

Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mrs S Sharpe

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Shoelaces

Please could we politely request that when parents are sending children to school in shoes or trainers with laces, they ensure either that their child can tie their own laces securely or parents tie them in a double knot before children leave home.

We are doing our best to maintain social distancing between adults and children but are having repeated requests to re-tie children's shoelaces, especially from our younger children.

It is very difficult to tie shoelaces wearing gloves, but also not pleasant tying shoelaces that are wet - especially when it hasn't been raining! ☺



Early Birds and Night Owls

Thank you so much for your fabulous support of our before and after school care. We were worried that, with many parents working from home, uptake might be reduced, but the provision has been as popular as ever.



If you would like to book for next half term, then please do so by visiting www.schoolinterviews.co.uk and using the codes below:

Early Birds - 36a4q

Night Owls - kpuym

Although we have always said in the past that there are no limits on numbers, you'll understand in the current climate that we are having to restrict numbers slightly to keep groups separate.

DEADLINE FOR BOOKINGS IS FRIDAY 30th OCTOBER.

School Dinners

Apologies that we have not been able to be as flexible as we used to be with regard to dinner arrangements. I wanted to explain to parents what our dinnertime is like to help them understand why it is so important that we know exactly how many children we are expecting for hot dinner from each class, every day.

Our new dinner rota means we have a different class coming to the hall every 10 minutes, and our rota runs from 11:50 - 1:30. In order to ensure we are able to provide Covid safe arrangements for all children to sit and eat in the hall, we have tables all facing in the same direction, with no face-to-face seating. All tables are cleaned thoroughly with an anti-bacterial detergent between sittings and there is restricted movement within the hall to avoid the crossing of bubbles. Our lunchtime supervisors are working in shifts as the length of dinner time has nearly doubled and our kitchen staff are having to cook in rounds so we have a constant supply of fresh hot food.

The children have taken brilliantly to these new arrangements and we are really pleased that they seem to be working well to help keep everyone safe.

For children who would like to try school dinners, we are holding a

Halloween Lunch on Thursday 22nd October.

The menu is French fries, chicken dippers or veggie nuggets and spaghetti hoops.
Ghostly biscuits and orange jelly

If your child normally stays for dinners, you don't need to do anything. If your child would like a one off dinner on this day, then please upload £2.45 on to ParentPay and drop us a message to

lpatrik@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk

Many thanks

WB Schoolwear

Please find attached to the Newsletter a flyer for WB Schoolwear who are based in Walton on Trent and are able to provide all of your uniform needs for TRJS.

School books and items to be sent home

We have a number of books, which were sent over to us from the Infants School in July. These were great for helping us to see the children's standards of work before Lockdown, but now we have used them, we would like to return them home to parents.

Please send **Y3** children with a rucksack or bag for life (clearly labelled) on **Monday** next week so they are able to carry them safely home.

Please could we also ask **all other year groups** to send children with a bag on **Thursday** so they can carry home items which no longer need to be kept in school.

We break up next Thursday for half term. Staff have an INSET Day on Friday.

We all return to school on Monday 2nd November.

Have a fabulous weekend, stay safe 😊

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe