

# Thomas Russell Junior School

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## Newsletter



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### Y6 SATs

Next week, our Y6 children will be completing their SATs tests in Reading, SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and Maths (Arithmetic and Reasoning).

**We would all like to wish the children the very best of luck.**

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Testing in Progress



As a special treat, we will be offering the year group a free breakfast in the hall from 8:45 each day. We have a selection of brioche, croissants, yoghurts, pancakes, fruit and breakfast bars for them to enjoy.

As ever in assessments, **all we ask is that the children try their best.** SATs are one small measure of our children's academic achievement. They say little about the child as a whole, the kind of friend they are to others, their individual personality, their strengths and passions, nor do they offer any special consideration for the impacts of Covid.

That said, by the end of the week, we really want the children to feel proud of their individual efforts and the resilience they have shown, so we look forward to seeing them shine.

**You've got this Y6 - you're ready ☺ and we will be right by your side.**

### Circus Workshop

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May, we have a Circus Workshop, which will include an assembly for the whole school then workshops for the Y6 children. On this day, we ask Y6 to wear non-uniform and suitable footwear.



### Reading Challenge

*Reading regularly has a significant impact on the progress that children make academically, as well as broadening their horizons and introducing them to new vocabulary. Regular readers are very often better writers, as they can magpie ideas from the stories they read, pick up hints about how to use different punctuation and also learn how the authors' choice of language affects the reader.*

*Quite simply, the more 1-2-1 time a child can have reading to an adult, the better chance they have of growing in to confident readers, and then it follows they will be more competent writers. This is why we reward the children who read five times per week at home with a raffle ticket in the draw for our Reading Challenge. Congratulations to our winners for the term: Thomas, Imogen, George, Olivia, Scarlett, D'Shaun, Jacob, Macy, Nancy, Luca, Olivia, Robert, Evie, William, Charlotte, Sam and Amillie.*

## Year 6 Leavers' Planning

We love to celebrate the end of an era for our Y6 children, as they move on to the next step of their adventures, with various activities and 'things'.

**Dates for your diary:** Leavers' Assembly will take place at 10am on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July and the Leavers' Parade will begin at 3:20 on the same day as we all break up for summer.

In addition to this, we normally organise items such as Leavers' Hoodies and a Yearbook of memories. In the past, it has been fabulous to have parental support from those with links to printing - hoodies and / or yearbooks. Anyone who would be willing to help with this, we would love to hear from you.

Out of school, I also know that a group of parents have, in the past, organised a Leavers' Disco.

Josh T's mum Vicki has kindly volunteered to gather details of all of those who wish to get involved. Please text her on 07989 967222 to add your details to the communications.



## Money

We are still having money regularly brought in to school. Again, we have had two lots of money handed in this week, one being a note of significant value found within school which no-one has reported this missing. I am very proud of the honesty of our children who continue to hand in any money they find, but please could we just ask parents to check with their children that they are not bring money in unnecessarily.

## Job Vacancies

We currently have a number of posts advertised for Teaching Assistants and Lunchtime Supervisors. If you are interested, please see Newsletter 28 or have a look on the school website: [www.thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk) Home » About Our School » Vacancies at TRJS

Please also share this information with anyone else you know who you think could be a valuable addition to our team 😊

**Young Voices 2022** takes place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May. Don't forget to have a good look through the information that was sent last week to ensure you have booked any hot dinners required and cancelled any Night Owls if not required.

Attached to the Newsletter is a questionnaire from Mrs Rollins which allows us to collate information about children's talents and interests out of school that we might not otherwise know about (particularly if your child likes to hide their light under a bushel). We would appreciate receiving any completed forms from parents, especially if you have not yet completed one of these.

*Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe*