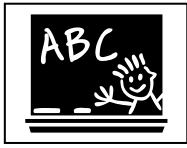


Thomas Russell Junior School

Inspiring all, achieving together.



Newsletter



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Multi Academy Trust

Governors of Thomas Russell Junior School are aware of the national debate regarding the issue of schools converting to academy status. John Taylor High School has put forward proposals for the formation of a Multi Academy Trust (MAT). Local schools are thinking about what is in the best interests of the children at their schools.

TRJS Governors continually monitor changes in the local area, as well as national developments, and have decided that we will not immediately be seeking to become an Academy or join any MAT.

We will review these decisions on an on-going basis and if there comes a time when we believe such a conversion is right for the children in our school, we will then take the necessary action.

Payment Reminder

Dinner Money is £71.40 (£60.90 for Y6)
Breakfast Club costs £ 61.00 for the half term.
It is essential that prompt payment is made. If you haven't already done so, please pay via Parent Pay.

I am very pleased to say the vast majority of parents pay promptly each term and would like to thank you for that. Equally we don't mind if one or two parents accidentally forget and require a reminder, then pay promptly.

However a small persistent group require multiple texts, written notes and phone call reminders which causes unnecessary strain on administration.

We are unable to continue to provide school dinners for children where debt has reached £25 and will insist on sandwiches being provided until the account is in credit.

My Money Week

2015 marks the seventh annual My Money Week, which will take place across the UK from 8th to the 14th June.

My Money Week is the highest profile and most recognised financial education initiative. In all year groups our teachers have planned a range of informative, imaginative and creative activities to help increase the children's financial awareness.

We will be providing fantastic opportunities for our pupils to gain the skills, knowledge and confidence in money matters to thrive in our society. Please talk to the children about what they are learning to help them really deepen their understanding.

Big First Aid Lesson

On Friday 12th June we will be joining St John Ambulance Big First Aid Lesson. In the space of just one hour our children will learn first aid skills that could stay with them for a lifetime.

The online first aid session will be streamed live and direct into classrooms across the country. The interactive programme combines first aid training, 999 scenarios with amazing real life stories, and opportunities for our students to join the conversation.

We share St John Ambulance belief that everyone should get the chance to learn first aid. It is so easy to learn and can have an incredible impact.

First aid is not compulsory on the National Curriculum, in fact, across the country, in a 2014 survey nearly 60% of children had no first aid training whatsoever.

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First aid gives young people something amazing – the confidence to do the right thing when it really counts.

The BIG First Aid Lesson is the culmination of first aid learning throughout the school. Y4,5 & 6 have completed the more advanced course having completed a basic course last year. Again, please take time to talk to the children about what they have learnt, as we all know shared learning between home and school has the greatest impact on the children.

Sports Day – 22nd May

Congratulations to Anson, the winning house. We had such a wonderful day which children, staff and visitors thoroughly enjoyed. Fantastic suggestion from Parent Forum to move the field events alongside the track - everyone could see and feel what a brilliant atmosphere that helped to create. We hope you agree the children looked superb in their PE kits. Their behaviour was impeccable and some showed real determination and perseverance by battling on even when the rest of the field were way in front. Thank you to everyone who helped out running the refreshment stall. We were touched by how much

support we received. Thank you also to those who took the time to pass on praise and compliments following the event. It is great to be able to pass on such praise to staff and to know how much our hard work is appreciated.

Defibrillator News

Back in March 2012, villagers of Barton set out on a mission to raise funds for a defibrillator. Since then the fund-raising efforts have been phenomenal with some key figures driving the project forward, an ever expanding number of defibrillators across the village and more people who know how to use them than ever before. We now have a renewed incentive to continue driving this project forward.

Please see this message from Steph & Ant Cartwright:

We wonder if we could ask you all to take five minutes and read our story and help us in any way you can on www.justgiving.com/defib-JTHS

Thank you

*Best wishes,
Mrs Sharpe*