can raise a matter for discussion; points are raised anonymously, discussed in the open forum and then if required actions will be agreed and noted in the minutes. These are either available on the website, or on the noticeboard in the entrance hall. Thank you.

#### Photo deadline

You should have received a small proof of your child's class photo. All class teachers have a large copy if you would like a more detailed viewing before deciding to purchase. Please note the deadline for orders is Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

#### Leave of absence

We understand that despite the change in regulations parents may still choose to remove their children from school for certain events and occasions. We also know that the vast majority of parents understand that we are unable to authorise such absence unless it meets extremely limited criteria. However we wanted to let parents know we really appreciate your honesty when you have taken the decision to withdraw your child. There have been a few situations recently where children have clearly returned from holiday but as a school we have been informed they were ill - this puts incredible pressure on a child and instills completely the wrong message. We want to work in partnership between home and school and honesty is one of the key foundations of this relationship. Thank you for your understanding.

> Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe

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