

# Thomas Russell Junior School

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## Newsletter



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# PHENOMENAL!

There is no other word to describe the children's hard work and amazing achievements with the Enterprise Project.

## I am delighted to announce they have raised a collective £5,587!

Today we have had a special celebration and award assembly with an extended Golden Time to show the children how much we appreciate what they have done.

### **TRJS Young Entrepreneur of the Year went to Jessica G in 4P**

A host of individual and group prizes were given out, but it was so hard to choose between so many amazing ideas. Next week, we have booked an Archery experience as a reward for every single child who took part in the project.

This week we held a School Council meeting where children brought ideas from all of their respective classes about how they would like the money they have raised to be spent. Children voted to purchase a large selection of smaller items rather than one big item – archery was a very popular choice – hence the reward day. The main themes for spending were sporting facilities and resources; eco planting / maze and flowers and secret garden; play and educational resources and more visitors / trips. (Plus a giant chocolate fountain, a 3D printer, a school donkey and a water slide into the swimming pool!! ☺)

We will be doing our best to ensure the money is spent in ways to benefit as many of our children as possible, as soon as we reasonably can.

Thank you, once again, so much for your amazing support. We also know from the presentations that the children wrote that there was a huge amount of wider family support from grandparents, aunties and uncles, cousins, neighbours and friends, so we would be really grateful if you would pass our sincere thanks to everyone who made this amazing achievement possible.



## Term dates for 2019 – 2020

### Autumn 2019

Return to School: Wed 4<sup>th</sup> September  
Break up for half term: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October  
Return to School: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November  
Break up: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

### Spring 2020

Return to School: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January  
Break up for half term: Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> February  
Return to School: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February  
Break up for Easter: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

### Summer 2020

Return to School: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April  
Break up for half term: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
Return to School: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June  
Break up for Summer: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

**INSET Days:** 2nd September 2019, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019, 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020

We return to school next year on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and children return on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020.



This week Sue Mould visited assembly to talk to the children about her Snowdon Challenge raising money and awareness for the Back Up Trust charity. We were very impressed to have Abbi C lead our assembly. She designed a PowerPoint including pictures, spoke confidently to the whole school and included time for questions and answers from Sue. She was supported by Jess G in 3M, whose mum was also



involved in The Push, with Abbi's mum as two of 'Sue's Summiteers'. Abbi said she had found out lots of information about the charity and now understood how important the work they do is to support people with spinal injuries.

**Y6 Ready Meeting** - thank you to everyone who attended. It was great to see such a good turn out and we know already from feedback that many parents found it really useful. We will send a copy of the slides to Y5 families.

**Y3 Keyboard and Y5 Clarinet Musical Showcase** - Mon 8<sup>th</sup> July at 2:30.

Don't forget 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](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk) code: **msn48**

Please note: Y3 will not be swimming due to preparing for the concert.

**Y4 will need their kit for an additional swim on Monday.** Y3 will have their fun session the following Monday so they do not miss out.

**Leavers' Assembly** - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 10am.

Y6 families only - Please sign up for your tickets at [www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk) code: **eabrj**.

Please note tickets are limited to **TWO** per family initially. You must sign up by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> to be issued with your ticket.

Parents of Y6 parents are also invited to purchase the **Leavers' DVD** (at a cost of £5) which will include a copy of the Leavers' Assembly and some photos of our visit to Standon Bowers and other highlights. Please log in to ParentPay by 12<sup>th</sup> July to make your purchases.

*Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe*