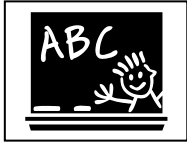


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Headteacher: Mrs S Sharpe

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Sports Day

Thank you for your support and understanding over the decision to cancel Sports Day today. Despite it seeming like an odd decision in baking hot sunshine on Thursday afternoon, forecasts were clearly correct and it would have been impossible to go ahead.

There is a significant amount of work that goes in to organising Sports Day, so we have made the decision to rearrange for **Friday 15th June**.

The timings of the day will be exactly as previously published and (with the exception of absent pupils) it is expected children will participate in the same events they were previously signed up to do.

Teacher Appointment

I am pleased to inform parents that yesterday we successfully appointed a new teacher to our team of staff at Thomas Russell Junior School.

Mrs Khalid, who joins us from September 2018, is a very experienced teacher. She is currently teaching at a school in Kuwait, having spent a number of years at the beginning of her career at various schools in London. She is returning to the area with her husband (also a teacher) and young family to be nearer to relatives.

Mrs Khalid's appointment brings us back up to the 12 teachers required to facilitate our 3 class split for core subjects in all year groups next year. Sadly, Governors have had to make the difficult decision that this is likely to be the last year in which we are able to accommodate such a structure. We are expecting to return to just two classes in at least one year group if not two for September 2019. We have always known the 3 class split with numbers as low as 20 children in classes has been a luxury, but unfortunately, it is not financially sustainable on a permanent basis.

Half term

We break up for the half term holiday today and children return on TUESDAY 5th JUNE.



Bookings for Early Birds and Night Owls for Summer 2

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Early Birds' event code: **js7ua**

Night Owls' event code: **5z6cb**

There will **not** be Night Owls on the last day of the Summer Term (20th July).



Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe

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