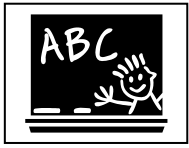


# Thomas Russell Junior School

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## Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mrs S Sharpe

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It was lovely to see lots of smiley faces at our Friends' Meeting this week.

Our Friends have clearly been incredibly busy fundraising. Thank you to **everyone** who has supported with events and purchases over the last few months - Leaver's hoodies, uniform sales, Bags2School, 50/50, Easyfundraising, Christmas Disco, cards, calendars & mugs etc. to boost the Friends' kitty to over £12,000!

We have some very exciting events planned for over the next few weeks and months to continue the superb fundraising efforts, including the Decorated Egg Competition and Coffee Afternoon on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Our Spring Fair with Y6 children running stalls on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April and also plans in the pipeline for Sports Day and the very popular Duathlon!

Friends have also agreed some incredibly generous donations:

- £7,000 towards the Sensory Garden in the playground, which will consist of musical instruments such as glockenspiels and wind chimes, water, sand and other sensory play equipment, some lovely relaxed seating and shaded areas as well as a range of sensory planting, such as lavender, mint and rosemary. This should create a peaceful haven and somewhere calm for the children to relax and escape.
- £3,000 towards our next step in ICT investment - a trolley of 16 Linx tablet computers with detachable keyboards, helping to keep us equipped for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.
- And finally a contribution towards a Y6 visit to Cannock Museum to study WWII in March.

On behalf of myself, the staff and children I would like to say a huge thank you to the Friends!

### **Parent Forum**

**We have our next Parent Forum Meeting on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:questions@thomasrussell) and we will ensure the matter is discussed. Thank you.**

### **JTHS – All Shook Up!**

TRJS Choir have an opportunity to support JTHS students who have been working hard since last September on their Y7, 8 & 9 performance of All Shook Up! We were really proud to hear many of the main roles have gone to ex-Thomas Russell children and look forward to joining them. If choir members wish to attend, then we will be looking for them to commit to all 3 performances. More information will follow closer to the time.

**There will be 3 performances – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm and 7pm.**

**If you wish to come along to see the show, then tickets are available on Parent Pay at a fixed cost of £3.60 per seat (child / adult / concession).**

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There are lots of attachments with the Newsletter this week – please look out for:

Free Tennis coaching sessions

Loads of Library Activities which are free – drumming, crafts, etc.

A38 Barton to Walton Development Plans – a chance to have your say about how a Heritage Lottery Funding grant can be spent to transform Trent Valley.

And finally a questionnaire from Miss Press and Mrs Rollins about your children's talents in out-of-school activities – help us to share and celebrate your child's abilities.

*Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe*