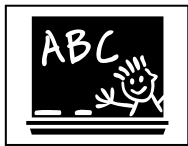


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Newsletter



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Harvest

We will be concluding this half term with a short Harvest Celebration at 2pm on Friday 21st October. Following the success last year we will be having a collection for YMCA Food Bank again. After the service children will be allowed to leave school early with a parent. If you are unable to attend and would like your child to be collected by someone else, please send a note to the class teacher giving permission for them to be taken and the name of the person who will be collecting them.

Donations would be very much appreciated. The types of items that the YMCA is looking for include:

Tinned Goods

Vegetables e.g. potatoes, carrots, etc.

Soup, spaghetti, beans, tinned tomatoes, etc.

Corned beef, ham, other cold meats, tuna, sardines, etc.

'Meals' i.e. stew, curries, chilli con carne, stewing steak, mince beef & onion, casseroles, hot dogs and meatballs, etc.

Milk puddings, fruit, custard (or instant packet to be mixed with water) etc.

Cereals

Breakfast cereals

Pasta, rice, savoury rice, noodles, pot noodles

Biscuits, cream crackers, savoury biscuits, crisps

Drinks

500 ml (not 1 litre) cartons of UHT milk (not dried milk) - Urgent, regular need for these - we like to put one in every food parcel so need at least 90-110 each month, small screw top bottles of UHT milk also urgently required for the Rough Sleepers bags

Instant coffee, tea, cuppa-soups, etc.

Come and join us for a sing song and to find out about the work the YMCA Food bank over the last year. It is a lovely way to finish the half term. Please be prepared to squish in like sardines - it is always a busy one!

Parent Forum

You still have just over a week to register an interest in being a part of Parent Forum. So far we only have four volunteers, but we need a much wider group if we are to be able to properly canvas opinions across the whole school community. If you've never done anything like this before, why not give it a try - you never know, you might enjoy it ☺ (Oh - and there's cake!!) Please e-mail an 'Expression of Interest' to [questions@](mailto:questions@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk).

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Parental responsibility

We really appreciate it when parents let us know about their child's absence by 9:30, but please could I inform you that it must be an adult with Parental Responsibility who does this. Thank you.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

We are trialling electronic booking for our 'Out of School' care for next half term.

The codes are:



Breakfast Club - 3PEQW



After School Club - PT3FG

We will guarantee places for all electronic booking made by the deadline of **Wednesday 19th October**. After this point if you wish to book or cancel either club it will be necessary to contact Mrs Jackson via kjackson@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk

Early Birds runs from 8:00 – 8:45 at a cost of £3 per session.

Night Owls runs from 3:30 – 5:45 at a cost of £8 per session.

There is a discount for those booking full time.

Thank you to all of those parents who have helped us to navigate the quagmire of registering for Childcare Vouchers. We think (finger-crossed!) that we are all up and running now and invoices will be issued retrospectively during the last week of this half term for childcare used. For any new parents now wishing to use Childcare Vouchers, please contact Mrs Jackson on the e-mail above and she will be able to assist you.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who joined us last Friday for the Macmillan Coffee Morning. We raised £313.60 which we know will go to support the outstanding work of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Parent Consultations

Our first evening of consultations ran very smoothly last night. We ran to time and it was great to hear so much positive feedback. If there were any questions, or discussion points that you would like to follow up on in a couple of weeks, please do pop onto the playground or catch the teacher at the gate.

Friends of TRJS ran our Scholastic Book Fair too, which was a huge success. 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. Thank you to all of the volunteers who have given their time yesterday and on Tuesday to keep this running smoothly.

Christmas Card Project

The Friends will be organising the Class Fundraiser Christmas Card project again this year, so before super organised parents go shopping for Christmas Cards, we just wanted to let you know that the children's own card designs will be coming home at the beginning of November.

Best wishes, Mrs S Sharpe

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