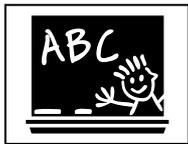


# Thomas Russell Junior School

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## Newsletter



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### Ofsted Inspection - 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018



As you will know, our long awaited visitors called on Monday morning to say they would be with us on Tuesday to conduct a Section 8 inspection.

For those unfamiliar with the Ofsted inspection system - there are two possible options: a Section 5 (full) or a Section 8 (short) inspection.

A Section 5 (2-day) full inspection involves inspectors visiting the school and making judgements on four key areas:

- Effectiveness of leadership and management
- Quality of teaching, learning and assessment
- Personal development, behaviour and welfare
- Outcomes for pupils

The judgement in each of these areas will inform the final grading regarding a school's Overall effectiveness:

- Outstanding
- Good
- Requires Improvement or
- Inadequate.

A Section 8 (1-day) short inspection involves inspectors visiting the school to look at progress since the last inspection, the school's own evaluation of its performance and the effectiveness of safeguarding, but does not result in a change in overall grading.

Schools do not have powers to determine which of the above inspections they receive. In December 2017, changes to the inspection framework removed the possibility of a short inspection being converted to a full inspection within 48h, unless there were concerns about a school.

As a 'Good' school, there are four possible outcomes from a Section 8 inspection:

1. **School remains Good** - Where the lead inspector judges that a school remains Good, they will receive a letter setting out that school remains good and its next steps to work on before the next Section 8 (short) inspection (3-5 years).
2. **School remains Good, with marked improvement** - Where the lead inspector considers that a school remains Good and there is sufficient evidence of strong practice and marked improvement in its performance to believe that the school may be judged Outstanding under a Section 5 inspection if carried out now, they will receive a letter confirming that the school remains good, highlighting the specific areas where particularly strong practice has been evidenced, as well as priorities for further improvement and recommending a Section 5 (full) inspection take place (1-2 years).
3. **School may no longer be Good** - if safeguarding is effective and behaviour is not inadequate, then the school will receive a letter setting out strengths and giving clear areas for improvement. They will receive a Section 5 inspection within one to two years.

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4. **There are serious concerns about safeguarding, behaviour or quality of education.** The short inspection will convert to a Section 5 inspection, usually within 48 hours.

The outcome of our inspection remains confidential until the final letter is received in school, but we look forward to being able to share this with parents in due course.

In the meantime the inspector asked me to pass on his thanks to the number of parents who completed Parent View, to the children, who he described as 'consistently delightful' and to the staff and governors for their warm welcome and commitment to the children of TRJS.

Thank you ☺



### **Easter Eggstravaganza on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

Don't forget to bring your entries for the **Decorated Easter Egg Competition** straight into the hall **from 8:40** on Monday, (no earlier please as we have staff briefing and Early Birds).

Any donations of cakes or treats for our **Easter Coffee Afternoon** will also be gratefully received on that morning.

Coffee Afternoon starts at 2:00 until 3:00. Children with family members here will be able to come into the hall at afternoon break - those who do not have family members here will be included by being able to purchase cakes at the stall on the playground.

Y3 are also hosting their '**Great Easter Bake Off**', cooking biscuits they have planned and created during the morning, ready for tasting on the afternoon!

**Swimming change** - please note, swimming will go ahead each afternoon next week.  
**Year 5 on Monday**, Y4 on Tuesday and Y6 on Wednesday

### **Chasewater Assembly**

Y5 parents - you are warmly invited to our Chasewater Assembly at 2pm on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Children in Y5 and their siblings, who have a family member watching the assembly, will be free to leave at the end of the assembly.

### **Easter Holiday**

***We break up for Easter on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Don't forget that there will be NO NIGHT OWLS running on that evening, however, the last Yoga and Netball will still go ahead. We return to school on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April.***

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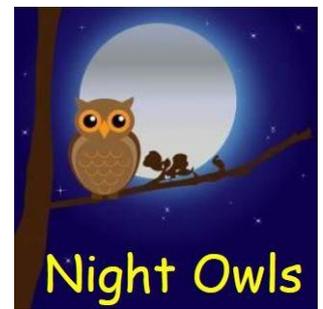


Arrangements for next half term....  
Please remember to log on and book:

[www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk)

Early Birds - 9yhd7

Night Owls - 6bpnc



**It is essential that both clubs are booked by the deadline of Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March to guarantee places.**

Please note Sports Day is on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May.

### School Dinners

Please find attached to this newsletter the new menus for the Summer Term. These have been reviewed taking feedback from the children about their favourite choices and removing a couple of less popular dishes.

Unfortunately, due to increasing food and other costs, Mellors are having to increase the cost of school dinners to **£2.31 per day** from after Easter.

**Dinner Money costs for the half term are £71.61**

Please ensure any **outstanding debts** on Parent Pay are cleared before Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March to allow us to complete our end of financial year procedures.

### Year 6's amazing trip to Cannock Chase museum!

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March, Year 6 went to Cannock Chase museum to learn about WW2, which has been our history topic since Christmas.

There, we examined many artefacts and had to wear gloves for they didn't want us to accidentally break/damage them or put any finger prints on the unique items. Some of the artefacts we looked at were: gas masks, warden helmets, identity cards and ration cards.

Furthermore, we acted out four plays about evacuees. We were all very excited about this as we could understand what happened to young children all around the country and show our friends the plays that we dressed up and worked hard on! One was choosing children at the village hall, one was the teacher telling the children that they were going to be evacuated, one was a happy evacuee experience and the other was an unhappy experience.

As well as this, we were taken into a room which had nine mystery boxes, which were all covered up with a black out curtain. Placing our hand in the boxes, we had to feel and describe the artefact to the other people in the group (a, b, c and d). Some really confused us e.g. the buttons and the washing tweezers!

Thank you to the Friends for supporting the trip and to the parents who helped accompany the visit.

Overall we had a brilliant day!!! By Polly and Harrison

*Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe*

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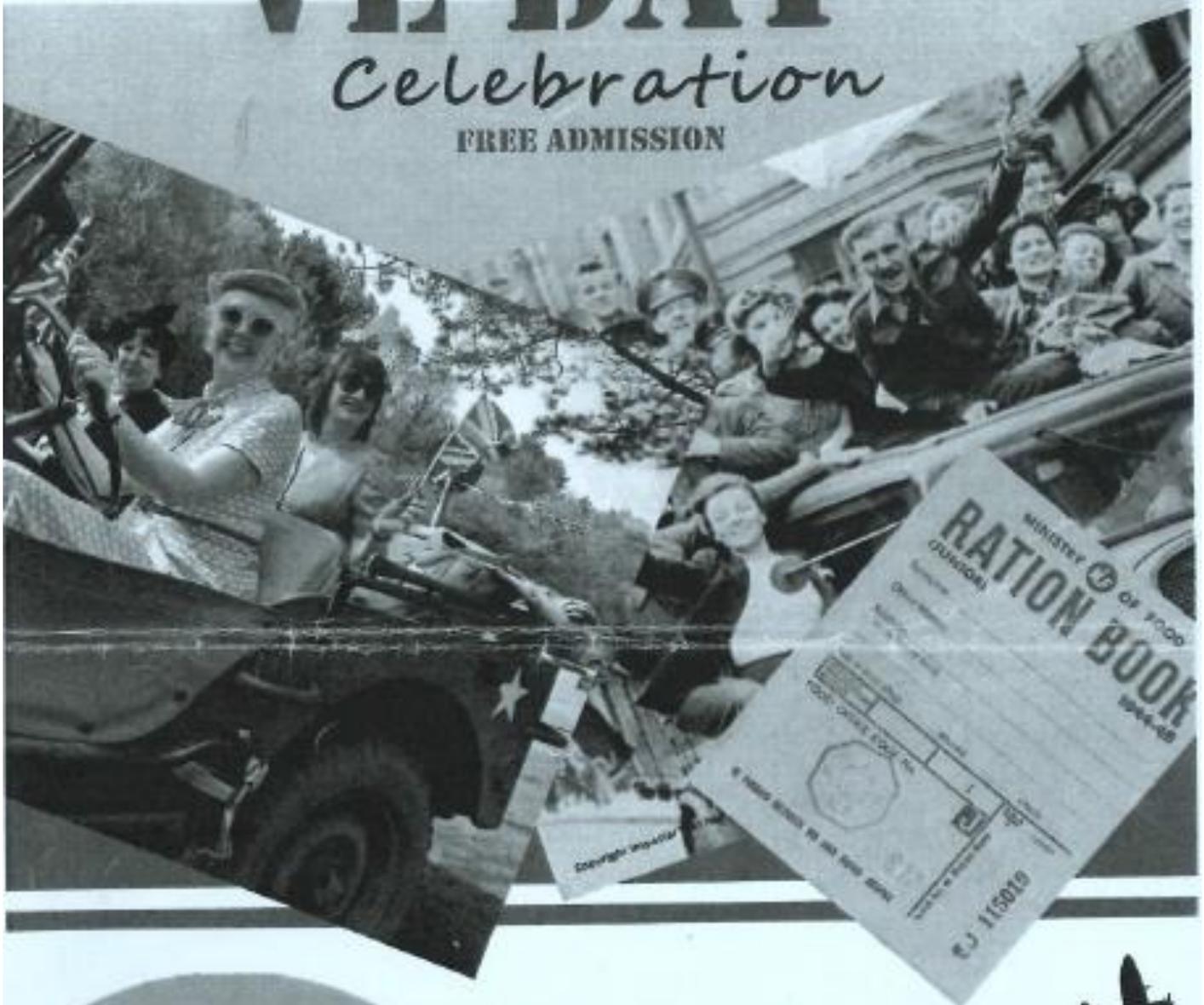
Museum of Cannock Chase



# VE-DAY

## Celebration

FREE ADMISSION



**SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018, 11AM - 4PM**



Buy your ration book programme and use the coupons to join in with a variety of events and activities as we celebrate VE Day. Free entry, small charges for some activities.

There will be re-enactors, vehicles, rationed food, Anderson shelter, One Accord wartime choir, craft activities, Lindy Hop lessons with Dance with me Henry, the Henderson Big Band, Dig for Victory corner, costumed staff and stalls. Why not come dressed as an evacuee, spiv or landgirl?

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