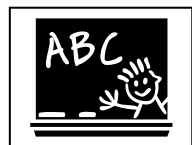


Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mrs S Sharpe

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School Council

Congratulations to the children who have been nominated by their classmates to act as representatives on the School Council this year. Run by Mrs Sharpe and two of our governors - Mrs Cowgill and Mrs Watling, the remit of the School Council is to give our pupils an opportunity to contribute to the decision making processes in school, to take their feedback about what works well and where they would like to see changes and finally to make suggestions regarding fundraising and new purchases for the school - previous projects have included consultation in the installation of lockers, choices over sports kit, the adventure playground and school dinners. School Council representatives are also involved in our staff interview process where possible.

Year 6	Phoebe B	George G	Freyja M	Gabriel L
Year 5	Edison G	Lucy F	Thomas K	Morgan H
Year 4	Ciaran C	Connie W	Harrison R	Chloe P
Year 3	Eleanor M	Noah G	Lily B	Rory J

John Taylor High School - Y6



Mr Twynham, Headteacher at John Taylor High School, would like to offer an opportunity for Y6 children and parents to meet with him at Thomas Russell Junior on Thursday 12th October at 3:30. The session will include a talk by Mr Twynham on the school and an opportunity to ask questions. Please confirm your attendance with a little note in homework diaries, just so we know how many to set up the hall for. Thank you.

Individual Photographs

Don't forget these will take place on Wednesday 4th October. All children and sibling groups will be taken in school throughout the morning. For those with siblings who do not attend TRJS but would like a group photo, you are invited to attend from 8:30am.



Swimming

Thank you to those who have been able to offer their time to act as Eyes for our swimming lessons. We still do not have any offers for Eyes on a Wednesday, so would appreciate more help in order to allow these lessons to go ahead. Thank you.

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You are warmly invited to our first Friends' meeting of the year on Wednesday 4th October. Held once each term, our Friends meetings are a relaxed affair, with cake and a hot drink for the adults to look at forthcoming events, funds raised and how these can be spent on the children.

For the children of parents at the meeting, we offer an hour of free childcare, with cake and a drink too! What more could you want?!?

Do come along and join us whether you're a new parent, one who has been regularly in the past, or one who has thought about it, but not quite found the time.

Steph Cartwright and Jayne Castle are our joint chairs and I can assure you of a very warm and friendly welcome.

Please find attached a 50/50 Club form for parents wishing to join in. See attachment for more information.

I am really pleased to announce that following an application to the Punch Community Charity Fund, we have been awarded £500 towards playground furniture. The new benches will provide the children with more spaces to sit and play. We hope you will be able to see them on the playground very soon. Thank you to Mrs Lindsay (mum of Harrison) for passing the application information to us. If any other parents know of charity funding or grants that are available, we would love to hear about them.



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Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning

We will be holding a coffee morning at 10:30 on Friday 29th September. For parents new to the school, this is a great opportunity to meet new faces and find out a name or two. We do not wish for children to miss out even if they do not have parents attending, so will be running a cake stall for them on the playground asking for a donation of 50p.

In order to make this event a success, we would like to ask for parental support through donations of cakes which should be sent to the office on the Friday morning. We also need a number of helpers for other jobs, please drop a line to Jayne Castle and Steph Cartwright (our joint Friends chairs) on friends@trjs.co.uk if you are available to help with shopping, setting up, cashing up and tidying away.

We look forward to seeing lots of new faces on our first Coffee Morning of the year.

Residential visits for Y4, 5 and 6

Please find attached a letter for all parents which outlines our plans for residential visits for the forthcoming year.

Future dates:

Look out next week on the Newsletter for booking information for our **Parent Consultation** meetings which will take place on **Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th October**. Existing parents will notice we have listened to feedback and made these a couple of weeks later to give a fuller picture of settling in and initial progress, however if you would like to discuss anything now, please do get in touch and we will be happy to talk to you.

Finally if you booked Early Birds or Night Owls for 20th October, this is an INSET Day so children are not at school. You will not have been charged. Thank you.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe

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