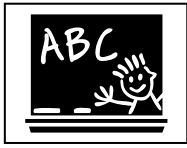


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Newsletter



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Young Voices 2018

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On Monday 8th January, we took 106 children on the most amazing trip to Genting Arena. The children were to join a huge choir of over 6,000 children to perform a whole host of songs that they had been learning since September.

The afternoon was spent working with a professional and world renowned conductor, rehearsing together, watching some great dance performances, enjoying a picnic and copious numbers of visits to the toilet!
At 5pm, 124 parents joined us at the arena for a most magnificent concert. The children were an absolute credit to us and their parents, and were even complimented by neighbouring schools which was really lovely. Their behaviour was impeccable, they threw themselves so enthusiastically into the singing and dancing and had a most memorable evening.

Thank you to the 11 members of staff who accompanied the visit as it wouldn't have been possible without you. We have received some lovely letters, e-mails, photographs, chocolates and flowers to thank us. We do it for the children (and thoroughly enjoy it ☺), but these little extra touches that let us know our efforts are appreciated are really very thoughtful – thank you.

Parent Consultations

We will be holding Parent Consultations on Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th February. Appointments are available from 4:00 – 7:00. Please log in to www.schoolinterviews.co.uk

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We will be holding our next **Friends'** meeting on Wednesday 24th January from 3:30 - 4:30.

Refreshments will be provided and we will also be running a 'crèche' for children of parents who are attending the meeting.

Please do come along and support the amazing work of the Friends' committee. If you can't make this meeting but have something you would like to contribute, then please email friends@trjs.co.uk or contact 'Friends of TRJS' on Facebook.

There are a few remaining Friends' 2018 Calendars. These make a lovely keepsake featuring your child and their friends, as well as an excellent birthday reminder each month! Purchases can be made on ParentPay - £6 for one, or £5 each when buying more than one.

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

Spelling mistake

I would like to offer our unreserved apology for the spelling error which occurred in the homework this week.

Basically, whilst teachers **frantically** search for resources, they **occasionally** download documents from reputable educational websites (#Twinkl) which **actually** include errors. **Tragically** teachers are **actually** human, and despite our best efforts, sometimes these errors **accidentally** slip through. **Eventually**, we would hope parents would support us with a gentle, polite nudge, so the error could be **magically** rectified, but sadly and rather **dramatically**, we have seen parents take to Facebook to express their dissatisfaction. The only word remaining in the list is **comically**, but it doesn't seem right to use it here.

Safeguarding Information



Parents may recall a little while ago, we shared our concerns with you over Snap Chat, and specifically Snap Maps, which has the facility to track and display children's location at the same time as communicating with potential strangers. Unfortunately, there is another such app called 'IMVU', which is increasing in popularity but again carries very similar risks.



I have included shots of the app to help you identify if it has been downloaded to any devices in your household.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe