

Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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Welcome back!

I hope our families all managed a good rest and a break over half term. The children have come back brilliantly, so excited to be here and many very relieved to hear that schools would not be closing during this second Lockdown.

Winter is on it's way...

We have seen a significant change in the temperature since returning to school. As we have already explained we have additional doors and windows open at the moment, to promote good ventilation, so it is really important that children are dressed appropriately for the day. Children may feel warm in a morning in their centrally heated house, but sitting still on a plastic chair in a cool classroom can leave them shivering and unable to focus. Although we are not advocating parents having to rush out and buy new uniform this weekend, please could we encourage the following where possible:

Uniform – wear trousers rather than shorts, wear tights with a skirt rather than socks.

Shoes – wear boots or substantial shoes, rather than ballet pumps.

Coats – wear a waterproof coat with sleeves and hood rather than a body warmer or fleece coats.
Bring hat, scarf and gloves (labelled)

Games kit – on children's day for Outdoor PE, please send them in tracksuit / joggers / leggings with a sweatshirt and not shorts.

Y4 have had a change of timetable, so please could we ask that from next week they wear Games kit every Thursday.



If you have any recent editions of either of these publications at home, which you no longer require, any donations to school would be gratefully received.



TT Rockstars House Battle Results



With 70 players taking part, it was a lower turnout than usual for our half-term house battle. Of those who played, Lower School led the charge with the top player for each house coming from Y3 or Y4.

Well done to the top scorers for each house who together answered more than 25,000 questions correctly! A special shout out to:

- Autumn Rollins aka Evie R, Y3, who earned 3,227 points for Anson and came 5th overall.
- Perrie Keidis aka Avin S, Y3, who earned 8,267 points for Bassett and achieved 3rd place overall.
- Tom Ranks aka Jack K-D, Y4, who earned 4,542 points for Clinton and came 4th overall.

- Rob Berry aka Ethan H, Y4, who amassed a massive 9,329 points for Jervis and achieved the highest individual score.
- Ethan was closely followed in 2nd place by Lo-Fi Ranks, aka Zachai K, Y4, who earned Jervis 9,312 points.

15 children played for Anson, 21 for Bassett, 14 for Clinton and 20 for Jervis. Jervis started well and were leading until midweek. However, Bassett fought back strongly and when the battle closed on Sunday 1st November, they had done enough to take first place from Jervis and emerge as the champions with 28,082 points. Congratulations Bassett and well done to everyone who took part. 😊

Info	Class Results	Pupil Results	Certificates
	Class average / user	Class score	
1	Bassett		28,082
2	Jervis		25,872
3	Clinton		12,811
4	Anson		10,260

Don't forget, even when no formal battle is running, you can challenge your friends to a one-to-one Rock Slam to see who can score the most points in 1 minute!

Remembrance Poppies

Sadly, due to the Lockdown, this will be the first year that I have been unable to take the House Captains to the War Memorial in Barton to lay a wreath alongside representatives from the Infants' and High School and members of the community.



I know there are limited events planned to mark the occasion on Remembrance Sunday. Those children who would usually have attended the parade to represent Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs or Scouts are invited to wear that uniform to school on Wednesday. We plan on holding our own commemorative activities in school.

We will be selling poppies, wrist bands, snap bands and other items in the classrooms next week for any children who wish to purchase them. Again, please send in any donations to this appeal on Monday - Wednesday next week.



We will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 13th November, in support of the Children in Need appeal. Children have the opportunity to dress in any Children in Need Merchandise they might like, come as a superhero or just wear non-uniform for the day.

(Please see note above about the temperature in school and support children to make sensible choices)

We will be having a selection of Children in Need themed Golden Time activities and a little Children in Need treat for those staying for school dinners 😊
Please send in any donations on Friday, which we will collect in classrooms.

*Best wishes,
Mrs Sharpe*