

Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter







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Headteacher: Mrs S Sharpe

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Up next ...

<p>Fri 6th Dec</p>  <p>(If your name's not down, you're not coming in!)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Deadline to buy a ticket for the School Christmas Disco. Tickets cost £5 and are non-refundable. 2) Deadline to buy a ticket for Red Carpet Cinema Treat. Tickets cost £4 and are non-refundable. 3) Deadline to pay £2.39 for Christmas Dinner. (Please still log in and pay even if your child always has school dinner) 		
<p>Sun 8th Dec</p> 	<p>Burton Town Hall Carol Concert</p>	<p>2:00 - 5:00</p>	<p>Selected choir members will be performing at Burton Town Hall. Entrance is free if you would like to support this lovely festive concert.</p>
<p>Wed 11th Dec</p> 	<p>Christmas Dinner Day</p>	<p>lunch</p>	<p>We do hope as many children as possible will join us for school dinners on this lovely festive occasion.</p>
<p>Fri 13th Dec</p> 	<p>School Christmas Disco</p>	<p>4:30 - 6:00 - Lower School 6:00 - 7:30 - Upper School No coats or mobile phones please. Entrance through the front door. Y3 then Y5 will be dismissed through 5K Y4 then Y6 will be dismissed through 5M</p>	



Well done to Anna and Elisa who stood up in assembly to talk about what they do at Brownies and encourage younger pupil to think about joining. They shared some of the crafts they have made and talked about the badges they have earned.

Christmas post boxes are out in school - if your child intends on using them to deliver their cards, please ensure they have put the recipient's **full name** and **class** on the envelope. Also remember to sign cards clearly so people know who they are from - we have quite a few Lilys, Olivers, Evies and Williams!

Postage is free and our Y6 elves will be helping with deliveries.



Christingle



Families are warmly invited to the Christingle Service held at St James' Church on Sunday 1st December at 6pm.

Parent Forum

We had a lovely Parent Forum Meeting on Wednesday 20th November where we welcomed some new faces, and saw some familiar faces return. Mr Wells, our Chair of Governors, always attends meetings, so they are a great chance to ask questions about the school governance too if you would like. Our attendees included myself, Mrs Pick, Mrs Leyland, Mrs Horler, Mrs Newstead, Mrs Marshall, Mrs Elkin, Mrs Forsyth and Mrs Watling - wearing two hats - Governor and Parent. They were not keen on having pictures on the Newsletter, but look out for the New Parent Forum board going up soon.

In brief, topics of discussion included:

- Thanks from the school to Mrs Rawlins and her merry team who made the running of the Aquathlon possible at the end of the Summer term.
 - A review of transition arrangements from TRIS to TRJS and onwards.
 - The Enterprise Project, which raised a phenomenal £5,628 - thanks again to parents.
 - A celebration of 2019 SATs results which placed us in the first centile for Writing and the top 10% in the country for overall attainment.
 - The new Y4 Multiplication check and the pilot, in which we took part.
 - Homework activities and tasks.
 - Parent consultation appointments and arrangements.
 - Menu choices, portion and availability.
 - The possibility of an option for parents to purchase school competition kit for their children.
- We will keep looking at these and other areas to see if there are any further ways to improve and update you periodically via the Newsletter.



Parking was a significant issue that is regularly discussed. The perception is that since we have been without a crossing patrol person, a number of parents have been parking very close to the T-junction, or stopping on the zig-zags, both of which are dangerous and should be avoided. I also had a request that whilst parents are waiting for collection, they were encouraged to switch off their engines to avoid a build-up of fumes. Many thanks.

Early Birds and Night Owls

We have opened booking early for those families who are away over the Christmas / New Year period and would like to be organised before they break up from work in December.

I am pleased to announce we have moved over to our winter menu at Night Owls, offering the children a hot tea in this cold weather - this includes soup and toast, half jacket potato, hot dogs, beans or spaghetti on toast and Mrs Sharpe's favourite - fish finger sandwiches! The children had a brilliant night taste testing a range of different soups to see which ones were most popular for the menu.

If you want to book any additional sessions in the lead up to Christmas, please just contact Mrs Patrick on lpatrick@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk and let us know.



Bookings for Spring 1 can be made via
www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using the code:

Early Birds: wffz7m

Night Owls: 59mbz

Deadline for all bookings is SUNDAY 5th JANUARY 2020



Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe