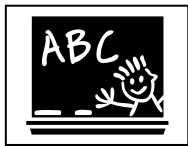


# Thomas Russell Junior School

'An expectation of excellence' ofsted June 2014.



# Newsletter



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Headteacher Mrs S Sharpe

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## Library visits

As you will know from our Newsletter a couple of weeks ago, the first week back after half term contains World Book Day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. As previously communicated, we will not be dressing up, but instead we have a week of activities and visits planned around a book entitled 'How to look after your human.' It would be really helpful if parents could send children to school with their Library cards during this week.

### Early Birds and Night Owls booking

Booking is now open for Spring 2

Please log in to [www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk)

Early Birds code: yzpz5

Night Owls code: w3q76

Early Birds costs £3 per session from 8:00 - 8:45.

Night Owls costs £8 per session from 3:30 - 5:45.



## Extra-Curricular Activities

## Friends of TRJS

Please check the grid below to confirm which dates our clubs are on to avoid confusion.

Week commencing		27/2	6/3	13/3	20/3	27/3	3/4
M	Easter Craft		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Forest Schs		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
T	Gymnastics 1						
	Gymnastics 2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
W	Art 1						
	Art 2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Mario Kart 1						
	Mario Kart 2	Y	Y	Y	Y		Cancelled due to Spring Fair
	Netball		Y	Y	Y		
Tennis		Y	Y	Y	Y		
Th	Football	Y	Y		Y	Y	
	Science	Y	Y	Y	Y		
F	Choir	Y	Y				

Spring Fair is being held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

It is traditional for Y6 children to be responsible for organising stalls and games, which they always thoroughly enjoy.

At this event we will also be showcasing the entries to the Decorated Egg Competition. (Not sure what one of those is?...Ask Mr Google – he has loads of ideas and the possibilities are endless!)

The Friends will also be organising refreshments, cakes, raffle, bottle tombola etc. This is one of our biggest fund raising events of the year and we are grateful that it is always so well supported.

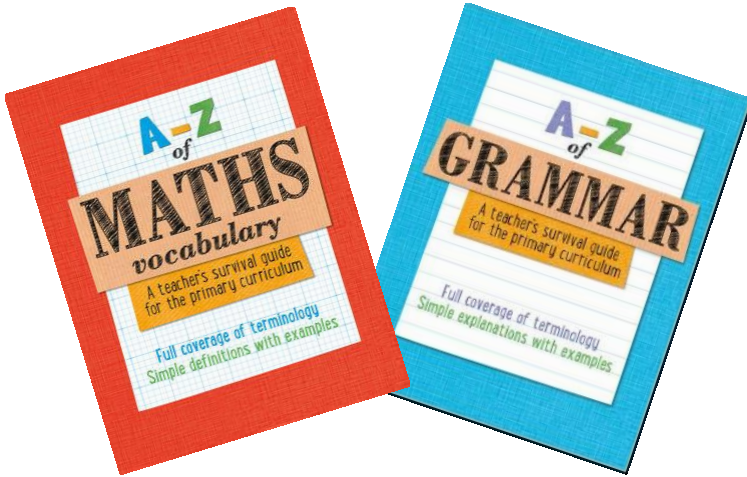
On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March, we will be holding a non-uniform day and are asking for donations of bottles or chocolates for the tombola and raffle stalls.

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## Swimathon 2017

One of our Y3 pupils Cassie is taking part in Swimathon 2017 raising money for Marie Curie and The Swimathon Foundation. If you would like to support Cassie's fund raising efforts, please find a link below:  
[WWW.JUSTGIVING.COM/SWIMATHON-2017-CASSIE-PARRY](http://WWW.JUSTGIVING.COM/SWIMATHON-2017-CASSIE-PARRY)

### A-Z Guides to help at home



As per last week's Newsletter, don't forget to order your A-Z guides. The cost will be £4.00 for the A-Z of Maths & £3.20 for the A-Z of Grammar.

If you would like one, or both, please select the item(s) on Parent Pay before 1<sup>st</sup> March.

### Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> & Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

Tickets are now available via our Parent Pay at £6 per adult and £4 concessions. Please note there is an initial limit of 1 ticket per choir family for the 7pm performances and unlimited tickets for the 5pm performances.

Parents and children at TRJS who are not part of the choir are invited come and see the 5pm performance on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

## Mobile phones and smart watches

Thomas Russell Junior School is a '**mobile phone free zone**'. This is a conscious and deliberate decision that we have taken as we do not believe that children should be distracted from the valuable learning and socialising opportunities that the school day provides.

We offer a concession to this decision: children are allowed to bring a mobile phone in to school if parents deem it is necessary to ensure safe travel to and from school. Mobile phones must be completely switched off (including Bluetooth and WIFI) on entering school premises and taken to the School Office for safe storage. They can be collected at the end of the day after school has finished.

It has been brought to our attention that there are a number of children who are wearing 'Fit Bit Blaze'. This watch has the facility to receive text messages directly to the watch and it has been reported that a small number of children may be making use of this facility. This is a violation of the trust placed in children when bringing their mobile phone and smart watch to school. We ask for parental support in ensuring this is not allowed to continue.

### Half Term Holiday

We return to school on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Don't forget to book Early Birds and Night Owls as well as making sure you've paid for school dinners on Parent Pay – thank you ☺

Have a really great break.

*Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe*