

Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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Young Voices

Thank you to all of the parents, grandparents and other family members who joined us on Monday for a fabulous evening of singing, dancing and beat-boxing! There was an amazing atmosphere and it was wonderful to see how much the children (and staff) thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Special thanks to staff who played a key role in organisation and in supervising the children on the day 😊



We are looking forward to an action packed week this week:

Jubilee Dinner

On Tuesday 24th May, we are looking forward to our special Jubilee Dinner:
Roast Beef, Yorkshire Puddings, roasted and mashed potato, vegetables and gravy
followed by the Queen's favourite, Victoria Sponge
(vegetarian and other dietary options available)

Jubilee Street Party

Don't forget to come dressed in Red, White and Blue on Wednesday 25th May, ready to enjoy our Jubilee Street Party. Please could we ask children to wear trainers as we have a range of fun games in the afternoon, devised by our Y6 children, and many of them are based on the field.

The deadline to change lunch arrangements as detailed in last week's newsletter has now passed as food ordering has all been completed.

Sports Afternoons - Thursday 26th and Friday 27th May

Please can children come to school on both days wearing their House coloured t-shirt (no football shirts), plain black shorts, leggings or skirt and trainers. (plus sweatshirt if required) They will also need a bag containing something waterproof to sit on, a water bottle, sun cream & hat if it is sunny.

Weather permitting our current programme is as follows:

Thursday 26th May 1pm start:

Hurdles (heats then finals)
Long Jump (finals only)
Potato Race (heats then finals)
Egg and Spoon (heats then finals)
Skipping Race (heats then finals)

Friday 27th May 1pm start

Obstacle Race (heats then finals)
Javelin (finals only)
Shot Put (finals only)
Sprint (heats then finals)
Relay Races

The relay teams will be made up of the four fastest finishers in each Houses' sprint race.

Parents are most welcome to join us on either or both afternoons. Please bring a chair / cushion / picnic blanket with you so that you can get comfortable to enjoy the action! We aim to conclude races in time for parents to collect from Infants at 3:15.

Our children will be dismissed as normal at 3:30 – early collection is not possible.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to school, and politely remind parents that the judges' decisions are final ☺. You are welcome to photograph / video your own child, but please do not post ANY pictures on social media due to child protection issues.

Ski & Snowboarding Club



There are two extra places available at Skiing & Snowboarding Club. These are for a child aged 9+ to learn to snowboard and for a competent skier in the top group if anyone missed out, and would like to join. Cost is £30 and transport to and from Swadlincote Ski Centre will be required.

Please message questions@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk

Lost property

We have a considerable amount of lost property, none of which is named, including four pairs of children's glasses. Please let us know if you realise your child has lost something and we will do our best to reunite them.



Cycling Proficiency



Well done to the children in Y5 who took part in Cycling Proficiency this week. The instructors were impressed with your ability and again complemented the excellent standards of behaviour of the children at Thomas Russell Junior.

Y5 - we look forward to seeing you demonstrating all of the safe and sensible riding skills you have been working on.

At Thomas Russell Junior, we do ask that every child who cycles to school wears a helmet for their own protection. Accidents can happen in the blink of an eye with catastrophic consequences, however competent / careful a cyclist they are.

Early Birds and Night Owls

Our Early Birds and Night Owls provision is increasingly popular. Thank you to the large majority of parents who always remember to book their requirements using the booking code ☺

We have a small number of regular attenders who consistently overlook the booking system and we only guarantee availability to those who book using the system, so to avoid disappointment, please observe the deadline of **THURSDAY 2nd JUNE**.



PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 8AM for Early Birds, or Early Charges of £5 per 5 minutes will be automatically added to your account.

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: **wwzhf**

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

Late charges for pick up after 5:45 at a rate of £5 per 5 minutes will be automatically added to your account.

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

Activities provided include a range of free play, construction activities, art & crafts, 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 soup, sandwiches, toast, hot dogs, fish finger sandwiches etc.; fruit, yoghurt or cake, biscuit and a drink.

Night Owls costs £8.00 per session.



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

Please book requirements by THURSDAY 2nd JUNE.

We break up for half term on Friday 27th May (Night Owls is on). We have an INSET Day on Monday 6th June, so children return on Tuesday 7th June for their final half term in this year group.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe