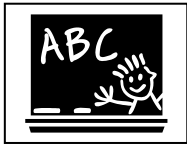


# Thomas Russell Junior School

'An expectation of excellence' ofsted June 2014.



## Newsletter



Issue No. 4

Headteacher: Mrs S Sharpe

29<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### Building works

As you will have seen if you've been down onto the playground to drop off or pick up this week, building work has started on our single mobile classroom. We hope this additional classroom will be available for use by January 2018. It will be a welcome addition to avoid us having to teach in multi-use areas such as the hall, Study room and ICT suite.

From next week, the compound will put much of the staff parking out of commission, so please leave extra time to find a parking space, or if possible park and walk from the marina, the health centre or Holland Sports Club.

### Lifeguard

Children at Thomas Russell Junior are incredibly privileged to have Barton Aquadome right on their doorstep. Since winning National Lottery funding nearly ten years ago, we have worked tirelessly to ensure the children have year-round access to this superb facility, but also to promote community use through hiring for swimming lessons and parties, and public sessions (as well as some firefighter training, canoe safety and even scuba diving!)

Finding lifeguards for so many booking can sometimes prove a challenge. If you know of anyone who has a lifeguarding qualification who might be interested in ad-hoc work then we would be delighted to hear from them.



Parent Workshop - Don't forget we will be holding our Children's Emotional Wellbeing Workshop on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 3:30pm - 4:45pm for Parents / Carers and Junior School pupils. For more information see last week's Newsletter. There are still a few places left, if you wish to book please visit

[www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk) and enter code: **8spm6**

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

It was wonderful to see such generous donations to our coffee morning arriving in school this morning - the selection was absolutely mouth-watering!

Thank you also to everyone who braved the rain or sent children with money to buy cakes. We had a super turn out and I am pleased to inform you that we raised a stunning £409.50 at the coffee morning to send to Macmillan Cancer Support, plus further money raised at two after school cake sales.

Our team of 'Friends' were awesome yet again; setting up the coffee morning, delivering trays of cakes to each classroom, organising the raffle and tidying the hall after the event. TRJS wouldn't be the same without you all - thank you!

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Parent Consultations will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October between 4.00 and 7.00 p.m. Please see last week's Newsletter for more details, but if you have yet to book please visit [www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk) and enter code: **hb6eg**

### **Site Technician**

It is with great sadness that I have to tell you that Mr Harper, our Site Technician will be leaving us. His window cleaning business is really taking off and with two little boys at home too, there just aren't quite enough hours in the day to fit everything in! We are therefore looking to appoint an enthusiastic and willing replacement. The role covers the school and swimming pool. Full training is available.

Working hours - 7:30 - 9:00am and 3:00 - 6:00pm

*Flexible dependent on the needs of the school and open to negotiation.*

We are looking for:

- a visible and respected addition to our school community.
- pro-active identification of tasks and areas for school improvement.
- a good role model, keen to work with the children in helping to improve the school environment (such as planting and recycling).
- a self-motivated person, who is able to work under their own direction and use their initiative, as well as follow instructions.
- someone able to liaise effectively with other staff at all levels.
- a person willing to undertake training for the task of pool maintenance.
- a committed and conscientious individual with high expectations of themselves.
- someone who wants to take personal pride in the school environment and its appearance, understanding that a school's appearance is a fundamental part of its wider success and a reflection of themselves.

*This School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people / vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.*

*This position is subject to a criminal records check from the Disclosure and Barring Service (formerly CRB) which will require you to disclose details of all unspent and unfiltered spent reprimands, formal warnings, cautions and convictions in your application form.*

Closing date for applications is Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 9:30am.

Interviews will be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

For more information and a job description / application form please visit our website, contact the school directly on [headteacher@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk) or search via [www.wmjobs.co.uk](http://www.wmjobs.co.uk)

### **Governor's Corner**

#### **Why should I stand for Parent Governor?**

At TRJS, we are proud that every decision we make has the children at its very heart.

Should you become a parent governor you will have a very interesting and responsible role with the opportunity to make a difference - not only for your own children - but for children in years to come, and to influence the way in which school works with them.

Becoming a part of our Governing body means you will be able to use your own life experiences to influence any Strategic decisions made. There will also be many training opportunities available to you which will help you to develop and enhance your new governor skills.

As a Parent Governor you will be in a unique position. You will be working in the best interests of the school and balancing this with your own natural desire to see the best outcomes for your own children.

If you are interested in the role, find out more by contacting [governors@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:governors@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk)

If you wish to submit a nomination and become a part of our team, please do so before the closing date of 9.30am on 9th October 2017.

Elaine Watling - Vice Chair of the Governing Body.

*Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe*

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