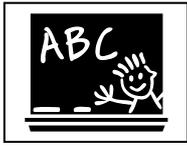


Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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Don't forget 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.

Date change - unfortunately after going to print, we had a request from TRIS to slightly amend INSET days, so the one indicated in the Friends calendar on 21.12.18 has been moved to 7.1.19. Please delete the one on 21.12.18 on your calendar to avoid confusion.

Parent Consultations

Please ensure you have booked yourself an appointment for Parent Consultations on Tuesday 6th or Thursday 8th February from 4:00 – 7:00.

Please log in to www.schoolinterviews.co.uk Enter code: **nvt9h**
Receive instant confirmation of your appointment(s).

Cycling or Scooting to School



As the weather hopefully starts to warm up over the next few weeks, now is a great time to start thinking about how to get a bit more active. Cycling or



Scooting to school can save money on driving and also helps boost daily exercise.

Children are welcome to park their scooters and bikes at the stands just inside the gate. This is locked from 8:50 to 3:20 for increased security. We ask all children to complete an application for a permit which needs to be attached to the bike or scooter - this helps to outline ways in which children can keep themselves safe.

Permit applications can be obtained from the School Office, or on our website:

www.thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk > Parents' Information

We even see a few brave parents and grandparents jumping on a scooter!

They're a surprisingly good workout!

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

Nuffin'

Does your child ever come home from school having learnt nuffin', eaten nuffin' and played nuffin'? Why not try one of our questions below designed to help prompt conversations with your child:

What was the best thing that happened today?

Tell me something that made you laugh today.

If you could choose, who would you like to sit by in class? Why?

Where is the coolest place at the school?

Tell me an interesting word that you heard today.

If I called your teacher tonight what would they tell me about you?

How did you help somebody today?

How did somebody help you today?

Tell me one thing that you learned today.

When were you the happiest today?

What words would your friends use to describe you today?

If an alien spaceship landed on the playground, what would be the first thing you'd show them?

Who would you like to play with at playtime that you've never played with before?

What word did your teacher say most today?

What do you think you should learn more of?

Who is the funniest person in your class? Why?

Who is the kindest / most tolerant person in your class?

What was your favourite part of lunch?

If you were the teacher what would you teach?

If you could be someone else in your class, who would you be and why?

Tell me about three different times you used your pencil today at school.

Or alternatively, play the memory game:

I bet I can remember more about my day than you can about yours!

You'll be amazed how they go from nuffin' to every single detail! It's good to talk.



Helping Hands

Lego Talk

Thursday 25th January - 10:00 - 11:00

Why not come along to our next Helping Hands Coffee Morning? Find out about how we are using 'Lego Talk' in school to help build children's skills in communication and sharing.

A practical session run by Mrs Kerr-Delworth (Lead for Vulnerable Children) and Mrs King (Teaching Assistant).

Learn about how the children work with Lego to improve their communication skills, develop confidence and to support their learning. Please drop us a line to questions@thomasrussell if you would like to attend, or speak to any member of staff.

Parent Forum

We have our next Parent Forum Meeting on Wednesday 31st January at 9am. If you are part of the Forum, then we look forward to seeing you. If you would like to raise an item for the agenda, then please e-mail questions@thomasrussell and we will ensure the matter is discussed. Thank you.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe