

# Thomas Russell Junior School

'Ambitious culture, strong team ethos, outstanding academic achievement, high expectations, exemplary behaviour' Ofsted 2019.



## Newsletter



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Please share with all of the children at TRJS:

### A Year to Remember

We think that you're amazing  
We think that you are stars  
And we wanted to say thank you  
From the bottom of our hearts ♥

The year has been so tricky  
The year has been so hard  
But you've battled and you've conquered  
You've really come so far!

We laughed together, learned so much  
We smashed it whilst on Zoom  
Who said you cannot teach them  
When they're not in the class room?

Think back with pride and pleasure  
Think back with sheer delight  
You'll forever be our children  
Who never gave up the fight

You're spirited and special  
You have such hearts of gold  
But this is just the beginning  
Of adventures not yet told

Go forth, be brave and fearless  
Remember everything you've learned  
Be kind and proud and honest.  
Enjoy a summer so well earned

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from Mrs Sharpe



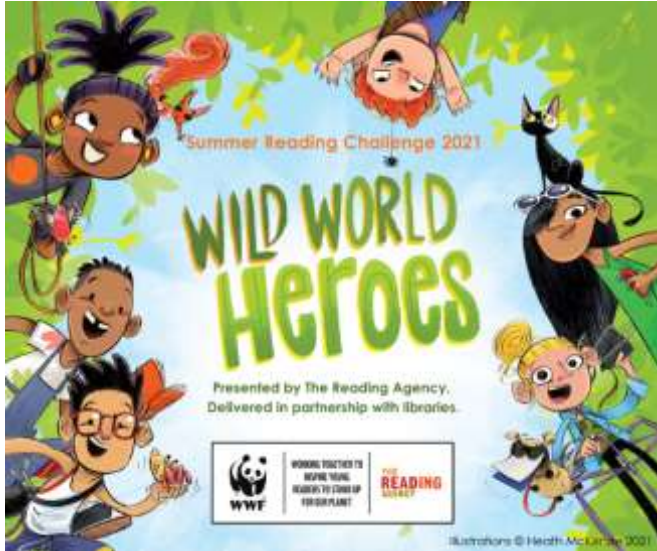
## Reading Ambassadors

We are delighted to announce our team of Reading Ambassadors for next year will be as follows:

Y6 – Charlotte W, Will S, Lauren H, Holly T, Suhavi K, Sam G  
Y5 – Sophie M, Noah W, Laurie H, Beatrix B, Ruby D, Josh W  
Y4 – Avin S, Oscar W, Evie R, Scarlett F, Freya C, Daisy C.

Thanks again to everyone who applied.

## Summer Reading Challenge 2021



In today's merit assembly, Miss Murfin revealed the theme for the **Summer Reading Challenge 2021**.....get ready for '**Wild World Heroes**', arriving online and in your local library this summer!

Pack your bags, we're headed for Wilderville! It's a pretty cool place, but there are lots of things that the Wild World Heroes can do to make their town even better for the people and animals that live there. Join in the Summer Reading Challenge and discover how you can make a difference to the environment too.

This year, The Reading Agency have teamed up with WWF for a very special nature-themed Challenge that will inspire you to stand up for the planet! Wild World Heroes features amazing books, awesome rewards, and plenty of ideas for taking care of our environment. Are you excited to join the **#WildWorldHeroes** this summer?

Visit: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> to register online, create an avatar and set your own target number of books to read. As in previous years, you will then be rewarded with a personalised certificate once you complete the challenge.

Staffordshire Library Service run a local competition for schools and Miss Murfin would love to see TRJS regain our reading crown this year – you can do it!



## Early Birds and Night Owls



Don't forget to book any Early Birds and Night Owls requirements by 20<sup>th</sup> August to enable us to plan provision. After online booking is closed, we cannot guarantee availability.



## Parent Pay

Please could I remind parents again to settle their Parent Pay accounts as a matter of urgency?

### Sad farewell...

We have been devastated not to have our Y6 children in school with us for these last few days of the year, but we know they leave us more than ready for the challenges of high school and wish them all the best as they head off on the next step of their adventures. We would love to see you next year; all dressed up in your new uniform and looking grown up ☺

### Special messages

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for all of our wonderful cards, presents and fabulous messages (from parents and children) expressing real gratitude and appreciation for everything we have achieved this year. So much time and care has been taken in making cards, choosing such personal gifts and writing heartfelt messages, many of which have moved us to tears. We are incredibly lucky to work with such amazing children, to have families who offer such superb support and to have a staff team who are so utterly dedicated.

I have been particularly touched by how many parents have gone out of their way to thank me for my leadership of the school during these turbulent times. Whilst I am ready for a holiday now (we all are!), it is a privilege and pleasure to be Headteacher of such a marvellous school. I can hand-on-heart tell you that, come September, there is no place in the world that I would rather be, than standing on the gate to greet our children, new and old, with a smile.  
*(Unless it is raining of course ... in which case a beach in Cuba sounds tempting ☺)*

The children return to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.  
Have an amazing Summer - stay safe!

*Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe*