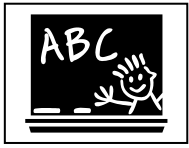


# Thomas Russell Junior School

'An expectation of excellence' ofsted June 2014.



## Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mrs S Sharpe

13<sup>th</sup> October 2017

### Harvest Assembly

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Harvest Assembly today. We were treated to a special Harvest News report from Junior Jotters interspersed with a wealth of Harvest themed songs. Thank you to Miss Murfin and Junior Jotters for taking a lead on this. This year's choir are already proving themselves to be a united force and demonstrate great commitment to their performance. Thanks also to all those that donated dried and tinned products which will be collected next week by the YMCA and distributed to help people in the local area who are experiencing difficulties.



### Be Bright, Be Seen

On Monday we held a 'Be Bright, Be Seen' assembly to remind children about the importance of being visible when out and about, particularly with the darker nights approaching.

Your child will have brought home a reflective badge that can be attached to their school bag or coat. Please help your child in positioning the badge so that it is visible.

We have also sent home a travel diary. We would like to encourage all children to walk to school. Whilst we are aware that it is not always possible for the children to walk to school from home, we would like to remind them that cars can be parked a 10 minute walk away from school so that they can walk part of the way. As well as this forming part of a healthy lifestyle, we would like to reduce the traffic congestion around the school area.

If you would like more advice on road safety for children check out the Think! website for information and fun interactive games.

[www.think.direct.gov.uk/education/early-years-and-primary/pupils/over-7s/](http://www.think.direct.gov.uk/education/early-years-and-primary/pupils/over-7s/)

[questions@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:questions@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk)

Question: "Hi, I think I'm right in saying that girls aren't allowed their hair down at school, does this include a half up and half down hairstyle please? Thanks"

Answer: You are right, children are not allowed their hair down at school if it is long enough to tie up.

The half up, half down style is often adopted by children when their hair isn't quite long enough to go up completely. If children's hair is long enough to all tie up, then we do ask them to do so.

There are a number of reasons for this:

Firstly, it removes the temptation to play with it during lessons times and helps to ensure children can see their work clearly.

Secondly, it helps with health and safety around play equipment and in practical lessons such as DT and Science.

Thirdly it helps to reduce / stop the spread of headlice which are thankfully now a very rare occurrence in school, rather than a weekly visitor!

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## Halloween Menu - Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Sausages or Quorn sausages, curly fries, baked beans or corn on the cob.  
Jacket Potatoes with a choice of two fillings  
Ghoulish ghost biscuits and custard

If you would like your child to have school dinners on this day, please pay on ParentPay and message [kjackson@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:kjackson@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk)

## Children's Wellbeing Workshop

Thank you to all of the families who joined us on Tuesday evening for our workshop. Our guest presenter, Simon Bentley, was very engaging and made an interesting and sensitive topic, accessible and entertaining. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive and we hope to have all taken something useful from the evening. Thank you to Mrs Brammer for the cheese whirls and flapjack - yummy!

## Parent Consultations

Most parents have now booked to attend our Parent Consultations next week. If you still require an appointment, please call the school office on 01283 247505. Appointments are 10 minutes long and we request that you respect other parents in ensuring you keep within your time. If you require a longer appointment please let us know and we can arrange this outside of Parent Consultations.

## INSET Day

Don't forget we break up for half term on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Children are **not** at school on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> as it is an INSET Day, but staff are in school, so do not be fooled by the fact there are cars in the car park! We come back to school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

I would like to remind parents that children should be on the playground when the bell goes at 8:50. Coats are absolutely essential every day.

## Early Birds and Night Owls - booking for Autumn 2



Please log on to:  
[www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk)  
to book for Autumn 2 - Early Birds and Night Owls using the codes below. Please note additional charges applied for early drop off and late pick up.

EB - ssmcf

NO - fjtck

There will be no Night Owls on the last day of term (i.e. 19<sup>th</sup> December)



*Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe*