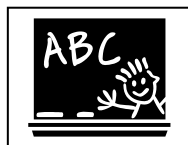


Thomas Russell Junior School

'An expectation of excellence' ofsted June 2014.



Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mrs S Sharpe

5th January 2018

Extra-Curricular Clubs - Booking for Spring Clubs 2018 opens TODAY.

Please log in to www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using the code: vrhf2

To ensure equality of opportunity, all children will be able to select up to two clubs this weekend, then additional availability will be opened up on Monday.

Please select either club 1 or 2, not both, for Archery, Yoga or Forest Schools.

Please do not book Cookery if you attended in the Autumn Term with Mrs Gahagan.

HUGE thanks as always to those staff giving up their free time to offer the fantastic range of clubs.

We feel very privileged to have such a dedicated team who are willing to provide such an interesting a varied range, hopefully ensuring there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Day	Club	Run by	Start & finish time	Dates club is on	Year Group invited
Monday	Cookery (£10)	Mrs Preston & Miss Rounds	3:30 - 4:30	15/1 22/1 29/1 5/2 12/2	Y4, 5 & 6
Monday	Handball	Burton Albion	3:30 - 4:30	8/1 15/1 22/1 29/1 5/2 12/2	All
Tuesday	Topical Talk (thinking / debating / philosophy)	Mrs Rollins	lunchtime	weekly	All
Wednesday	Archery 1 (£15)	Miss Press	4:15 - 5:15	10/1 17/1 24/1 31/1 7/2	All
Wednesday	Archery 2 (£15)	Mrs Vardy	4:15 - 5:15	14/2 28/2 7/3 14/3 21/3	All
Archery takes place at Rosliston Forestry Centre * own transport required *					
Wednesday	Forest Schools 1	Mrs Jones & Mr Bradley	3:30 - 4:45	10/1 17/1 24/1 31/1 7/2	All
Wednesday	Forest Schools 2	Mrs Jones & Mr Bradley	3:30 - 4:45	14/2 28/2 7/3 21/3 28/3	All
Wednesday	Netball	Mrs David	3:30 - 4:30	28/2 7/3 14/3 21/3 28/3	Y5 & 6
Wednesday	Yoga 1	YogaBugs & Mrs Gahagan	3:30 - 4:30	17/1 24/1 31/1 7/2 14/2	All
Wednesday	Yoga 2	YogaBugs & Mrs Gahagan	3:30 - 4:30	28/2 7/3 14/3 21/3 28/3	All
Thursday	Football Club	Miss Marston	3:30 - 4:30	15/3 22/3 12/4 (play all 3 weeks)	Y5 & 6
Thursday	Science	Miss Press & Miss Murfin	3:30 - 4:30	1/3 8/3 15/3 22/3	Invitation
Friday	Choir	Mrs Sharpe	3:30 - 4:30	5/1 12/1 19/1 26/1 2/2 9/2 16/2 2/3	All

Please note really carefully the dates that clubs are running as this is a **really** busy term with Parent Consultations, Residential Visits for Y4 and Y5 as well as Choir performances at Young Voices, Birmingham Symphony Hall and JTHS All Shook Up!

**** Charges for Cookery and Archery will be added to ParentPay at the end of next week ****

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Mrs Gahagan is writing the next chapter...

It is with great sadness that I have to tell you that Mrs Gahagan has tendered her resignation and will be taking (very!) early retirement from Easter this year.

As I'm sure you can imagine her retirement will be such a huge loss to the school, which will be felt by staff, governors, parents and children alike and I am desperately sad to be losing my shadow / work husband / partner in crime.

Mrs Gahagan says the last six years at Thomas Russell Junior School have been wonderfully rewarding but she is now very much looking forward to living life at a slower pace and keeping to a timetable of her own making.

Whilst I know you will share in our sadness, I also know you will share in our gratitude and appreciation of her outstanding contributions and achievements both for and with the school over the last six years. We wish her health and happiness as she prepares for the next chapter in her adventures.

Parent Consultations

We will be holding Parent Consultations on Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th February. Appointments will be available from 4:00 – 7:00.

Booking codes for appointments will be on the Newsletter next Friday.

Term Dates 2018 to 2019

Spring 1: Thursday 4th January – Friday 16th February

Spring 2: Monday 26th February – Wednesday 28th March

INSET: Thursday 29th March

Summer 1: Thursday 12th April – Friday 25th May (Sports Day)

Bank Holiday: Monday 7th May

INSET: Monday 4th June

Summer 2: Tuesday 5th June – Friday 20th July

Next Academic Year 18-19

INSET: Monday 3rd September

Autumn 1: Tuesday 4th September – Thursday 25th October

INSET: Friday 26th October

Autumn 2: Monday 5th November – Friday 21st December

INSET: Monday 7th January

Spring 1: Tuesday 8th January – Friday 15th February

INSET: Monday 25th February

Spring 2: Tuesday 26th February – Friday 12th April

Summer 1: Monday 29th April – Friday 24th May (Sports Day)

Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May

Summer 2: Monday 3rd June – Friday 19th July

INSET: Monday 22nd July

Welcome

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Mr Bradley, our new site supervisor. Mr Bradley will be helping out Mrs Jones with Forest Schools Club and getting to know the children – please do say hello if you see him.

You may have noticed already he has made a super start in getting the grounds looking very tidy and even created a new habitats area for the children to learn from.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe

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