

# Thomas Russell Junior School

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## Newsletter



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### Parent Consultations



As you know, our next Parent Consultations will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February (4pm-7pm).

Please read carefully as the structure is slightly different for different year groups.

For Y3 and Y4, we are offering appointments with the teacher whom your child spends most time with - this is their 'core' subject teacher who sees them every morning, and often some afternoons too.

For Y3, this will mean appointments are with Miss Branson, Miss Hurdman or Mrs Vardy.

For Y4, appointments should be booked with Mrs Jones, Mrs Khalid or Mrs Howell.



In Upper School, because the children move between groups each day and some children see two teachers every morning, we are offering either an individual appointment with the child's register teacher or a joint appointment with their register teacher and their Maths/English teacher.

In Y5, this means you can book with Mrs Preston or Miss Marston or book a joint appointment for Mrs Kerr-Delworth to join the register teacher (if she teaches your child Maths or English).

If Mrs K-D teaches your child English and Maths, there are some appointments to see her alone.

For Y6, parents can book with Mrs Rollins or Miss Press, or a joint appointment so Miss Murfin will attend if she teaches your child for Maths or English.

If you're not sure who to book with, please check with your child, or drop us an e-mail to

[questions@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:questions@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk)

We had hoped it would be possible to hold these consultations as a face-to-face event, however with Covid situations escalating as they are, we may make a decision to move to Zoom in the interests of safety. We will obviously communicate this with you as soon as the final decision is made.

### Bookings for appointments will open at 5pm TODAY

- 1) Log on to [www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk)
- 2) Select: **Make a booking** and enter code: **5rjmt**
- 3) Enter e-mail, name of adult attending and phone number.
- 4) Add the names of the child(ren) for whom you are booking.
- 5) Select the teacher(s) that you would like to see.
- 6) Tick the slot(s) that would be most convenient to you.
- 7) Receive **instant e-mail confirmation** of your booking(s).

BOOKINGS ARE STILL OPEN FOR OUR **PARENT WORKSHOP** — PLEASE TAKE A LOOK BACK AT NEWSLETTER 16 FOR DETAILS.



## Times Table RockStars Year Group Battle

By popular request, today sees the return of one of our in-house RockStar Battles. 😊

This first battle of 2022 is a year group competition with all 4 year groups competing directly against one another. We have some super players across the school so we are looking forward to an exciting competition!

The battle starts today, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January, at 7.30am and will run from 7.30am until 6pm every day. It will finish at 6pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January. This is sure to be a hotly-contested battle so make sure you join in to help lead your year group to victory! To take part, you simply need to login and play during the hours when the competition is live.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Preston on: [DPreston@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:DPreston@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk)

## Chinese New Year

We will be celebrating Chinese New Year with a special lunch on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. A menu is attached to the Newsletter. Children who usually stay sandwiches on Tuesdays, that would like to join us, are welcome. Please could we ask parents to add £2.45 to ParentPay by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January.



## Extra-Curricular Clubs

	w/c	Next week	31/1	7/2	14/2	21/2	28/2	7/3	14/3	21/3	28/3	4/4
Science Club	M	Y	Y	Y	Y	Half Term						
Coding Club 1	M	Y	Y	Y	Y							
Coding Club 2	M						Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tennis (LS)	Tu						Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Clarinet Group	Tu	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cross Stitch	W						Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Keyboard Group	Th	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Forest School	Th						Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Golf	Th	Y	Y	No	Y							
Tennis (US)	Th						Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Choir	F	Y	Y	No	No		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	No

Cancelling any club is always a last resort, but unfortunately due to Covid, we know this was necessary last term. Should the need arise, we will notify parents via text and will endeavour to give as much notice as possible.

## Music lessons



Don't forget to drop us an e-mail to [questions@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:questions@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk) if your child is interested in learning to play flute, clarinet or saxophone. We currently have availability for these lessons and are running some trials on Tuesday next week. We also still have places at after school clubs for Clarinet (Tues) and Keyboard (Thurs).

## Covid 19

Thanks again to parents who have tested and reported results to school consistently so we are able to keep a track of the situation, and do what we can to keep children and staff safe. I am sorry to say that cases are still rising and as I write, we have 91 positive children and 6 staff. This continuous rise tells me we have yet to track down some of the positive cases.

If I could again request that parents conduct an LFD test with their child **before school on Monday morning** and report via the link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/TSUcgDCVWJ> , we would very much appreciate it.

There is further information on Test and Trace on Newsletter 16.

For children who are self-isolating, there is a host of home learning information on the school website. Go to the 'Our Learning' tab of the website. [www.thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk)



**Congratulations** to the children who have come back to school over the last couple of days having completed all of the home learning from the website for their year group. It has meant they have hit the ground running and been able to slip back into lessons much more easily, knowing what has been covered while they were away. Teachers are working hard to make sure learning is accessible on the website, so please do take a look if you child is isolating and you are able.

*Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe*