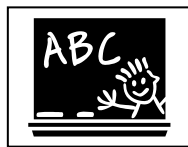


# Thomas Russell Junior School

'Pupil's welfare and well-being are at the heart of the school's work' Ofsted March 2018.



## Newsletter



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11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

### Happy New Year!

*It was lovely to see so many smiling faces returning to school on Tuesday this week - and a lot of children who have clearly had a growth spurt over the break!*

*It seems the longer holiday has helped the children to return to school switched on and raring to go - I've given out far more Headteacher's Awards than is normal in the first week of term, so well done for all of the hard work!*

*We also enjoyed a lovely Big Award Assembly today - congratulations to those children praised for outstanding efforts and progress during Autumn 2018.*

### Extra-Curricular Clubs - Booking for Spring Clubs 2019 opens TODAY.

Please log in to [www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk) using the code: x33fs

To ensure equality of opportunity, all children will be able to select up to two clubs this weekend, then additional availability will be opened up on Monday.

Please select either club 1 or 2, not both, for Art & Boccia / Curling.

**HUGE thanks as always to those staff giving up their free time to offer the fantastic range of clubs.**

You will also spot a new club which two parents have kindly offered to run this term - Art & Craft 3D heroes. The plan looks really exciting and once you have signed up you will receive a little more information about the structure of the course. The children will be creating a 3D model using a range of techniques over the coming weeks, and will also be planning an exhibition to allow parents to view their final product on 27<sup>th</sup> March!

**It sounds exciting - sign up quickly - limited numbers.**

We feel very privileged to have such a dedicated team who are willing to provide such an interesting a varied range, hopefully ensuring there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Day	Club	Run by	Start & finish time	Dates club is on	Year Group invited
Monday	Art (1)	Mrs Clarke	3.30-4.30	14/1 21/1 28/1 4/2 11/2	All
Monday	Art (2)	Mrs Clarke	3.30-4.30	25/2 4/3 18/3 25/3 1/4 8/4	All
Monday	Board Games	Miss Branson	3.30-4.30	14/1 21/1 28/1 4/2 11/2	All
Monday	Cricket	Miss Branson	3.30-4.30	25/2 4/3 18/3 25/3 1/4 8/4	Y3 & 4
Monday	Junior Jotters	Miss Murfin	3:30 - 4:30	25/2 4/3 11/3 18/3 25/3 1/4 8/4	All
Tuesday	Fun & Games	Mrs Kerr-Delworth	lunchtime		Y3 & 4
Wednesday	Fun & Games	Mrs Kerr-Delworth	lunchtime		Y5 & 6

Wednesday	Art & Craft - 3D heroes (£20)	Mrs Harvey & Ms Lear	3:30 - 4:30	16/1 23/1 30/1 6/2 13/2 27/2 6/3 13/3 20/3 27/3	All
Wednesday	Boccia & Curling (1)	Mrs Preston	3:30 - 4:30	16/1 23/1 30/1 13/2	All
Wednesday	Boccia & Curling (2)	Mrs Preston	3:30 - 4:30	27/2 6/3 20/3 27/3	All
Wednesday	Netball Club	Mrs David	3:30 - 4:30	27/2 6/3 13/3 20/3 27/3 3/4 10/4	Y5 & 6
Thursday	Hiit Club	Mrs Vardy	3.30-4.15	28/2 7/3 14/3 21/3 28/3 4/4	All
Friday	Choir	Mrs Sharpe	3.30-4.30	1/2 8/2 1/3 22/3 29/3 5/4	All

Please note really carefully the dates that clubs are running as this is a **really** busy term with Parent Consultations, Residential Visits for Y4 and Y5 as well as Choir performances at Young Voices, JTHS and Lichfield Garrick

**\*\* Charges for Art & Craft will be added to ParentPay at the end of next week \*\***

### **Bikes and scooters**

Clearly we have some very lucky children with a number of shiny new bikes and scooters being used this week. It has been fabulous to see how many children are also now wearing helmets on scooters as well as on bikes - especially those with the protection which comes right down the back of the head. Please can I remind you that permits for bikes and scooters can be obtained from the school office by filling in and signing the permit form - the permit should then be attached to the child's vehicle before it is parked in the bays. These are helpful in outlining safety procedures, but also great for reuniting scooter and child - we had 3 scooters all without permits left here over the Christmas holiday. They were locked away safely over the break and have now been returned to the racks, but could have been returned to their owners if they had permits attached. Thank you.

### **Busy, busy, busy!**

I'm sure I say this every term, but this term is certainly no exception!

#### **Key dates for your diary so far...**

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Jan - Young Voices at LG Arena, Birmingham.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb - Parent Consultations. Look out for the booking code next week.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb - Break up for half term.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb - Return to school.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb - Parent Forum - 9am. Everyone welcome.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> & Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March - Y5 Cycling Proficiency.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March - JTHS & TRJS Choir performance of Grease.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March to Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March - Y4 Residential to Laches Wood.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Y5 Residential to Laches Wood.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April - Choir to Lichfield Garrick

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April - Spring Term Reports home and end of term.

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Return to school for Summer Term

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May - Y4 Cycling Proficiency.

### **Science Ambassadors 2019 - Miss Press**

*We would like to thank all the children who applied to be a Science Ambassador. The applications were of a very high standard; children had clearly spent a lot of time thinking about how to write their letter and it was very hard to decide who to choose.*

#### ***These are our 2019 Science Ambassadors:***

*3M Amillie. T and Sam. G  
3D Suhavi. K and Thomas. R  
4P Abbigail. C and Chloe. W  
4V Joshua. R and Ava. B  
5K Oliver. T and Chloe. P  
5C Edward. R and Cassie. P  
6P Sulaimaan. K and George. M  
6M Louise. M and Lucy. F*

*Well done to everyone who applied and congratulations to our final 16.*

### **More Able and Talented Questionnaire - Mrs Rollins**

*Please find attached to the newsletter a questionnaire which we would like to ask parents to complete, to help us identify those children with particular skills and talents that it may not be possible to identify / demonstrate in a school environment.*

*Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe*