

Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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Seven words most likely to make a primary school teacher spontaneously combust...

"I guess you're on wind down now?"

NO! We can reliably inform you that we are not on wind down ☺ We have a really action packed last four weeks of term. Please check out the diary dates below to ensure you do not miss anything:

Barton Open Gardens this weekend

The Bowls Club will be open from 12:00 on Saturday and Sunday for the children to prepare their Enterprise Stalls. The festival begins throughout the village from 1pm to 6pm on both days. Weather permitting the children will have a gazebo covered table which they are welcome to decorate if they wish with signs bunting etc. If you wish to visit our children's stalls, they will be located at the back of the Bowls Club. Should there be any rain, then the stalls will be moved inside.

Week commencing Monday 24th June

Enterprise Projects conclude this week. Please ensure any money raised is uploaded to ParentPay. We are really excited to hear from the children about their adventures as they have stepped into the world of business, hearing all about the highs and lows, sharing stories of how they brought their ideas to life and the lessons they learnt along the way. Thank you so much for your support and commitment to this project.

Wed 26 th June	Amber Forden (Art teacher from JTTHS) delivering an Art workshop for Y3.
Thurs 27 th June	Y2 here for a swim and treasure hunt with current Y3.
Fri 28 th June	Transition Day 1 for Y6 children going to JTTHS.
Mon 1 st July	Transition Day 2 for Y6 children going to JTTHS.
Tues 2 nd July	Transition Day 3 for Y6 children going to JTTHS. Transition Day for Y2 joining us from TRIS (including lunch)
Wed 3 rd July	School Council Meeting
	Sue Moulton visiting assembly to talk to the children about her Snowdon Challenge raising money and awareness for the Back Up Trust charity. She will be supported by Abbi C and Jessica G who organised the wheelchair design competition and raised £42 - well done girls!
Thurs 4 th July at 4:30	Y6 Ready Meeting Y5 and Y6 teaching teams will be holding a meeting for children currently in Y5 and their parents to find out a little more about the move to Y6 and ways to help ensure children settle smoothly.
Friday 5 th July	Special 'Enterprise' Merit Assembly and prize giving for children.
Mon 8 th July at 2:30	Y3 Keyboard and Y5 Clarinet Musical Showcase. Parents of children in Y3&5 are warmly invited to come along and see the progress their children have made in a year of playing a musical instrument. Please sign up for your tickets at www.schoolinterviews.co.uk code: msn48

Tues 9 th July	9am - Open Morning for Y2 children joining us in September. Y5 - look out for the job advert posted in your year group base in the next few days if you are interested in applying for the job as a tour guide for this event.
	Celia Warren visiting poet (and relative) delivering a poetry workshop for some Y4 children.
	JTHS Induction Evening Please check your invitation for the start times - 6pm or 7pm
Friday 12 th July	Summer Term Reports to Parents
Mon 15 th July	Move Up Morning for children to meet their new classmates and teachers.
Tues 16 th July (pm)	AQUATHLON - thanks to some generous offers of support from a group of parents, we are able to run the Aquathlon, which had to be postponed due to bad weather. Due to lack of availability of an evening slot, we have made the decision to run the event during the school day. We will be keeping the waves and pupil entries exactly the same, the only variation will be start time. Unfortunately at this point we are not able to make any variations to the published timetable. Children who are not participating in the Aquathlon will be offered a variety of options including spectating / supporting with marshalling and lane counting / supporting younger participants and indoor classroom activities should they wish. We would hope to be able to run a stall towards the end of the afternoon selling hot dogs and burgers as well as refreshments, so children could bring some money with them if they would like to visit the stall. (Please note all children will be expected to eat as normal at dinner time, the stall is in addition, not instead) We hope to start at 1:15 and be finished by the end of school. Parents of competitors are welcome to come and support if they are able, please drop us a line to questions@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk
Wed 17 th July	House General Knowledge Quiz Lead by their House and Vice Captains, Anson, Bassett, Clinton and Jervis will battle it out in a race against the buzzer testing their knowledge across a whole host of subjects: Quick fire maths and spelling, cartoon characters, science, chocolate bar logos, geography, history and even a fun dexterity challenge round of playdoh makes, counting smarties with chopsticks and balancing towers of marshmallows!
	Y6 Swimming Gala Children will need normal swimming kit and an extra towel.
Friday 19 th July	10am Leavers' Assembly Y6 families only - Please sign up for your tickets at www.schoolinterviews.co.uk code: eabrj . Please note tickets are limited to TWO per family initially.
	3:15pm Leavers' Parade Please come down onto the playground to see our Y6 children leave school for the final time.
	Break up for Summer. There will be <u>no Night Owls</u> on the last day of term.
Wed 4 th Sept	Back to School

Parent Forum Update

You were promised an update on the Parent Forum meeting this week, but we will save that until next week given the length of this Newsletter already.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe