

Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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Parent Consultations

We are looking forward to welcoming parents to our Consultation Evenings next week. As those of you who are familiar with school will already know, we always put out a tray of the children's books for parents to see.

This time, we are trying something different and going for a 'less is more' approach. Instead of putting every one of the children's books out, which parents invariably do not have time to read, we are asking the children to pick 3-5 pieces of work that they have done since coming back to school, which they are really proud of.

We hope to indicate these with a gold bookmark that you can look out for.

Parents are of course welcome to look at a wider selection of books should they wish, however I know often with too many books, it is tempting to just flick read the teacher comments without actually reading the child's work (which is obviously the most important part of the book!)

We hope the golden bookmark in children's 'proud pieces' will also help to generate conversations at home.

Children are welcome to come to school during consultations and can stay in the hall and wait. Children can also go out on the playground whilst it is light, but please be aware that there is no supervision outside and normal playground rules apply – including out of bounds areas.

We will have the Scholastic Book Fair run by our Y6 children available in the hall between 4:00 and 6:45 each night. We are really grateful for your support through purchases from the book fair as we receive commission which we are able to reinvest in book supplies for the school.

Mr Terry Wells, our Chair of Governors will be present too, and other governors at various points through both evenings if you would like to discuss the upcoming governor vacancies, or any other governor matters with them.

Finally, there will be hot drinks (for the adults only) and refreshments - we know many parents will be coming straight from work or rushing off to another after school activity!

SHOBNALL NETBALL TOURNAMENT

On Tuesday 15th October, some of the Year 6's from the netball team attended a netball tournament in Shobnall. The whole team played 4 matches all together but each person only played 3. Out of all the games, we won 3 out of the 4 which put us in the top league.

Our first game was against Alrewas. We won 3-0 with Connie scoring an astounding hat-trick. In our second game, we played against Needwood; we won 5-0, with Bella extraordinarily scoring all 5. The whole team played well in this game, defensive-wise and then passing the ball down to our goal shooter and goal attack.

The next game was against William Shrewsbury. We tried our best but unfortunately we lost 2-0. We conceded some unlucky goals. Our brilliant goal keeper and goal defence (Orla and Bella) managed to hold back some goals. Our final game was against Richard Crosse. We won 4-1 with Thea scoring one goal and Georgia scoring an amazing hat-trick. We nearly let in some goals but are fabulous goalies – Olivia and Dylan- managed to save them.

By Olivia, Thea, Dylan and Orla.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe