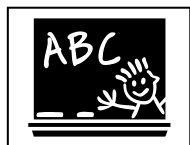


Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



Issue No. 8

Headteacher Mrs S Sharpe

24th October 2014

Parent Forum

Thank you very much to all of the parents expressing an interest in forming part of the Parent Forum. We hope that by continuing the Parent Forum we will be able to build on the positive accomplishments from the last few years and continue to move forward together. We are keen to work together with parents to address our key areas from Ofsted which will help us to move our school closer to Outstanding.

I am pleased to say we are able to offer a place to all those who are interested in joining Parent Forum. The membership of the forum is as follows:

Class	Parent Representative (Child)	Parent Representative (Child)
3G	Katie Johnson (Harry)	
3M	Jill Kabrich (Ryan)	
4R	Esther Ashton (Jacob)	Lisa Jones (Niamh)
4E	Karen Leyland (Sol)	Catherine Hudson (Alice)
5B	Jane Budge (Maisie)	Ann Smith (Juliette)
5M	Sam Cowgill (Jack)	Zoe Evitts (Reeve)
6P	Gill Wood (Jake)	Marcella Bagnall (Oliver)
6D	Stuart Bavester (Evan)	

If there are any other parents who would like to join us, please get in touch – we are always keen to welcome more members.

Staffing Update

I am pleased to inform parents that following a successful interview yesterday, we have appointed Mrs Stacey Sanders to teach in Y6.

Mrs Sanders joins us from Perry Beeches Junior School in Birmingham. She has experience teaching Y6 children and also running Booster intervention to support with preparation for SATs. Mrs David supported SLT and Governors with the appointment process. We were pleased with the quality of teaching we saw and also Mrs Sanders demonstrated a good understanding of the requirements of Y6 and the necessity to 'hit the ground running' with the children being at such a crucial point in their education.

Mrs Sanders will be visiting a number of times during the next half term to get to know the children and ensure she has all the planning and assessments in place to facilitate a smooth takeover.

I would also like to inform parents that following a successful interview Mr Rudge will be leaving us to move to another school. We know he will be missed by the children, parents and the football team - you'll have to work hard to keep your place at top of the league now as Mr Rudge wanted to win the treble this year!

We will begin our recruitment process after half term and will keep parents and children updated with as much information as possible.

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

Dinner and Breakfast Club Arrangements

Apologies for the confusion caused last week.
Mrs Jackson does not have a dot in her e-mail:
kjackson@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk

You can also send messages regarding dinners electronically via ParentPay by selecting 'I want to' from the Home screen, then 'View communication' then 'Contact School'
For those who wish to upload enough credit for dinners for the half term, the cost will be £73.50.

Breakfast Club - You can also add communication regarding Breakfast Club using the same system.

The cost is either £63 for the half term or £2 per session. Sessions must be booked in advance so we know which children we are expecting.

Governor information

Following 8 years of very dedicated and active service as a Governor of the school, we were sad to see the departure of David Oates from our Governing Body. He has been a driving force supporting the effective financial organisation of the school for all of that time. He has also been key in his position as Leadership and Management Governor, which is pivotal to the Performance Management committee. His voice of reason and ability to ask challenging and searching questions on all matters will be missed. Thank you David.

Unfortunately, due to significant changes in his working responsibilities and extended periods working away from home, David Hawsworth has been unable to retain his position on the Governing Body. We would like to thank him too for his contributions regarding Health and Safety.

I wrote a few weeks ago to inform parents of a vacancy on the Governing Body. Following our meeting last night, you can see we now have 3 vacancies, but are yet to receive any nominations.

We know we have 4 or 5 parents who have expressed an interest. Please do get in touch or look on the website to find more information.

You will find a September 14 Overview for the Governing Body and a nomination form on the school website.

Parents' Information > Get Involved >
Being a Governor

The closing date for nominations is Monday 17th November 2014. In the event of more nominations than vacancies, it may be necessary to hold an election. If this is the case, then further information will be circulated to parents. Parents / carers with a child at the school are eligible to stand for parent election. The term of office is four years. Governors may be required to undergo a DBS check.

Diary Dates

Mon 3 rd Nov	8:50	Back to school
Tues 4 th & Wed 5 th Nov		Y5 Cycling Proficiency Training
Mon 10 th Nov	6:00	Friends Meeting
Fri 14 th Nov	3:45 – 4:45	Children in Need – Non uniform day Autumn Fair
Wed 19 th Nov	9:00	Parent Forum Meeting
Fri 19 th Dec		Break up for Christmas
Mon 5 th Jan	8:50	Back to School

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe