

Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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Welcome back to school and Happy 2020!

I hope the year brings you happiness and health.
May your dreams for 2020 come true.



Extra-Curricular Clubs

Our extra-curricular clubs are designed to give children access to something 'extra' that they might enjoy - they are designed to spark an interest in something new, to help children discover a new hobby or passion and to develop self-confidence mixing with a wider friendship group of children with similar interests.

If you need childcare, please do not hesitate to book into Early Birds and Night Owls who offer an amazing 'home from home' experience every day from 8:00am to 5:45pm.

Thank you to our staff who give up their time freely to run clubs after school. When a child signs up to a club we do expect them to attend for the full session EVERY week and will need a written note or telephone call from a parent before the club if they will be absent.

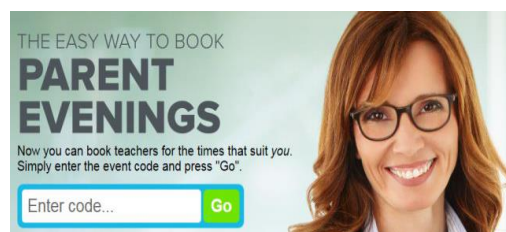
Day	Club	Staff running	Time	Year Groups	Dates running
Monday	Card Games (1)	Mrs Preston	3:30 - 4:30	All	13/1 20/1 27/1 3/2
Monday	Card Games (2)	Mrs Preston	3:30 - 4:30	All	24/2 2/3 9/3 16/3 30/3
Monday	Netball Club	Mrs David	3:30 - 4:30	6P, 6M, 5M, 5K	24/2 2/3 9/3 16/3 23/3 30/3
Tuesday	Dodgeball	SoccerStars	3:30 - 4:30	Please sign up directly with SoccerStars	
Tuesday	Gifted and Talented Clarinet Group	Miss Williams	3:30 - 4:10	By invitation	
Wednesday	Science Club (1)	Miss Press	3:30 - 4:30	Science Ambassadors	15/1 22/1 29/1 5/2
Wednesday	Science Club (2)	Miss Press	3:30 - 4:30	All	4/3 11/3 18/3 25/3 1/4
Wednesday	Craft Club (1)	Miss Branson	3:30 - 4:30	All	15/1 22/1 29/1 5/2
Wednesday	Craft Club (2)	Miss Branson	3:30 - 4:30	All	4/3 11/3 18/3 1/4
Thursday	Debate Club (1)	Miss Hurdman	3:30 - 4:30	All	16/1 23/1 30/1 6/2 27/2
Thursday	Debate Club (2)	Miss Hurdman	3:30 - 4:30	All	5/3 12/3 19/3 26/3 2/4
Thursday	Gifted and Talented Keyboard Group	Miss Williams	3:30 - 4:10	By invitation	

Friday	Bananagrams	Miss Murfin	12:45 - 1:10	All	weekly from 17/1
Friday	Choir	Mrs Sharpe	3:30 - 4:30	All	31/1 7/2 28/2 6/3 20/3 27/3
Friday	Football	SoccerStars	3:30 - 4:30	Please sign up directly with SoccerStars	

Our extra-curricular clubs are always exceptionally popular and places are given on a **first come first served** basis. Bookings open today and you will be able to book up to TWO clubs this weekend. On Monday we will open up any additional availability to all children. SoccerStars and G&T Music do not count in the TWO clubs.

Electronic Booking for Clubs

- 1) Log on to www.schoolinterviews.co.uk
- 2) Enter code: **58c3j**
- 3) Enter e-mail, child(ren)'s first AND surname.
- 4) Choose child's year group and clubs they would like to attend.
- 5) Receive instant e-mail confirmation of booking.



For those signing up for Choir - there are a range of events you may wish to add to your diary:

Bugsy Malone - 8th March and 11 - 13th March

Birmingham Symphony Hall (small group - strictly by audition) - Monday 16th March

Lichfield Rotary Concert - Tuesday 31st March

Bring the Noise workshops (Easter Holiday) and

VE Day performance at National Memorial Arboretum - 8th May

For all of the above we will be circulating more detailed information to children with permission slips etc, but it may be useful to know these dates before your child commits to choir.

Please ensure that you note the specific dates on which clubs are running as some weeks certain clubs will not run due to other staff commitments.

We have quite a number of other events in the school diary for this very busy term:

Monday 20th January - Young Voices Concert

Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th February - Parent Consultations

Friday 14th February - INSET DAY

Monday 17th - Friday 21st February - Half Term

Wednesday 26th February - Parent Forum & Y6 to Cannock Chase

Monday 23rd - Tuesday 24th March - Y4 at Shugborough residential

Tuesday 24th - Friday 27th March - Y5 at Shugborough residential

Friday 3rd April - No Night Owls, Spring Reports home, End of Spring Term.

Monday 20th April - Back to School

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe