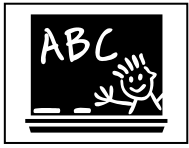


Thomas Russell Junior School

Inspiring all, achieving together.



Newsletter



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Headteacher Mrs S Sharpe

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Sports Day - 22nd May

Thank you so much to the large number of parents who have signed up to help with refreshments for Sports Day. We really appreciate your support and enthusiasm. Many hands make light work ☺

For those of you new to school, we thought a little low down on what happens might help you to enjoy the day. Gates open 9:30 - Please come in through the children's gate and make your way to the large area of field beyond the mobile classroom. There you will find lots of chairs - make yourself comfortable (facing towards the marina at first) Parade 9:45 - The children will march out in their houses, led by House Captains carrying their banner (these record the sporting accomplishments of each House since records began!)

It is essential every child has **trainers** and correct **PE kit** for the day
(black shorts and house colour t-shirt (NO football shirts)).

It would be really useful if children could have the following in a rucksack: **water bottle, sun hat, tracksuit**. You may wish to put sunscreen on your child too as even if it is not very bright we are outside for a long time. Events start 10:00 - After the parade, lower school will then move round to the field events and upper school will begin track events. As each set is completed, a bell will ring and those on field events move to the track and vice versa. In response to parental request we are trialling a slightly different arrangement for where events are located in the hope parents can see both siblings even if competing in different events at the same time.

We have sent home a programme of events today with your child's races highlighted.

As always we will try our best to run to time, but thank you for your understanding if there are slight alterations.

Please remember that judges' decisions are final in all events.

To help us maintain every child's safety we do ask all parents to remain in the spectators area and also that any pictures taken during the event are not uploaded onto websites / social media.

The afternoon will begin again at 1:30 with Vice Captains leading out their houses for the afternoon events.

The afternoon finishes with the exciting and always very tightly contested relay events, after which we will announce the winners in reverse order and they will parade down the track once more.

We aim to finish by 3:00 to give parents chance to collect from the Infants if needed.

We'd really appreciate a helpful hand at this point carrying chairs back up to the school if any parents are willing.

All children will be dismissed at the usual time of 3:30.

Mrs Gahagan will keep you entertained on the mike all day! Announcing race winners on the podium, running house totals and upcoming races (who thinks she is capable of talking all day?!?)

What a week!

Well done to our Year 6 children (and staff) who coped very well with the stresses and strains of SATs tests this week. We have had some great fun activities going on including a SATs party, circus workshop and extra swimming sessions this week and loads more fun planned for the coming weeks, including transition visits and our PGL residential. We really hope the children manage to maintain the high standards of behaviour that we expect so they can enjoy their last few weeks as the big fish in a little pond!

Our Year 5 children have shown their caring and gentle side this week by taking responsibility for their 'flour babies' admirably well. We hope they have enjoyed the experience and also learned some valuable life lessons.

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May Half Term Swimming

Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th May 2015

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	9:00 – 10:00 Under 5s only	10:30 – 12 Public Session	9:00 – 10:00 Under 5s only	10:30 – 12 Public Session
	10:30 – 12 Public Session		10:30 – 12 Public Session	
Afternoon	Available for Private Hire	Available for Private Hire	Available for Private Hire	Available for Private Hire

Public Sessions - £1.50 per person

Under 5 Sessions - £2 with 1 child, £2.50 with 2

*****Maximum of 35 people in the pool at one time *** Swim hats must be worn *****

*****Children under 8 years old must be accompanied in the water by an adult *** ***Under 3 years old need one adult per child *****

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*Best wishes,
Mrs Sharpe*