

Thomas Russell Junior School

'Ambitious culture, strong team ethos, outstanding academic achievement, high expectations, exemplary behaviour' Ofsted 2019.



Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mrs S Sharpe

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Thank you once again for your tremendous support of our Macmillan Coffee Morning last week – I am delighted to announce the overall total raised was £429.86.



Teacher Training

Your child may have been talking about a new 'Miss ...' or 'Mr...' in school this week! For the next eight weeks, we are welcoming four PGCE trainee teachers from the University of Wolverhampton to TRJS:

Miss Daisy Welsby in Year 3

Mr Tom Cure in Year 4

Miss Bethany Lahiffe in Year 5

Mr Adam Shaw in Year 6

They will be working with small groups of children to begin with, and then leading some lessons, all under the close support and guidance of our outstanding team of teachers and teaching assistants.

School placements are the most important part of any teaching degree and as an outstanding school, we have much to offer the teachers of tomorrow.

This will also be a positive and beneficial experience for our staff - and most importantly for our children - with the extra support, fresh thinking and new perspectives that trainee teachers bring.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please remember children are expected to attend clubs every week if they have signed up and we require advanced notice from an adult if they will not be attending. The table below is a reminder of the dates that clubs are running, some are finishing in the next couple of weeks and new ones commence after half term.

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

Parent Governor Vacancy

You will recall I notified parents a couple of weeks ago that we have a vacancy for a parent governor to join us on the Governing Board at Thomas Russell Junior School. Following the resignation of our Chair of Finance, we also now have a co-opted post.

Matt Harrington has been a valuable member of the Governing Body for a number of years now, joining initially as a Parent Governor, then moving to the position of a co-opted Governor. Crucial in his role as Chair of Finance, Matt was also well known for his ability to ask pertinent questions in governors meetings. He will be missed in both of these roles, and also his roles on the Performance Management Committee and as Leadership and Management Governor.

If there are any parents interested in joining the GB, then we would be delighted to hear from you. You can contact the governors via governors@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk if you would like to ask any questions, or meet to discuss the role. Attached to the Newsletter you will find our Governor Profiles – so you can find out a little more about the other members and a Nomination Form which should be completed and returned to Mrs Sharpe, or Mr Wells, by Friday 25th October if you would be interested in the role.

Parent Consultations

We still have a few parents yet to book a slot at Parent Consultations on Tuesday 22nd or Thursday 24th October from 4pm to 7pm. Please use information from Newsletter 5 to see how to book.

Photographs

We had a really successful photography session last week and have sent home proofs for you to view. There are some gorgeous individual and sibling shots, which we are sure will make lovely presents for grandparents and family. Should you wish to purchase these, you can do this by returning the slip with a cheque or ordering online.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe

