

Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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Swimming



Thank you to the parents who have come forward to cover the Wednesday swimming sessions. We now have the whole week covered which is brilliant news for the children. If you are available to cover swimming slots on an ad-hoc basis, should the regular person be unavailable, then we would be really pleased to hold your details on record – just drop us a line at office@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk

It was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents and friends at our coffee morning this morning. Huge thanks to the very small team of helpers who made it possible by shopping for the event, setting up and doing a sterling job getting everyone served. Thank you also to everyone who was kind enough to donate cakes. I am pleased to say that thanks to your generosity, we have already raised £387.55. We will be selling the last few remaining cakes after school / choir and will update you next week on the total raised.



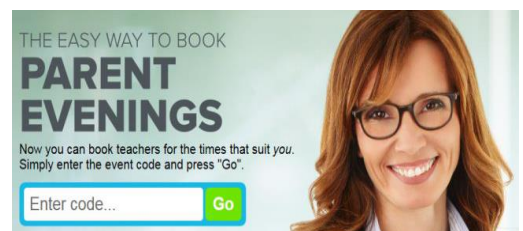
Parent Consultations

Don't forget to book your slot at Parent Consultations on Tuesday 22nd or 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.

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.



Dates for your diary...

Parents are warmly invited to our **Harvest Assembly in school** on Friday 26th October at 2pm. This year, the theme is 'The Future' and each year group will be contributing a piece to the assembly, as well as the choir.

Children will be free to be collected after this assembly (approx. 2:45-2:55) should you wish. There is no choir on this date, but SoccerStars is still on as is Night Owls.

On Wednesday 18th December, we will be holding our annual **Christmas Carol Service at St. James' Church**. The service will begin at 2pm and always proves to be a very festive and jolly event. The children will perform pieces in House groups, as well as some whole school singing and possibly even some audience participation. Again, children will be able to leave with parents and we would expect to be finished in time for Infant pick-up (in case you have children at both schools). Children not collected and those attending Night Owls will obviously be brought back to school.

Assemblies

Next week in our assemblies, the theme will be 'Different Families, Same Love'. We will be using resources recommended by the PSHE Association from Barnardos Primary School Resources.

<https://www.pshe-association.org.uk/sites/default/files/u26918/Barnardo%27s%20Primary%20School%20Reource%20Pack.pdf>

We will also be using a couple of YouTube clips – one with the whole school:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lQrgWSMChuo>

And one with upper school:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b-xScLlevw0>

The purpose of the assemblies is to build children's understanding of diversity and understanding that 'family' doesn't mean one thing – there are lots of **different families** (including foster parents, step parents, single parents, children who live with adopted parents, with two mums or two dads, or with other family members) but no matter what your family looks like, they provide **love, protection and security** to help us grow.

FOOTBALL REVIEW-WEEK 1

On Friday 20th September, the football team played against Alrewas. The match was very exciting, close and full of goals.

TRJS won 8-0! The goalie, Seb, didn't have to make one save.

At the start we were all very nervous because it was our first match as a team. During the match, you could hear the parents cheering from the side-line. The bumpy pitch made the ball fly up into the air but we managed to play really well.

At the end of the first half we were all feeling comfortable with a 5-0 lead in the bag. We all played really well, including the opposition. After the match, we all felt pretty good because of our 8-0 victory over All Saints. We hope to carry this on to the next game. By Finley and Dylan

TEAM SHEET: Max C, Finley O, Dylan C, Lucas J, Oliver F, Oliver R, William G, Seb J, George J

GOAL SCORERS: Dylan C=3, Finley O=1, Oliver F=1, Harrison L=1, Oliver R=1, George J=1

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe