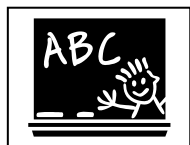


Thomas Russell Junior School

Inspiring all, achieving together.



Newsletter



Issue No. 3

Headteacher Mrs S Sharpe

25th September 2015

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.

Did you know?

**Waste less
live more week**

21-27 September 2015

Eco Warriors have enjoyed their first meeting this week and their first job was weeding and tidying the Quad area. It looks super tidy now, thank you!

They took on the challenge of Waste Less, Live More by cutting down the amount of plastic gloves they use and making these peg holders to keep their gloves tidy and ready for using every week. Don't they look great?



Y6 Parents - Secondary Admission - Sept '15

Don't forget that Mr Donoghue, Headteacher from John Taylor High School will be visiting on Monday 28th September at 3:45pm. He is offering an opportunity for parents and children to meet with him and to receive information about the High School, which will include admission procedures and any questions you may have. Please let your Y6 child know if you will be attending so that we know how many to expect, then meet at the gate and come back into school through the front door.

Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning

It was great to see how many parents kindly donated cakes and / or were able to join us this morning. We had a superb number of helpers which made the task of setting up much more manageable, so thank you for this too. We raised £458.77 for this superb charity thanks to your generosity.

Advance Notice – Diary Dates

Mon 28 th Sept	3:45	Mr Donoghue from JTHS
Wed 30 th Sept	8:30	Individual and Family Photographs
Thurs 8 th Oct / Tue 13 th Oct	4:00 - 7:00	Parent Consultations
Tue 13 th Oct	am/pm	Y3 Harvest Experience at St. James' Church
Fri 23 rd Oct	3:30	Last day of term
Mon 2 nd Nov	8:50	Back to school
Fri 27 th Nov		INSET Day – School Closed
Fri 18 th Dec	3:30	Break up for Christmas
Mon 4 th Jan	8:50	Back to School

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Harvest Experience

On Tuesday 13th October, Year 3 children will be going to visit St James' Church for a Harvest Experience. Organised by Rev Andrew Ridley, these excellent visits consist of a number of different workshops which take the children around the church and help them to learn about different Harvest traditions, where they came from and help to make them more familiar with the church.

Parent Consultation letters have been sent home today. Please ensure these are returned by Thursday 1st October so we can organise appointments.

Parent Forum

At Thomas Russell Junior School, we are committed to continuous improvement. Over the last few years, we have worked to improve communication with parents and take on board suggestions or recommendations that they may have to help us improve outcomes for the children. We have achieved this in part by implementing a very effective Parent Forum.

The remit of the Parent Forum is to focus on whole school improvement and wider issues. It is an opportunity to gauge parental opinion on a range of aspects of school and to take feedback from both members and the wider parent body. You can keep up to date with current topics and progress of the Parent Forum, via our noticeboard in the entrance hall and the Parent Forum section of the website. If you have an individual or personal issue / comment, we would still encourage you to come directly to us, either through your child's class teacher or to myself, in order that we may be able to discuss and address this as quickly as possible.

We would like to extend the offer to all parents to have the opportunity to become involved in the Parent Forum for this academic year, including those parents who have volunteered in the past. We are asking parents to complete the attached 'Expression of Interest' form if they would be interested in forming part of the Parent Forum. These forms will go into a hat and two representatives from each class will be randomly selected, to give a forum of sixteen parents plus governor and staff representation. We intend that the Parent Forum will meet 3 times during the year, once per term. These meetings will be during the school day, starting at 9:00am and lasting approximately 60-90 minutes. The dates have been set as Wednesday 25th November, Wednesday 3rd February and Wednesday 15th June.

There is also a section on the form which you could complete if you have an item that you would like discussed at the Parent Forum, but do not wish to be a representative.

The deadline for submission of 'Expression of Interest' forms is Monday 19th October. All parents completing forms will be contacted in writing to inform them of the outcome of the draw. The names of successful nominees only will go on the weekly Newsletter.

Best wishes, Mrs S Sharpe

Expression of Interest for Parent Forum

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Relationship: _____

I ***would / would not** like to express an interest in becoming part of the Parent Forum at Thomas Russell Junior School. (* Please delete as appropriate)

I have the following suggested agenda item(s) for the Parent Forum:

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Morgan and her little sister are doing the JDRF 3k one walk (Midlands) on Sunday 27th September to help raise as much funds as possible for such a wonderful charity.

She was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes when she was 1, and charities like these do amazing work looking for a cure and developing new technology to help those living with it to have a better quality of life. Morgan did want to do the Great Wall of China, but I convinced her to start off small (maybe next year!).

We would be so grateful if you could give your support and hopefully help towards finding a cure, we have set up a **Just Giving Page, Just search: Michelle Horler, One walk.** Or you could even do the walk with us, just look on the JDRF webpage <https://www.jdrf.org.uk/> and register for the event, its £10.00 per adult and free for under 18's. It would be nice to see you there.



Walk with us to create a world without type 1 diabetes



27 September 2015 (Midlands)

Walk with us to create a world without type 1 diabetes

Location: Drayton Manor Park, Tamworth

Date: Sunday 27 September 2015

Time: From 10am

One Walk is coming to Drayton Manor Park. Get your family and friends together for a 3K or 5K walk, all while helping us raise funds into reasearch to cure, treat and prevent type 1 diabetes.

Registration fee is £10 for over 18s and free for under 18s.

