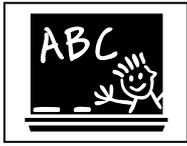


Thomas Russell Junior School

Inspiring all, achieving together.



Newsletter



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Headteacher Mrs S Sharpe

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Super successful sporting start to 16!

Huge congratulations to TRJS netball players who had an incredibly successful evening at Oldfields Middle School on Wednesday night. They played in a tightly contested tournament, putting in some exceptional performances in both attack and defence, to secure a place in the final. Here they defeated reigning champions Oldfields A team! Their success qualifies TRJS as the East Staffordshire representatives in the County Finals at Stoke in February! Marvellous!

Friends AGM

Don't forget we will be holding the **Friends AGM at 3:45 on Wednesday 27th January.**

Mrs Brammer has kindly offered to make a cake for the occasion. We will provide supervision for any children (including younger ones) where they can have cake and a drink and watch a film.

At this meeting we would like to take nominations for the roles of Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

We also hope to come up with a list of events for the year, a quick 'shopping list' of what needs doing for each event, and a much larger list of people who are happy to be called upon for smaller responsibilities.

We should also look at current funds, how much recent events have raised and come up with a 'wish list' for purchases for the coming year.

Open Morning - Wednesday 6th January

We had a super morning when we welcomed lots of Y2 parents to school. Our children were very impressive in the manner in which they worked and there were a huge number of positive comments which was really pleasing.

Lunchtime Supervisor

We still have vacancies for two lunchtime supervisors at the school. If there are any parents interested please get in touch.

Academic Reports

Thank you to those who have returned report replies - if you have yet to do so, please ensure this is returned ASAP. Remember we have Parent Consultations approaching on Thursday 4th February and Tuesday 9th February. Please see below for further information on booking appointments.

Mrs Haywood

As you may be aware Mrs Haywood has been absent since the week before Christmas; unfortunately she is not yet well enough to return and will be off until 25th January. During her absence Year 5 will return to two classes to be taught by Mrs David and Mrs Jones. You may also be aware that Mrs Haywood is our SENCO; Mrs Gahagan will be picking up the key duties of this role during Mrs Haywood's absence. Should you have any queries, please direct your communication towards her or your child's class teacher and we will endeavour to ensure this absence does not impact on delivery in this area. Thank you.

Parent Governor

I would like to welcome Mr Paul Thompson, father of Johnny in Y3, to the Board of Governors at TRJS. He was elected unopposed to the post. We still have a vacancy for a co-opted Governor, so any parents with an interest would be welcome to contact myself, Mr Wells or an existing Governor for further information.

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Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please see below the superb selection of extra-curricular activities that we have on offer this term.

Thank you to our superb staff who are willing to give so freely of their time to provide such great experiences for the children.

Day	Club	Staff running	Time	Year Groups	Dates running	Cost
Monday	Forest School Club	Mrs K Jones	3:30 - 4:30	All	22/2, 7/3, 14/3, 21/3	Free
Tuesday	Homework Club / Mathsmania	Mrs S Kerr-Delworth	12:45 - 1:15	All	Every Tuesday lunchtime	Free
Tuesday	Football / TAG Rugby	Burton Albion	3:30 - 4:30	All	12/1, 19/1, 26/1, 2/2, 24/2, 1/3, 8/3, 15/3, 22/3	£18
Wednesday	Cricket / Rounders	Burton Albion	3:30 - 4:30	All	13/1, 20/1, 27/1, 3/2, 10/2, 24/2, 2/3, 9/3, 16/3, 23/3	£20
Wednesday	Netball	Mrs E David	3:30 - 4:30	Y5	24/2, 9/3, 16/3, 23/3	Free
Wednesday	Eco-Warriors	Mrs G Gahagan & Mrs L Vardy	3:30 - 4:30	Invitation	24/2, 2/3, 9/3, 16/3, 23/3	Free
Wednesday	Mario Kart Club 1	Mr R Edwards	3:30 - 4:30	All	13/1, 20/1, 27/1, 3/2, 10/2	Free
Wednesday	Mario Kart Club 2	Mr R Edwards	3:30 - 4:30	All	24/2, 2/3, 9/3, 16/3, 23/3	Free
Thursday	Science Club	Miss C Murfin & Miss K Press	3:30 - 4:30	Invitation	14/1, 21/1, 28/1, 11/2, 25/2, 3/3, 10/3, 17/3, 14/4, 21/4, 28/4, 6/5	Free
Thursday	Choir / Drama	Mrs Sharpe, Mrs Cozens & Mrs Rumsey	3:30 - 4:30	All	21/1, 28/1, 11/2, 25/2, 3/3, 10/3, 17/3	Free
Thursday	Football Club / Matches	Miss C Marston	3:30 - 4:30	Y6	TBC per match	Free
Friday	iPad Club	Mrs S Sanders	3:30 - 4:30	All	15/1, 22/1, 29/1, 5/2, 26/2, 11/3, 18/3	Free

Try something new for 2016!

You will know by now that we are always looking for ways to improve, to communicate more effectively and efficiently with parents and to implement new approaches wherever developments can be made. In view of this we are trialling a new **electronic booking** system which we hope parents will find more efficient.

This trial will cover both Parent Consultations and Extra-Curricular Club booking for Spring Term.

- 1) Log on to www.schoolinterviews.co.uk
- 2) Enter **Parent Consultations code: QE7GK**
- 3) Enter e-mail, child(ren)'s first **AND** surname.
- 4) Chose the exact date and time(s) to suit you.
- 5) Receive instant e-mail confirmation of booking.

Bookings close on Monday 1st February.



THE EASY WAY TO BOOK
PARENT EVENINGS
Now you can book teachers for the times that suit you. Simply enter the event code and press "Go".

Enter code...

- 1) Log on to www.schoolinterviews.co.uk
- 2) Enter **Extra-Curricular code: N62TM**
- 3) Enter e-mail, child(ren)'s first **AND** surname.
- 4) Choose child's year group and clubs they would like to attend.
- 5) Receive instant e-mail confirmation of booking.

So that we can test this system in its entirety, we ask that parents use it to confirm uptake of their child's place at clubs where they have already been offered a space such as Y5 Netball, Choir and Eco-Warriors. We also ask that parents book Homework/Mathsmania Club to help Mrs Kerr-Delworth know who she is to expect on Tuesday lunchtimes.

We are keen to receive your feedback on this system, so please do let us know how you find it via the 'questions@...' e-mail, including any names for reserve lists if clubs become full.

Best wishes, Mrs S Sharpe

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