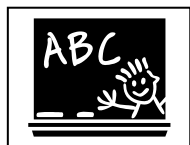


Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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Headteacher Mrs S Sharpe

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Young Voices 2015

I have to start this week's Newsletter with huge congratulations to our choir who were absolutely awesome at the Young Voices concert this week. I think it is probably fair to say a number of parents had underestimated what a phenomenal event it would be and it was difficult for the children who hadn't been before to imagine the scale of it.

The children worked really hard all last term to learn the songs, and their work really paid off. I was very proud of them, as they were brilliantly behaved, worked so hard throughout the rehearsal and really put their heart and soul into the performance. Thank you to Mrs Fowler, Mrs Cozens, Mrs Rumsey and Mr Tricker for accompanying us, and also to Mrs Jackson for her incredible work co-ordinating permissions, coaches, tickets, t-shirts and torches.

Cinderella

Next week John Taylor High School are putting on a production of Cinderella on the evenings of Wednesday 21st January and Thursday 22nd January. The cast consists of students and staff, in fact Mr Holmes and Mr Thorpe who some of our pupils may know from the Maths Master Classes are playing the Ugly Sisters (not to be missed!)

The show starts at 7.30pm, tickets are available from John Taylor High School and cost £3.50 for concessions and £6 for adults. All money raised will be going to Cancer Research (as voted by the cast)

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We had a surprisingly low uptake for our extra-curricular clubs this term and unfortunately have had to take the decision to combine and/or cancel some. Please look out for your child's bright green letter containing information.

Friend's Meeting

Don't forget the next Friend's meeting on Monday 19th January at The Three Horseshoes at 7:30pm.

Diary Dates

Thurs 22 nd Jan	am	Mr Holmes from JTHS in Y6 - Maths
Wed 4 th Feb	9:00	Parent Forum
Fri 13 th Feb	3:30	Break up from school
Mon 23 rd Feb	8:50	Back to school
Mon 23 rd & Tues 24 th Feb	4:00 – 7:00	Parent Consultations
Mon 9 th Mar	3:30	Parent Workshop - Literacy
Mon 16 th Mar – Fri 20 th Mar		Y5 Chasewater Residential
Thurs 2 nd Apr	3:30	Break up for Easter
Mon 20 th Apr	8:50	Back to school
Thurs 30 th Apr – Fri 1 st May		Y4 Whitemoor Lakes Residential
Mon 4 th May		Bank Holiday
Mon 11 th - Thur 14 th May		SATs Assessment Week
Fri 22 nd May	3:30	Break up from school
Tues 2 nd June	8:50	Back to school
Wed 1 st July – Fri 3 rd July		Y6 PGL Residential
Fri 17 th July	3:15	Leavers' Parade and break up for Summer.

Further information about specific events will follow closer to the time.

Best wishes,
Mrs Sharpe

Dear Parent

APPOINTED GOVERNOR VACANCY – FINANCIAL SKILLS

There is currently a vacancy for a person to be co-opted onto the Governing Body.

In making such an appointment governors have a duty to seek people with relevant skills. 'Relevant skills' is broadly defined and can, for example, mean the skill to learn. However, the one area where pre-existing skills are most required is finance. This is to ensure that governors understand and interpret the full detail of the financial and performance data available. We currently need an additional person with such skills.

Although we are not required to make an appointment from within the existing school community we would prefer to do so if possible. Parents with a financial background are therefore invited to submit an application. Anyone interested in serving on the governing body in such a capacity is invited to submit a brief statement providing details about themselves and their experience in the financial world.

Please be aware that, in common with most TRJS committees, Finance holds morning meetings at 8.00 a.m. All governors are also members of the Strategy committee, which meets in the evening at 6.00 p.m. and the governing body also meets in the evening at 7.00 p.m. Meetings are held termly. Obviously, having the time to attend all (or at least most) meetings is an important part of being a governor.

Please contact Mrs Sharpe or myself if you would like any further information or discussion. Applications should be submitted to the school office by 9.00 am on Friday 30 January. If governors are able to agree an appointment then the person selected will be invited to the governing body meeting to be held on Thursday 5 February.

Best wishes,
Terry Wells
(Chair of Governing Body)