

Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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Parent Consultations

You will have noticed in recent Newsletters, our Parent Consultation evenings are coming up on Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th February from 4 - 7pm.

The electronic booking for these evenings is now open.

Following feedback from parents, we have returned to our previous system where parents are able to book with their child's class teacher and/or their English and Maths teacher. We are split 2-way in Y4, so Mrs Preston and Mrs Rollins would like parents to book with the morning teacher.

As a trial, Mrs Howell is also offering a small number of appointments on Thursday 13th February during the afternoon. If you would like to book one of these, then please phone the school office on 01283 247505.

On the evening, we will have a selection of the children's books on display and you should again be able to find Golden Bookmarks, which highlight children's proud pieces from the last term.

To book your desired slot - please head to www.schoolinterviews.co.uk and use the code 4x4hv.

The Real Schools Guide 2020

I am delighted to announce we have been placed 6th out of over 250 Staffordshire Schools in a guide published this week.

The guide which looks at Ofsted Gradings, SATs results, progress and attendance data plus a range of other information about every school is designed to give parents clear information to make well informed choices.

For more information, why not take a look at the article below:

<https://www.derbytelegraph.co.uk/burton/school-near-burton-one-best-3740398>

Making Sense of Money

TRJS is working towards becoming a MoneySense Accredited School as part of our commitment to teaching our pupils how to use money safely and responsibly.

Two years ago, we were joined by volunteers from NatWest Bank to run MoneySense workshops with the whole school and I am pleased to say that we have been able to book workshops again for the 2019-20 academic year. They will take place in the Summer Term during My Money Week. Lower School children will participate in a Smoothie Workshop, which covers the concepts of enterprise, buying, selling and budgeting, whilst Upper School children will become detectives to solve a crime of fraud to help them understand the dangers of identity theft and fraud.

If you are interested in finding out more about financial education, the MoneySense website www.mymoneysense.com has a Parents' section where you can download activities to do at home. Your children can also explore a Virtual Bank to get used to the services in a real bank branch.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe