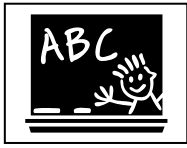


Thomas Russell Junior School

Inspiring all, achieving together.



Newsletter



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Headteacher Mrs S Sharpe

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Staffing Update

I would like to inform you that following a successful application to an academy in Burton, Miss Dawn Marshall will be leaving us at the end of the Summer Term. We all wish Miss Marshall great success in her move and hope she will be very happy.

I am delighted to announce that following her secondment style break lecturing at university, Miss Karen Press will be returning to TRJS on a permanent basis in September 2015. We will be really pleased to welcome her back as she is a very valuable addition to our team and has been missed.

Finally, you may be aware that Mrs Cuthbert has been off poorly for a couple of weeks. Thank you to Mrs Haywood and Mrs Rumsey who have taught the class admirably well. Mrs Cuthbert will be back in the afternoons next week and hopefully full time the week after. Mrs Haywood will continue to teach in the mean time.

Grandparents' Lunches:

Wed 6th May - 5B & Wed 20th May - 5M,
Wed 17th June - 6D & Wed 24th June - 6S.

Whitemoor Lakes

Huge congratulations to our Y4 children who have been away to Whitemoor Lakes for their first overnight residential stay with school. I know you had a brilliant time and loved the activities. The staff were really impressed with how you got stuck in, tried new activities, worked together and really pushed yourselves.

Termly Reports

Thank you to all of the parents who have returned their reply slip following our reports. If you have yet to do so, we would appreciate it if you could return it in the next week.

TRJS Football Cup Final

On Tuesday 28th April, Thomas Russell played William Shrewsbury at (the neutral pitch) John of Rolleston. It was the cup final and both teams were itching to win however there could only be one title holder... Despite their team being made up of mainly year 5 children, they held us at a 0-0 situation until the last minute of the first half. Charlie N took a long range shot going just wide, when suddenly Lawrence W changed the direction of the ball with a good volley straight into the back of the net. GOAL to TRJS!

For the rest of the game we defended for our lives with some crucial interceptions by Oliver H and magnificent saves by Corey S. The final whistle blew and TRJS went wild with joy. We had won!! We shook hands and were about to receive the trophy when we remembered, that the trophy was still in the cabinet from last year!

On the whole everyone played brilliantly and fairly. The Year 6 football team would like to say a special thanks the crowd who cheered us on, Miss Marston, Mr Edwards and Mr Bavester (Evan's Dad) for their support.

Match Report by Oliver W (6S)

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Breakfast Club Feedback



Thank you to the parents who use our Breakfast Club and took the time to complete our recent survey. Your feedback has been really helpful in shaping some changes moving forward.

From next week we will begin serving toast and fruit as healthier alternatives to cereal bars. Mrs Rumsey and Mrs Alcock will continue to take suggestions from the children regarding activities

and games the children enjoy. Please communicate with Mrs Jackson via Parent Pay regarding bookings and payment; this can be done at any time of day or night. It is not currently possible to extend the hours of Breakfast Club but we will bear the requests in mind for the future.

Finally, the feedback regarding introduction of a signing in system was fairly definitive. Parents understand children's safe arrival is their own responsibility and whilst some were happy to accommodate a change were it be implemented, the clear majority did not feel it was necessary. We will therefore not be implementing a sign in system, and we encourage you to continue to watch children safely into school or accompany them inside, if that is your personal preference.



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Those of you who had children with us this time last year will recall we embarked on the 'Teach the Difference' project. This is aimed at teaching young children vital first aid knowledge and skills which could enable them to make a real difference should they find themselves in an emergency situation.

We found the project incredibly valuable and through this, and other work completed, we were awarded the St John Ambulance Schools mark. This is awarded to schools in England that show a **significant commitment** to the safety and health of their pupils, workforce and community. As well as building the confidence of staff to respond in an emergency, first aid training will teach your pupils to **care for others**, equipping them with the skills to be **the difference** between a life lost and a life saved, inside the school gates and beyond.

We have decided to join hundreds of other schools again this year. Children in Y4-6 will move on to the more advanced lessons following some revision of learning from last year, whilst Y3 will begin at the basic level. On 12th June at 2pm we will be taking part in the BIG First Aid lesson, an online first aid session streamed live and direct into classrooms across the country. The interactive programme combines first aid training and 999 scenarios with amazing real life stories, as well as opportunities for our students to join the conversation.

If you want to find out more about the project, the BIG First Aid lesson or St John Ambulance go to www.teachthedifference.org.uk

Friends at Sports Day

We are looking for some parent volunteers to help run a refreshments stall at Sports Day.

We need:

- A happy shopper (list can be provided)
- A setter upper or two (instructions available)
- Some willing sellers (bring a friend for a 30m slot)
- A cleaner / cashier upper (no experience required)

Please sign up at the school office if you are available for any of these tasks - thank you.

Competition time!

We have already had some superb entries for our Friends of TRJS logo competition. You still have time if you would like to enter. Call in at the office for another form if required. Prizes include family days out and art equipment.

Best wishes,
Mrs Sharpe

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