

# Thomas Russell Junior School

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## Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mrs S Sharpe

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I am really pleased to announce the School Councillors for this year.

Children within each class voted for a boy and a girl to represent their collective views at School Council meetings. School Council is run by Mrs Cowgill and Mrs Watling, two of our School Governors, alongside Mrs Sharpe. We have our first meeting next Wednesday which we are looking forward to. The representatives are:



6M - Harry D & Ebony M	6P - Oliver R and Isabelle R
5K - Anna T & Ziggy S	5M - Lois W & Seb J
4C - Sam M & Hattie K	4P - Connor J & Erin C
3EH - Emily W & Giles T	3SH - Mollie E & Lucas W



Parents of Y6 children - I know the last thing you want to be thinking about is that by this time next year, your child will have just started High School!

Mrs Katie Cochrane, Headteacher from John Taylor High School will be visiting Thomas Russell Junior School on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 3:45 to meet with parents and Y6 children. She will introduce John Taylor High School, the curriculum and answer any questions that you may have, about either the application process or the school.

Please let us know via a note in the children's homework diary if you will be attending so we can set up enough seats in the hall.



I am pleased to announce that we will be collecting the Get Set to Eat Fresh stickers, which are part of the Aldi promotion giving free sports kit to schools. We would be really grateful if you could send in any stickers you collect at the tills (when you spend £30 or more) to help us fill the poster. Thank you.

### Swimming

Huge thanks to those who have been able to offer their time to act as Eyes for our swimming lessons.

Unfortunately, we do not yet have any cover for our Y4 children on a Wednesday afternoon. If you feel you may be able to commit, even just for a term, then we would appreciate if you could get in touch. If you have a couple of friends and you would be able to commit on a rota basis, then this would also be really helpful.

As I said last week this is a simple yet vital role and we really do require parental support to allow the lessons to run. Thanks.



## Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning



We will be holding a coffee morning at 10:30 on Friday 27th September.

If you are new to the school, this is a great opportunity to meet new faces and find out a few more names.

The children will not miss out, even if they do not have parents attending, as we will be running a cake stall for them on the playground asking for a donation of 50p.

In order to make this event a success, we would like to ask for parental support through donations of cakes, which should be sent to the office on the Friday morning. Home baked or shop bought are both very welcome.

If there are any parents who would be willing to join our band of happy helpers for this event, we are looking for help with stock check, shopping, setting up, cashing up and tidying away. Please drop us a line to 'questions@' if you are able to help. Thank you in advance.

We look forward to seeing lots of new faces on our first Coffee Morning of the year.

## Extra-Curricular Clubs

We had a great uptake on our clubs with 186 of our children signing up to at least one club and some being able to enjoy as many as 4 or 5. Please remember children are expected to attend every week if they have signed up and we require advanced notice if they will not be attending.

The table below is a reminder of the dates that clubs are running, as it can be difficult to keep a track of everything with such busy schedules.

Club	W/C	16/9	23/9	30/9	7/10	14/10	21/10	Half term	4/11	11/11	18/11	25/11	2/12	9/12	16/12	
Netball	M	x	x	x	x	x										
Forest Schools	M								x	x	x	x	x	x		
Board Games 1	M	x	x	x	x	x										
Board Games 2	M								x	x	x	x	x	x		
G&T Clarinet Group	T	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Art Club	W	x	x	x	x	x										
Henna Club 1	W	x	x	x	x	x										
Henna Club 2	W								x	x	x	x	x	x		
G&T Keyboard	Th	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Archery	Th	x	x	x	x	x										
Choir	F	x	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x		
Please check your electronic booking confirmation for dates of SoccerStars Dodgeball and Football clubs.																

## Parent Consultations

You may have spotted there are no teacher run clubs during the last week of half term – this is because we have Parent Consultations on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October from 4pm to 7pm. Look out in next week's newsletter for the booking code. Parents can log in to the School Interviews system and select the time that is most convenient to them.

## Fond Farewells

You may have heard on the Barton grapevine that Mrs Wendy Garrett, will sadly be leaving her post on Friday after 23 years of service. Barton's longest standing 'Lollypop Lady' (Schools Crossing Patrol) will have crossed generations of children safely throughout her career, and many parents will themselves have been crossed safely by her when they were children. There is a collection open for her, if you would like to donate before Friday morning, either to our school office, or directly to Steph Cartwright. Thank you.

*Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe*