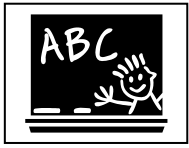


Thomas Russell Junior School

'An expectation of excellence' ofsted June 2014.



Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mrs S Sharpe

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Parent Governor

Following announcements before half term, we have one vacancy for a Parent Governor at Thomas Russell Junior School. If there are any parents who are interested in taking on this role, then please contact any member of the Governing Body or e-mail governors@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk

If you would like to stand for election, you will find attached to the Newsletter e-mail a Governor Nomination Form which should be completed and forwarded to Mrs Sharpe by 9:30am on Monday 13th November.

Does your child have a verruca?

We have had a report of a couple of children suffering from recurring verrucae when using the swimming pool. I would like to remind parents that if children have a verruca, they should be wearing an appropriate verruca sock to protect and prevent the spread of these to other pool users.



Site Technician



Sadly we were unable to appoint a Site Technician in our previous round of interviews. If you know of anyone who may find the job vacancy interesting, then please do forward the attached details on to them. We are very much looking for someone to join the energetic and vibrant team of staff at TRJS and any training or support would be easily available.

Paddington 2

Following our announcement in the last Newsletter, I am pleased to confirm further details regarding the Paddington 2 visit to the Red Carpet Cinema which is being arranged by the Friends. We are asking for a contribution of £2 towards costs. The trip will include walking to the cinema, watching the film and refreshments. If you wish for your child to be included please log in to Parent Pay and make payment. Children who do not wish to attend will remain in school.

The deadline to sign up is Monday 13th November.



Christmas Cards

As you will know, before the holiday the children had an opportunity to design a card for Christmas. Designs and order forms have been sent home today with the children. Please find each item on Parent Pay and ensure online payments corresponds to the written order form. The deadline for orders is Monday 13th November.

Receive Newsletters by e-mail, or ask a question: questions@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk



Parent Forum

Please see below information regarding our Parent Forum which was circulated in the last Newsletter. We have five parents who have expressed an interest in taking part and are really grateful to them for their enthusiasm, but to make it really work as effectively as possible, we could do with many more volunteers. We would like to ensure we have a cross section of opinions and views from parents in all year groups and classes. We would urge you to consider if this is something you could give your time to, just 3 times a year, as we find them an invaluable opportunity to discuss the direction of the school and any changes, developments and ideas. Thank you.

For many years now at Thomas Russell Junior, we have run a very effective and productive Parent Forum. We would now like to extend a warm invite to parents to form the new Parent Forum for this academic year; whether you are new to the school, a previous volunteer or just have some great suggestions that you think could help us to get even better.

The remit of the Parent Forum is to focus on whole school improvement and wider issues. It is an opportunity to gauge parental opinion on a range of aspects of school and to take feedback from both members and the wider parent body.

You can keep up to date with current topics and progress of the Parent Forum, via our noticeboard in the entrance hall and the Parent Forum section of the website. If you have an individual or personal issue / comment, we would still encourage you to come directly to us, either through your child's class teacher or to myself, in order that we may be able to discuss and address this as quickly as possible.

We are asking parents to e-mail an 'Expression of Interest' to '[questions@](mailto:questions@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk)' if they would be interested in forming part of the Parent Forum. We hope to get at least two representatives from each class, to give a forum of sixteen parents plus governor and staff representation. We intend that the Parent Forum will meet 3 times during the year, once per term. These meetings will be during the school day, starting at 9:00am and lasting approximately 60 minutes. The dates have been set as:

Wednesday 22nd November, Wednesday 31st January and Wednesday 13th June.

We would also welcome your input if you have an item that you would like discussed at the Parent Forum, but do not wish to be a representative. We already have a couple of topics for discussion that have been raised, but the more the merrier!

The deadline for expressing an interest is Wednesday 15th November. Names of those parents attending the Parent Forum will go on the weekly Newsletter on Friday 17th November.

We really hope you will consider joining the Parent Forum and can assure you of a warm reception.



Finally, we will be holding our Christmas Disco at school on Friday 1st December.

This does mean there will be no choir on this evening, which had previously been planned.

Tickets for the disco are £5 per child.

4:30 - 6:00 - Lower School (Y3 & 4)

6:00 - 7:30 - Upper School (Y5 & 6)

Price includes a hot dog, drink and sweets.

Please, no coats and no mobile phones at the disco.

If you would like your child to attend, please make a booking via Parent Pay by Mon 20th Nov.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe