

Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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Hope Orchard and Wellness Walk

Apologies that the weather today led to the postponement of the tree planting. We have rearranged for Thursday 27th May from 3:45 - 5:00. Again, don't worry if you can't make this date, just let us know when would be convenient and we'll see what we can co-ordinate.

SplashLearn

We have now received confirmation of 5H's prize for coming 3rd in the National SplashLearn competition – this is a £400 Amazon voucher. When added to 5K's £600 win, we now have an incredible £1,000 heading over to us from the US! I am sure the children will take great pleasure in having an input as to how this is spent for the benefit of all children across school now and into the future.

TRJS Olympics – 24th to 28th May



The nice weather has been booked for next week, so I wanted to just give parents a reminder of what the children will need each day next week:

Children should wear trainers every day (these offer much better support when running on grass than black pumps)

Please could we ask for House colour t-shirt and black shorts.

Over the top of that, we recommend a tracksuit for warmth and comfort whilst not competing. As always, children will need a water bottle in school and may bring an additional small afternoon snack (nothing for sharing thanks) each day

We would also like children to bring something waterproof to sit on. A bag for life is perfect, or a carrier bag, a piece of yoga mat or similar would all be suitable alternatives. Those wishing to sit back in style may want to slip a carpet square or cushion pad into their bag for added comfort!

Lost property...

We have a Ladies navy blue Next raincoat, which was left on the grass under the trees by the scooter stand at pick up time one night this week. If anyone is missing it, please do call in to collect.

Final Half term

We break up next Friday for May half term and have an INSET Day on Monday 7th June.
Children will return on Tuesday 8th June.

We have class photos on Thursday 10th June, so ask all children to wear their smartest uniform on this day.

14th - 18th June will be **My Money Week** in school - Mrs Preston has been organising some workshops with HSBC Bank and there will be lots of 'money' learning going on that week. Don't be surprised if your children come home talking to you about the differences between credit and debit cards and asking you questions about whether you have the best rate mortgage and energy deals! Having studied this unit for a number of years now, we do find our children develop a really deep level of understanding and interest!

There are three **Transition visit days** for Y6 children going to JTTHS on Friday 25th, Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th June. More information to follow from JTTHS directly.

We will keep you updated on transition information for all other schools children are transferring to as soon as we receive this.

The first week in July is our '**Residentials @ home**' week, packed with exciting opportunities.

End of Year Reports will come home on Friday 9th July and children will have Move Up Day with their new teacher on Monday 12th July.

We break up for the **Summer holiday on Wednesday 21st July** - there will be no Night Owls on this day.

Children return to school on Monday 6th September 2021.

Early Birds and Night Owls

The ethos of our wrap around care is to provide a 'home from home' environment, rather than an extension to the school day. Our familiar and friendly staff nurture a feeling of family. Activities are plentiful and there is always an element of free choice, just as would be enjoyed at home. Children are encouraged to play together and many form strong cross year-group friendships. Children all sit down around a table to eat breakfast and tea together, where the art of table manners and dinner conversation are promoted.



Early Birds runs daily between 8:00 and 8:45 and is based around a range of sports, team games, construction activities & ICT.

Breakfast is provided and includes toast, cereal, fruit, yoghurt and a drink of fruit juice, milk or water.

Early Birds costs £3.00 per session.

Early Bird Bookings for Summer 2 can be made via
www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using the code: **9h4r4**

Night Owls runs daily from 3:30 until 5:45

(Except last day of term - Christmas, Easter & Summer.)

Activities provided include a range of free play, construction activities, art & crafts, computing, outdoor games and toy sheds.

Children receive fruit and drink at the beginning of the session, then a light tea just before 5:00. Tea includes a selection of sandwiches, toast or hot dogs; fruit, yoghurt or cake and a drink.

Night Owls costs £8.00 per session.



Night Owls Bookings for Summer 2 can be made via
www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using the code: **jyywj**

Please book requirements asap to support us in accurate planning.

Terms and Conditions

Bookings for **all** sessions must be made in advance via the online booking system www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using the code published in the Newsletter each half term. Bookings made via this system will be charged at the prices indicated above.

For safeguarding purposes, it is essential that a booking is made for each session **before** your child attends.

Bookings must be made every half term, even if you always require a regular pattern e.g. M, W & F.

All late bookings, additional sessions and cancellations must be made in writing to patrick@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk and will be subject to a 50p admin charge.

Refunds will only be given where 48 hours' written notice is provided (with the exception of child illness, in which case a refund will be made on the second day of absence).

There is an additional charge for early drop off (before 8:00) and late pick up (after 5:45) at a rate of £5 per 5 minutes or part thereof.

You should ensure you have a second contact who will be able to collect your child in the case of emergency if you are unable to collect from Night Owls before closing time.

Payment should be made promptly via ParentPay for all sessions used and any admin charges as a result of changes.

If you wish to pay by Childcare Vouchers, please register this with the school, then **wait** until you receive your invoice at the end of the half term before making any payment. Once your invoice is received, please pay the correct amount via your electronic Childcare Voucher account.

We reserve the right to refuse future bookings where the above terms and conditions are persistently disregarded.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the additional freedoms that come with this next step in the lifting of Lockdown restrictions, but please continue to take care and stay well.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe