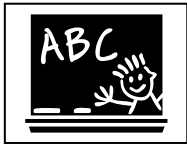


Thomas Russell Junior School

Inspiring all, achieving together.



Newsletter



Issue No. 1

Headteacher Mrs S Sharpe

11th September 2015

Dear Parents,

Each week at Junior School you will receive a Newsletter. They form a vital part of the communication between home and school. The Newsletter can be e-mailed, downloaded from the website or a paper copy collected from the School Office. Please get into the habit of reading each week to help keep you updated with what has happened and what is planned.

Thank you, Mrs Sharpe

Welcome

I would like to start by saying well done to our new joiners who have made a superb start to junior school this week. We have been really impressed by the standards of behaviour and how quickly pupils have picked up new routines. Parents, we understand there are lots of new routines for you to learn too, so please do not be afraid to ask us any questions at any time - there are no silly questions. If you think of a question in the middle of the night, why not e-mail it in to questions@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk and we will do our best to answer as soon as possible.

Open playground

Please remember that you are welcome and encouraged to come onto the playground to collect your children at the end of the day.

It is really important that children are collected from the playground until parents are confident their child has the maturity and safety awareness to allow them to leave school unaccompanied.

By coming onto the playground you can make the most of the informal opportunity to see your child's class teacher if you have anything to ask or just to chat about how your children are settling in to their new class.

Younger children are most welcome onto the playground and may use the trim trail should they wish, but please make sure that they are closely supervised at all times and scooters are left in the scooter park.

House Captains

Congratulations to our Year 6 children, who have been nominated by the other children, as House Captains and Vice-Captains this week.

Being a House Captain / Vice Captain includes responsibility for organising the teams for House events, collecting trophies on behalf of their House, representing the school at events and a range of other responsibilities.

It is an honour to be voted a House Captain / Vice Captain and we are confident the children will carry out their roles diligently and with pride.

Anson	
Captains	Vice Captains
Tess Palmer	Archie Chambers
Jack Cowgill	Nicole Agnew

Bassett	
Captains	Vice Captains
Edward Wragg	Lucy Williams
Katie Power	Dan Cartwright

Clinton	
Captains	Vice Captains
Ellie Smith	Jake Taylor
Jack Tandy	Juliette Smith

Jervis	
Captains	Vice Captains
Reeve Evitts	Hattie McGivney
Olivia Taylor	Hugo Hearn

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Getting organised!

Below is a timetable to help parents and children to be clear about which equipment is required in school on which day for each of the classes.

	Swimming	PE	Games	Instrument
3E	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Recorder
3M	Thursday	Tuesday	Monday	on Monday
4S	Wednesday	Thursday	Tuesday	
4V	Wednesday	Thursday	Tuesday	
5C	Thursday	Wednesday	Monday	Clarinet
5D	Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	on Monday
6M	Tuesday	Monday	Wednesday	
6P	Tuesday	Monday	Wednesday	

PE kits are left in school. Other items are brought on the day they are required and taken home again. Please ensure all kit is clearly labelled. Changes will be communicated via Homework Diaries.

Swimming kit – swim suit or trunks, towel & hat in a waterproof bag.

PE kit – house colour t-shirt, black shorts & black pumps.

Games kit – house colour t-shirt or school games top, plain tracksuit & trainers.

We like our children to look smart and appropriately dressed for their sports, please save fashion wear for evenings and weekends.

All jewellery must be removed for each lesson. Those children with pierced ears will be expected to remove their own earrings. The school cannot accept responsibility for any items of jewellery brought into school.

Specialist Musical Tuition

I am sure you will be pleased to hear that we have extended our commitment to provide all children with specialist musical tuition in Y3 and Y5. Our Y5 children will be learning clarinet and our Y3s will be learning a combination of recorder (Autumn), percussion /drumming (Spring) and ukulele (Summer).

We are also offering peripatetic lessons on an individual or small group basis for those families who wish to participate, however there is a charge for this. There may be parents of children in Y4 or Y6 who wish to continue learning an instrument they were introduced to last year or try something new. Below is a form to complete for children who already pay for tuition to determine if you wish to continue this year and for those who wish to find out more and be placed on the waiting list for peripatetic tuition.

Swimming

We hope to begin our swimming lessons on Monday 21st September and once again are putting out a request for parents to act as 'Eyes'. The role of 'Eyes' is a simple yet vital one of keeping watch over the children whilst in the water.

If you are able to offer an hour (or more) of your time each week, please complete the attached sheet and return it to school, indicating when you could help. We would not be able to offer swimming lessons without the continued and valuable support of parents, so thank you in advance.

Individual Photographs

We have moved our individual photographs to earlier in the year following a number of requests from parents who like to give these as Christmas presents. These will now take place on Wednesday 30th September. All children and sibling groups will be taken in school throughout the morning. For those with siblings not at TRJS who wish to attend, you are invited to attend from 8:30.

Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning

We will be holding a coffee morning at 10:30 on Friday 25th September. For parents new to the school, these are a great opportunity to meet new faces and find out a name or two.

We do not wish for children to miss out if they do not have parents attending, so will be running a cake stall for them on the playground. These have proven incredibly popular since their introduction last year.

In order to make this event a success, we would like to ask for parental support through donations of cakes which should be sent to the office on the Friday morning. We also need a number of helpers for other jobs:

Happy shopper x 1 person

Setting up from 9:30 x 6 people?

Serving from 10:15 x 10 people?

Cashing up after 11:20 x 2 people

Please either drop us an e-mail or pop in to the office to sign up – the more the merrier.

Mrs Slatcher-Ball has also kindly offered to sell second hand uniform on this morning. She has some beautiful condition items available, so why not stock up?

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Extra-Curricular Clubs

We have now finalised the list of clubs and activities that will be available to children during the Autumn Term – please see attached.

For activities during the school day children can just attend (no return slip required).

Those clubs running after school will require a completed permission slip. Please return forms by Wednesday 16th September.

You will receive written confirmation of the after school clubs your child is offered a place at. All school clubs are free this term.

I know that many children enjoy the wide range of clubs that we offer throughout the children's

time in school and I am sure you would join me in thanking staff for giving up their own time voluntarily to provide these activities.

When a child signs up to a club we do expect them to attend EVERY week and will need a written note from a parent if they are not.

Advance Notice – Diary Dates

Fri 18 th Sept	2:00	Y3 Parents invited to attend Merit Assembly
Fri 26 th Sept	10:30	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Thurs 8 th Oct / Tue 13 th Oct	4:00 - 7:00	Parent Consultations
Fri 23 rd Oct	3:30	Last day of term
Mon 2 nd Nov	8:50	Back to school

Best wishes, Mrs S Sharpe

Peripatetic Musical Tuition

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

<input type="checkbox"/>	My child will be continuing with peripatetic tuition for this year	
	Please indicate the instrument on which your child receives tuition	
<input type="checkbox"/>	My child will not be continuing with peripatetic tuition for this year	
<input type="checkbox"/>	I would like to receive more information about costs of peripatetic lessons and to place my child on the waiting list.	
	Please indicate the instrument on which your child would like to learn	

Swimming Eyes

Parent's Name: _____ Contact numbers: (H) _____

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____ (M) _____

	1.15 - 2.25	2.20 - 3.25
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday	No lessons	

I am available for a maximum of _____ session(s)

OR

I am unable to commit to a regular session, but can be contacted to cover individual sessions when regular 'Eyes' are unavailable.

Extra-Curricular Clubs - Autumn Term 2015

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

DEADLINE - WEDNESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER
ALL SCHOOL CLUBS ARE FREE THIS TERM

	Before School	During School	Lunch Time	After School	Permission signature	
Mon	Breakfast Club - 8:00 - 8:45 - Mrs Rumsey -	Woodwind - Mrs R Lesley String Lessons - Mrs E Taney	Keyboards - Mr Atterbury	Dance / Aerobics Club - Miss Press - 3:30 - 4:30 - All years (starts 21/9)		No charge
				Swimming Lessons - Mrs Owen - Please call 07976 620028		
Tues	Breakfast Club - 8:00 - 8:45 - Mrs Alcock		Keyboards - Mr Atterbury Mathmania / Homework Club (ICT suite) - Mrs Kerr-Delworth - 12:45 - 1:05	There are no clubs on Tuesday evening due to Staff Meeting		
				Swimming Lessons - Mrs Owen - Please call 07976 620028		
Wed	Breakfast Club - 8:00 - 8:45 - Mrs Rumsey	School Council - regular meetings 9:00 - 9:30 - Mrs Sharpe	La Jolie Ronde French Club - Mrs Kingston - see separate booking form or contact sharonkingston@hotmail.co.uk 07780 635926	Eco Warriors - Mrs Cahagan & Mrs Vardy - 3:30 - 4:30 (starts 23/9)	Class nominated children	No charge
				Netball Club - Mrs David - 3:30 - 4:30 - Upper School (Y5&6) (starts 23/9)		
				Construction Club - Mr Edwards - 3:30 - 4:30 - All years (starts 23/9)		No charge
				Swimming Lessons - Mrs Owen - Please call 07976 620028		
Thurs	Breakfast Club - 8:00 - 8:45 - Mrs Alcock			Choir - Mrs Sharpe - 3:30 - 4:30 - All years (starts 24/9)		No charge
				Football Club or Matches - Miss Marston - 3:30 - 4:30 - Y6 Girls Team & Y6 Boys Team (starts 24/9)		No charge
				Swimming Lessons - Mrs Owen - Please call 07976 620028		
Fri	Breakfast Club - 8:00 - 8:45 - Mrs Alcock			SoccerStars - 3:30 - 4:30 - All years (starts 11/9)	See Company booking form	
				Art Club - Mrs Sanders - 3:30 - 4:30 - All years (starts 25/9)		No charge

Please note there are limited places available for a number of the activities and some activities may carry a charge

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