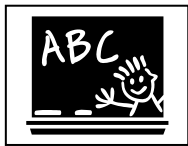


# Thomas Russell Junior School

*'An expectation of excellence' ofsted June 2014.*



## Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mrs S Sharpe

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### KS2 SATs Results 2017

I am pleased and proud to announce yet another year of significantly rising standards at Thomas Russell Junior School! As parents will know from our Assessment Growth Charts, the previous national curriculum levels have been scrapped, and instead children are given scaled scores. Parents are notified of their child's raw score (the actual number of marks they got), alongside their scaled score and whether they have reached the expected standard set by the Department for Education.

#### School level results

Expected standard in Reading, Writing + Maths **combined** - **61% National**, **83% at TRJS** = 22% above National and a **16% increase** on last year.

Reading - **71% National**, **83% at TRJS** = 12% above National and an **11% increase** on last year.

SPAG - **77% National**, **95% at TRJS** = 18% above National and a **10% increase** on last year.

Maths - **75% National**, **95% at TRJS** = 20% above National and a **13% increase** on last year.

Writing - **76% National**, **95% at TRJS** = 19% above National and **equalling last year's standard**.

There is, as yet, no official boundary for those considered to be working at 'greater depth', however using last year's point of 110, we can predict the following:

**Combined** R, W & M at 'Greater Depth' = **18% at TRJS** (5% Nationally last year) and 63% of our children achieved 'Greater Depth' in at least one subject.

Reading - **40% at TRJS** up 13% on last year

SPAG - **53% at TRJS** up 16% on last year.

Maths - **50% at TRJS** up 20% on last year.

Writing - **48% at TRJS** a drop of 4% on last year.

And finally, last year we had one child in one subject who scored 120 (the highest scaled score possible). This year, we had 3 at 120 in Reading, 4 at 120 in SPAG and 3 at 120 in Maths, including one child who achieved a scaled score of 120 in every subject!

Our writing was also formally moderated this year and the moderators said:

*"Your staff really know their subject! They clearly challenge and push the children to achieve their best. A good range of evidence seen including cross curricular. Assessment systems are embedded and children are also clearly using them to promote their own learning. A wonderful morning – thank you!"*

Overall, I am sure you will agree these are absolutely excellent headline results. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to these results throughout the children's time at Junior School. Onwards and upwards!

#### Open Morning Tours

Thank you to Harry J, Katie B, Tessa A, Katie C, Will S, Callam T, Polly H, Freyja M, Connor M, Ronnie H, Megan D, Tabitha H, Emily T, Samuel W, George C, Ruby W, Joshua H, Max Y, Jasmine S, Will C who proved to be excellent tour guides when we welcomed our new Y3s to the school to look around. They did an excellent job and many were commended on their superb attitudes and manners.

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### Sports Kit amnesty

You may recall a couple of years ago we spent a large amount of money on new competition sports kit for the school. Everyone agreed how smart the children looked in the black and green kit. However, despite our best efforts, over time some pieces of the kit have gone missing. We would like to hold a Sports Kit amnesty and ask everyone to please check wardrobes, cupboards, drawers and under beds! Please return absolutely everything – no questions asked!! We are missing 3 pairs of shorts, 3 skorts, 3 girls' tops, 2 boys' tops, 16 pairs of socks and 5 fleece jumpers.



On the matter of lost property, we have a huge number of unnamed items which we will display at various events next week.

Please also look out for a missing pair of M&S grey shorts age 9-10, which someone has picked up when changing. We have some spare 24 inch waist 'Banner' ones which were clearly left behind when the M&S ones were accidentally taken.

### Final Week

Don't forget we have our Move up Morning on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July. Leavers' Assembly is at 10am on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July and Leavers' Parade at 3:15 on Friday - please come right round on to the playground to give children a huge round of applause as they leave school for the final time. Please note, due to the time of the parade, children will be coming out of school early, so please ensure they are clear about who will be collecting them and where from.

THERE WILL BE NO NIGHT OWLS on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

LAST CHANCE TO BOOK!!! Before and After School Care Booking for SEPTEMBER 2017	
	
To book log into: <a href="http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk">www.schoolinterviews.co.uk</a>	
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Cost: £3 per session per child or £85.00 per child (£2.50/session) only if paying in advance for the whole half-term.	Cost: £8 per session per child or £255 per child (£7.50/session) only if paying in advance for the whole half-term.
Extra charges: There will be an additional charge of £5, invoiced retrospectively, for each 5 minutes or part thereof where children arrive before 8:00am at Early Birds.	Extra charges: There will be an additional charge of £5, invoiced retrospectively, for each 5 minutes or part thereof where children are collected late after 5:45 from Night Owls.
Booking: All sessions must be booked in advance. Refunds available if 48 hours' notice is given via the email address below. If you wish to book additional sessions to those indicated, it is essential to e-mail before your child attends. Office Tel: 01283 247505 Email : <a href="mailto:kjackson@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk">kjackson@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk</a>	
Parents are able to pay for both of these services using childcare vouchers, please enquire at the e-mail address above for more information on the voucher system.	
<b>Please ensure you book in before Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	

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### Year 6 Leavers' Disco

Year 6 are very warmly invited to a Leavers' Disco on Thursday 20th July 6-8pm at Barton Bowls club. A buffet tea, squash and ice cream will be provided. Please contact Friends on [friends@trjs.co.uk](mailto:friends@trjs.co.uk) or see Jayne or Steph with any specific dietary requirements. If any adults are prepared to come for any part of the disco to help supervising we'd be very grateful.

**\*\*Please note all children will need to be accompanied inside the building where you can sign them in and leave a contact number, and they will need collecting from inside the Bowls Club at the end. No children will be allowed to leave unattended\*\***

### Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

You are able to order a DVD copy of the Year 6 Leavers' Assembly on Parentpay for £5 per copy. The DVD will also include photographs from the Leavers' Disco. If your child has a sibling in junior school from September the DVD will be sent home with them. If you have no child remaining in juniors please email [friends@trjs.co.uk](mailto:friends@trjs.co.uk) with a mobile number and you will receive a text you when they are ready to arrange collection / drop off.



### Summer Holiday Opening Hours

	M	T	W	Th	F
w/c Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> July					
Under 5s (9am-10am)		X		X	
Public (10:30 - 12:00)	X	X	X	X	X
w/c Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> Aug					
Under 5s (9am-10am)		X		X	
Public (10:30 - 12:00)	X	X	X	X	X
w/c Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> Aug					
Under 5s (9am-10am)	Bank Holi- day	X		X	
Public (10:30 - 12:00)		X	X	X	X

Public sessions - £1.50 per person

Under 5 sessions - £2 with 1 child,  
£2.50 with 2 children.

### Parent Pay

Please ensure that all balances for dinner money etc. are paid off on ParentPay this weekend. We are required to conclude all of our financial transactions on this system before moving children up into their new classes next year, so it is vital all accounts are cleared.

*Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe*