

Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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We are pleased to inform you that booking for Early Birds and Night Owls for Spring 1 are now **open**.

You can access the booking system by visiting www.schoolinterviews.co.uk

Early Birds – z82wp
Night Owls – gv5qy



Deadline for bookings is Sunday 3rd January.

Christmas celebrations

Christmas Dinner Day is on Wednesday 16th December. We do hope that as many children as possible will take part in this event. In order to ensure children remain as safe as they can be, we will be eating in individual year groups in the hall. **This means the younger children will be on a slightly later sitting than normal so we would encourage them to bring a large snack or a couple of smaller ones for morning break.**

If your child normally stays for dinners, you do not need to do anything. If you would like your child to have dinner as a one off on this day, then please ensure you have loaded £2.45 on to ParentPay and send us a message to say your child would like Christmas dinner **by Friday 11th December** please.

Children are encouraged to wear their Christmas Jumpers (with uniform) on this day and will no doubt be making a festive hat to wear on the day!



Parent Governors Election

We received nominations for three parent governors – Mrs Hill, Mrs Keasley and Mrs Whitby, which is great news. Thank you to these parents for putting themselves forward. Don't forget to vote in the election on the yellow forms sent home last week.

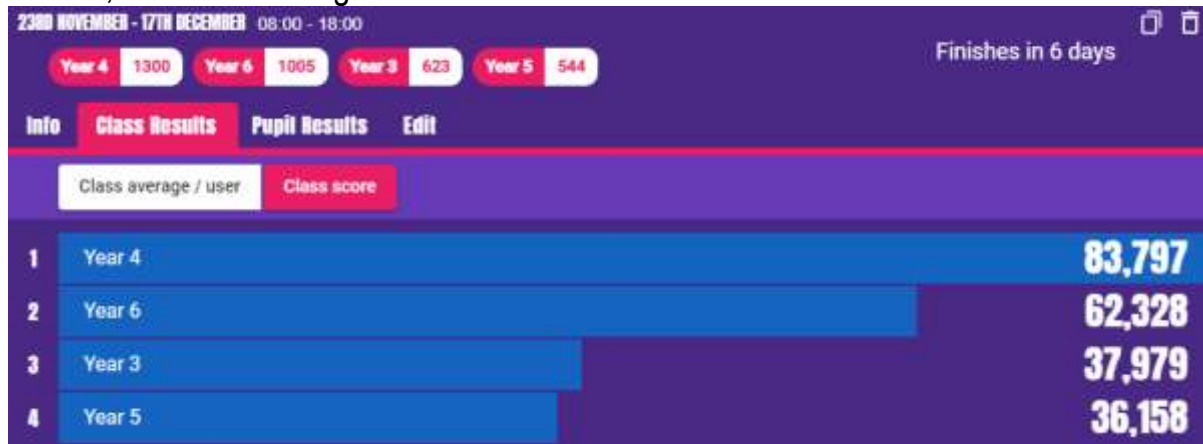
The deadline is 10:00am on Wednesday 16th December.



TT Rockstars Year Group Battle

With six days to go, 161 children have now taken part in the Year Group Battle. Well done to everyone who has earned points for their team. 😊

Whilst there is no change at the top of the table, where Y4 have held their lead over Y6, Y3 have managed to steal third spot from Y5. It is very close though and with less than 2,000 points separating Y3 and Y5, it could all change in this final week.



Individual rankings.

- ☆ Linda Wood (aka Lana M) still dominates the individual leader board. She has earned a massive 49,520 points towards the Y6 total!
- ☆ Lo-Fi Ranks (aka Zachai K) and Fee Rock (aka Robert B) in Y4 take second and third place respectively. Both players have earned more than 26,000 points.
- ☆ Shawn Woods (aka Lawy M) takes 4th place and has earned a huge 17,128 points for Y3.
- ☆ Bluebell Riddle (aka Jessica G) is in 5th place and has earned a fabulous 12,878 points for Y5.

With every correct answer earning one point, this is an awesome performance by these players.

There are just 6 days to go but everything could still change. Remember, the battle is open from 8am until 6pm each day. You just need to play!

Burton HOPE Christmas Collection

Please can I say a huge thank you on behalf of Abbi and the whole school for your kindness and generosity in our HOPE Christmas Collection. Mrs Cramp drove away with a well loaded boot and I can assure you that your donations have gone to where they are absolutely needed the most and they will make a huge difference.



And finally...

We really hope your preparations for Christmas are going well, but in a time where there is so much pressure on parents and a huge amount of expectation, we wanted to remind you to take a breath, step back from the treadmill and focus on what is really important...loved ones..

The children won't remember if the decorations on the tree were perfectly aligned or the presents were all wrapped in co-ordinating papers or there were five different types of vegetables with the Christmas dinner.

They will remember afternoons sat under a blanket watching a Christmas film with popcorn. They'll remember time spent together building the board game that takes an hour to put together and two minutes to play. Remember, one of the best presents that you can give your child is time. Be kind to yourself. Do what YOU think is right, not what you think everyone else expects you to do.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe