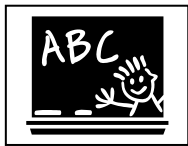


Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



Issue No. 10

Headteacher: Mrs S Sharpe

17th November 2017

Free School Meals

Could your family be entitled to free school meals?

Taking up 'Free School Meals' does not mean that your child has to have a school dinner every day. Parents and children are still able to choose if they would like to bring sandwiches on some or all days, or if they only want a school dinner on special occasions such as Christmas.

School meals for a year cost approximately £400 which could be a significant saving to families.

www.staffordshire.gov.uk Click on 'Apply', then click on 'Free School Meals'

The application takes less than 5 minutes.

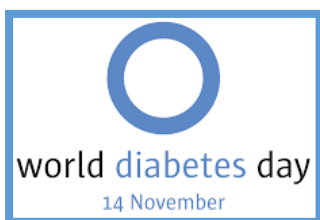
Once parents have shown eligibility, the school receives **significant additional funding** related to the number of children registered for free school meals. This is called Pupil Premium (PP) money.

Schools **must** use this money to help raise attainment.

At TRJS we use PP money to help fund **the three-class split**. This benefits all children!

It also indirectly helps us **support residential trips** for those children who would not otherwise be able to join in. It really helps the school and all children if eligible parents would **please register** for free school meals. Thank you for your support.

Dress to impress



Thank you to all of those who supported our charity days this week. I was so impressed by our children who spoke in assembly on Monday to help raise awareness of diabetes. We raised £242.95 on this day, and the Infants kindly agreed to pool money raised there too, giving us a total of £405.95. This is being shared between Diabetes UK and Derbyshire Children's Hospital paediatric diabetes department.

Today, we also supported Children in Need. The school was alive with a whole rainbow of colour for the day, and thanks to your generosity again we were able to raise £275 for Children in Need.



I would like to remind parents that dogs are not allowed on to school premises. We have noticed a few are being brought / carried on to the playground at the end of the school day. This is an incredibly busy time of day and we do not want any accidents, due to dogs either getting trodden on or being overwhelmed by lots of children getting too close to them. As a village of dog lovers, I know it can be hard to understand that some children (and adults!) are scared of dogs, but a little extra awareness would be greatly appreciated. Thanks.



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.

Spring Cleaning (in November!)

We are holding our Reading Book Spring Clean on Thursday 30th November and would really appreciate your help. Please drop a line to [questions@](mailto:questions@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk) or let Mrs Sharpe know if you are able help. Thank you.



Parent Forum

Thank you to our volunteers for Parent Forum – we look forward to meeting with you all next week. If you cannot make the meeting, but would like to add an item to the agenda, we will happily discuss any item raised.

Please e-mail questions@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk

Diary Dates for Autumn 2017

Tues 21 st Nov	pm	Y6 to JTHS Matinee performance (may be a few minutes late back to school)
Wed 22 nd Nov	9:00 – 10:30	Parent Forum
	pm	JTHS Science Masterclass for all Y6 at TRJS
Wed 29 th Nov	9:00	Rev. Andrew Ridley visiting for assembly
Thur 30 th Nov	am	Selected Y5 @ JTHS Maths Masterclass
	am	Reading Scheme Spring Clean
Fri 1 st Dec	Y3&4: 4:30 – 6:00 Y5&6: 6:00 – 7:30	Christmas Disco Includes: hot dog, drink, sweets and lots of dancing! Please no coats or mobile phones.

Fri 8 th Dec	pm and eve	Christmas Concert at Lichfield Cathedral with choir.
Tues 12 th Dec	By 9:00	Bags 2 School collection
Wed 13 th Dec	lunch	Christmas Dinner (see attached letter)
Mon 18 th Dec	9:30	Big Awards
	1:45	Christmas Service at St. James' Church Children can be taken straight from service (2:45ish)
	Y5&6 - 8:55 Y3&4 - 10:40	Friends trip to Paddington 2
Tue 19 th Dec	End of Term Reports NO NIGHT OWLS	
Thur 4 th Jan	8:50	Back to School

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe