

Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mrs S Sharpe

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Cycling proficiency



Please take care on Monday and Tuesday next week, as we are expecting drop off and pick up times to be busier than usual. Our Y5 children will be taking part in a cycling proficiency course and there will be 63 children bringing bikes in to school over these two days.



Mardi Gras

We are delighted to be welcoming a visitor to assembly on Monday 28th February so the children can find out about Mardi Gras and the traditions / celebrations of Mardi Gras in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA.

In school, children will have an opportunity to make a decorated Mardi Gras mask, find out about parade bands, king cake and the significance of the Mardi Gras colours - purple, gold and green.

If you are looking for a half term activity at home, why not find out about and make decorated umbrellas, which you could take to the parade.

Children are all invited to take part in the parade through the village on Tuesday 1st March. The parade starts at 4pm from Holland Sports Club. There may be an opportunity, with parental permission, to be a part of the float for some children.

Please note: this is a village event for children with their families, not a school supervised activity.



Lost money

Over the past 3-4 weeks, we have had nearly £20 in cash handed in to staff. This has been found in various locations around school (mostly in £1 and £2 coins). We are very proud of the honesty of our children who have found the money and done the right thing in handing it in, however there is no reason why children should have any money in school.

It is concerning 1) that so much has been found;
2) how much more money might be circulating in school and for what reason;
and 3) that no-one has reported losing any money, which we would normally expect.

Children should not bring any cash in to school (with the exception of donations for non-uniform days / Poppy Appeal etc.) Please could we ask for your help to re-iterate this and let us know if you have any concerns.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We are excited for the launch of our new clubs for after half term.
SoccerStars have released their information with dates and booking for the next half term.
You will also find some half term holiday activity information below.

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



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FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY COURSES
Monday 21st February - Friday 25th February 2022

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MELBOURNE SPORTS PARK THE PINGLE ACADEMY
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Barton Tennis Club and Microsports.

We are running a tennis camp this half term from Monday 21st - Friday 25th February 10am - 12 midday.

If you are interested in signing your child up please visit our link below or if you have any questions please email tom@micro-sports.co.uk

[Barton February Half Term 4-11 years — MicroSports \(microsportsltd.co.uk\)](https://www.microsportsltd.co.uk)

Hopefully we will see you there.

We have also sent home two further flyers for holiday activities, so hopefully you can find plenty to keep children active and occupied if required.

Don't forget we break up for February half term on Friday 18th and return on Monday 28th Feb.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe