

Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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We have already had a few of the 'Get Set to Eat Fresh' stickers, which are part of the Aldi promotion, brought in to school. The collection poster is now displayed in the entrance hall, so if children would like to stick any stickers they collect on to the poster then they are most welcome - you'll find some fun challenges there too for each sticker you place which are keeping Mrs Chaddock and Mrs Patrick entertained!

Swimming



Unfortunately, we still have no more volunteers to cover either of the Y4 swimming lessons on a Wednesday afternoon. We have managed to cover the sessions using staff and governors working in school for the last fortnight, but cannot continue to run swimming lessons if we do not find volunteers willing to act as eyes. Even if you were only able to help once a fortnight, we would be very grateful.

Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Don't forget you are invited to our Macmillan Coffee Morning at 10:30 on Friday 27th September.

There will be a cake stall for children on the playground so please ensure they have their donations safe in a named purse.

Any donations of cakes will be most gratefully received.

We are still looking for a small group of parents who would be willing to help with 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.



Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will take place on Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 24th October from 4pm to 7pm. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss with your child's teacher how well children have settled into their new groups and find out a bit more about their learning.

If there are any concerns that you currently have, then please do call in to school, or phone / e-mail, hopefully, this way issues can be ironed out rather than left for another month.

We ask parents to meet in the hall, where complementary tea, coffee and biscuits will be served. Each child will have a tray containing a selection of their school books. From this point, the bell will ring each 10 minutes and you will be directed to your child's classroom.

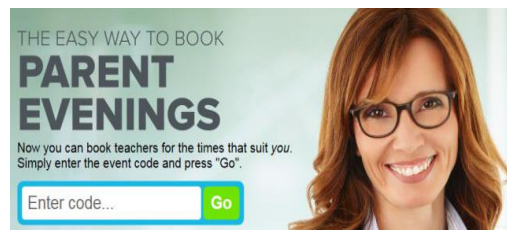
When you hear the next bell, we would ask you to tie up conversations and vacate the classroom ready for the next parent. We have found this to be the fairest and most equitable

way to ensure all parents get the full time with their child's teacher. If you feel you need a longer appointment, then this should be booked outside of consultation evenings or if after consultations, you wish to schedule a follow up appointment, then this is absolutely fine, please do this directly with the teacher, through the office, or let me know.

As children spend every morning with their English and Maths teacher, we are asking parents to book to see just this teacher for these consultations. You will still be able to see a selection of your child's books from the other subjects and receive an update on how they have settled in other subjects, and for Y3 in to school.

Electronic Booking for Parent Consultations

- 1) Log on to www.schoolinterviews.co.uk
- 2) Enter code: **q p v t r**
- 3) Enter e-mail, parent and child's name.
- 4) **Select the teacher your child has for English and Maths.**
- 5) Select the appointment at the most convenient time.
- 6) Receive instant e-mail confirmation of booking.



Extra-Curricular Clubs

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	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									
Forest Schools	M							x	x	x	x	x	x	
Board Games 1	M	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
Art Club	W	x	x	x	x									
Henna Club 1	W	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
Archery	Th	x	x	x	x									
Choir	F	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x		

SoccerStars are pleased to announce that due to the level of interest in Football Club on Friday nights (3:30 - 4:30), they have put on an additional coach, so there is additional availability now open.

Please log on to www.soccerstarsuk.co.uk to secure your child's place.

Fond Farewells

Today we bid farewell to Mrs Wendy Garrett. We were really pleased that she came to see us in assembly this afternoon to receive some tokens of our appreciation, from the school and from parents. She will be sadly missed as 'Lollypop Lady' but we wish her the very best and hope now she can enjoy lovely holidays and days out without watching the clock.

I know the thing she will miss most will be the children; crossing them safely and seeing them grow up, at least now we can look out for her on the school drop off with her grandchildren (maybe still wearing shorts!)

Parent Governors

Due to Mr Paul Thompson's departure from the Governing Board at Thomas Russell Junior School, just before the summer holiday, we have a vacancy, which we would hope to fill.

The role of Governor is an interesting and challenging one, which offers the chance to support the development of the school on the next step of its journey.

There is plenty of training available and excellent support from a number of more experienced Governors in role. The time commitment would involve attending one 8am meeting each term – namely curriculum or premises and finance. As well as one 6pm meeting each term where the full Governing Body meet. There are additional opportunities to familiarise yourself with the life of the school through open mornings, regular e-mail discussions and other timetabled visits during the school day if possible.

We would be particularly interested to hear from any parents with an interest in finance / accounting, to complement the current strengths and availabilities of our GB, but all potential candidates would be welcome.

For more information about becoming a Governor, please e-mail governors@thomasrussell-junior.staff.sch.uk or chat to one of our current governors: Terry Wells, Elaine Watling, Jane Budge, Sam Cowgill, Tim Gee, Matt Harrington, Andrew Lloyd-Jones, Peter Madill, Seamus Treanor or Rosie Whiteford.

Please also find attached an article about Pupil Premium funding from Elaine Watling.

Individual Photographs



Don't forget the photographer will be in school on Thursday 26th September. All children and sibling groups will be taken in school throughout the morning. For those with siblings who do not attend TRJS who would like a group photo, you are invited to attend from 8:30am.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe