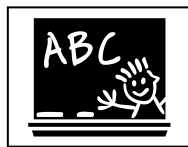


Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mrs S Sharpe

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Ofsted Inspection - March 2018

We are delighted with the outcome of our recent inspection and the recognition it gives for all of the hard work that goes on in school. We are incredibly proud of our pupils and all of their achievements. If you haven't had chance to read it yet - please do take a look. It is attached with today's Newsletter again just in case you missed it.

Extra-Curricular Clubs - Booking for Summer Clubs 2018 opens TODAY.

Please log in to www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using the code: **wn6vz**

To ensure equality of opportunity, all children will be able to select up to two clubs this weekend, then additional availability will be opened up on Monday.

Please select either club 1 or 2 for Science.

Please do not book Cookery if you attended in the Spring Term.

HUGE thanks as always to those staff giving up their free time to offer the fantastic range of clubs.

We feel very privileged to have such a dedicated team who are willing to provide such an interesting a varied range, hopefully ensuring there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Day	Club	Run by	Start & finish time	Dates club is on	Year Group invited
Monday	Cookery **(£10)	Mrs Preston & Mrs Gahagan	3:30 - 4:30	11/6, 18/6, 25/6, 2/7, 9/7	Y4, 5 & 6
Monday	Golf	East Midlands Golf Academy	3:30 - 4:30	TBC	All
Tuesday	Dodgeball	Soccerstars	See separate booking form		
Wednesday	Forest Schools	Mrs Jones	3:30 - 4:30	6/6, 13/6, 20/6, 27/6, 4/7	Postponed from Spring Term
Thursday	Cricket	Miss Marston	3:30 - 4:30	10/5, 24/5, 7/6, 14/6, 21/6, 28/6	All
Thursday	Science (1)	Miss Rounds	3:30 - 4:30	19/4, 26/4, 3/5, 10/5, 17/5	All
Thursday	Science (2)	Miss Rounds	3:30 - 4:30	7/6, 14/6, 21/6, 28/6, 5/7	All
Friday	Skiing and Snowboarding **(£30)	Mrs Sharpe & Qualified Instructors	3:30 - 5:30	8/6, 15/6, 22/6, 29/6, 6/7	All
Friday	Football	Soccerstars	See separate booking form		

****Please look out for further clubs information to follow on Monday****

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Picture News is a resource that we have been using in school for some time. They have now launched a home resource which we are very happy to share with parents.



In our commitment to develop children's critical literacy skills we have teamed up with Picture News to help develop their understanding and appreciation of the news.

Having age-appropriate conversations with your child about the news keeps them interested and informed about what's happening in the world...and you too!

They move from wanting to know what happens in MY world to what is happening in THE world and their place in it.

By having regular conversations about the news you are able to share a whole range of topics and together make more sense of different events, issues and stories.

There are no rules or script to follow but you might want to watch, listen, read and discuss the news selectively.

Some significant news stories can be frightening and you will need to consider what your child can cope with and whether they are developmentally ready to understand certain events. For example, you might decide to listen to the news rather than watch it as there may be images they might find upsetting.

Talking about the major headlines of the day and current affairs is important so that children grow up as global citizens but it's important too to share a variety of fun and exciting news stories from the worlds of sport, entertainment, music, science, etc. as well as local news closer to home.

Here are some quick tips:

- **Initiate** discussions about the news using the Picture News resources.
- **Read and watch** some news stories together from different sources.
- **Find out** what your child knows about the news and explore their understanding.
- **Listen** to what your child says and value their opinions.
- **Explain** simply and in a way that makes sense to them.
- **Promote** a habit of enquiry and make asking questions your child's default setting.
- **Help** your child to spot fake news and how to fact-check.
- **Develop** a news habit by accessing the news daily.
- **Defuse** bad news and offer reassurance.
- **Protect** your child from distressing and disturbing news.
- **Avoid** repeated viewings of the same news event.
- **Monitor** your child's exposure to the news.

Discussing the news of the day doesn't have to be formal but can be done naturally and casually in everyday moments such as on the way to school or preparing a meal.

The important thing is to keep the conversation going about the news and make it a feature of your daily lives.

By working together we can help children become critical consumers of the news so that they are 'news savvy', articulate and confident citizens.

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Term Dates for Next Academic Year 18-19

INSET: Monday 3rd September

Autumn 1: Tuesday 4th September - Thursday 25th October

INSET: Friday 26th October

Autumn 2: Monday 5th November - Friday 21st December

INSET: Monday 7th January

Spring 1: Tuesday 8th January - Friday 15th February

INSET: Monday 25th February

Spring 2: Tuesday 26th February - Friday 12th April

Summer 1: Monday 29th April - Friday 24th May (Sports Day)

Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May

Summer 2: Monday 3rd June - Friday 19th July

INSET: Monday 22nd July

Girls' Football Fun

Just a quick reminder that Barton Rovers Football Club will be running Wildcats (the F.A. initiative to get girls playing football) every Friday this term. It starts on Friday 13th April 5:30pm at Holland Park for girls age 5-11. Barton Rovers also run their club training sessions on Thursday nights at St George's Park. To find out more information, please contact michael.quinlanjones@gmail.com

Some messages from the Friends:



Firstly thank you to all of the parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles who attended the Easter coffee afternoon. We raised £389.65!!

Don't forget...

If you would like to order a Chasewater DVD, then you can do so via ParentPay at a cost of £5 each.

Also...

We are holding our Spring Fair on Wednesday 18th April.

Thank you for all of your kind donations of bottles and chocolates as part of our non-uniform day today.

Any donations of cakes for the refreshments stall will be gratefully received on the day.

Y6 children have been working hard planning and designing their games / stalls, so we hope there will be lots of people who are able to join us and support the fundraising efforts.

Y6 Leavers' hoodies will be available to try on for size and select colour during the Spring Fair. These will cost £13. Payments can be made there and then via cash or cheque or payment can be made on ParentPay after the fair. Deadline for orders is Mon 4th June.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe