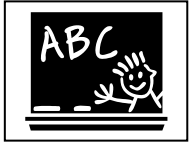


# Thomas Russell Junior School

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



## Newsletter



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### Ofsted Inspection - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January

*As you will know, on Monday lunchtime this week, we received notification that we would be having a 2-day Section 5 Inspection. We were visited by a team of inspectors, consisting of a Lead HMI - Simon Mosley, two Ofsted Inspectors - Mary Maybank and Julie Griffiths, and a shadow Inspector - Rebecca Garrett.*

*Firstly, thank you to all of those parents who took the time to complete Parent View, giving a very positive reflection of parents' views of the school.*

*On a personal note, I would also like to thank all of the parents who commented so favourably on the Facebook and Twitter feeds which started last weekend following our article in the Burton Mail / Derby Telegraph regarding league tables, and continued with encouragement to complete Parent View when we were notified of our inspection. All too often social media gets a negative reputation, but I have been sent a number of screen shots of various threads and have been absolutely overwhelmed by the positive and encouraging comments - thank you.*

*As you may remember we had a Section 8 inspection last March. The key differences between a Section 8 and a Section 5 are the length (S8=1 day, S5=2 day) and the outcomes. After a Section 8, the school receives a letter summarising the findings, but no overall judgements are changed. Following a Section 5, inspectors will make judgements in a range of areas, as well as a judgement on the Overall effectiveness of the school. Judgements will be made on:*

***Effectiveness of leadership and management***

***Quality of teaching, learning and assessment***

***Personal development, behaviour and welfare***

***Outcomes for pupils***

*These will then be used to inform an overall judgement on: **Overall effectiveness.***

*The judgements range from **Inadequate** to **Requires improvement** to **Good** to **Outstanding.***

*The outcome of the inspection remains confidential for 21 days until the report is published by Ofsted, but we are able to tell you that we are pleased with the outcome of the inspection and a number of the strengths which were noted during the two days. The children's behaviour was described as impeccable, governance impressive and children's books as immaculate. They spoke very highly of the team ethos, how all staff have high expectations of all children, how effectively learning is planned to build on prior knowledge, the quality of questioning and feedback and the strength of our broad and balanced curriculum and extra-curricular timetable. We will share the report with you as soon as it becomes available.*



*Parent Consultations - these will take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February. Please log on the [www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk) and use the code: 7kb8x to reserve your preferred time.*

*Road safety - please could I reiterate the need to be really, really careful when travelling to and from school, whether you come in a car or walk. There was an incident between an Infant child and a vehicle this week, which could possibly have been avoided. If you are parking, please try to leave as much space as possible around driveways and junctions.*

*If you are walking with children, please remind them regularly how difficult they may be to be seen by drivers, especially with many 4x4 type vehicles having large blind spots. Hopefully after this cold snap, we should see the weather start to improve with Spring and walking will become a much easier and more enjoyable way to travel to school. Thank you.*



*Library visits - Y3 are off to visit the library on Monday morning. If they have any books at home that they would like to change, they are welcome to bring them to school. If your child has a library card, it would also be really helpful and speed up the process if they could bring that with them too.*

*Reading Café - Y4 have an opportunity to attend the Reading Café on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January from 3:45 - 4:45 at Barton Library hosted by Miss Murfin. It would be super to see lots of parents / grandparents / children and siblings there. There will be free cake and squash as well as a little workshop with Miss Murfin on how to support Reading at home and some fun activities for the children.*



*Young Voices - if your child is attending, they should bring an envelope home tonight containing all their purchases and information on last minute arrangements. Please read carefully and take time to prepare to ensure the event is as smooth and enjoyable as possible.*

*Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe*