

Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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Wow! What an action-packed last few days we have had at TRJS.



Wednesday saw the school dressed in red, white and blue to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. With the hall decorated and Last Night of the Proms playing, we shared our Party Lunch Bags. There was a super staff team effort to get all 140+ Street Party lunches made and bagged (complete with corgi biscuit).

After lunch, we played games and activities devised by our creative Year 6 children in our house groups.

Games included: royal bingo, musical thrones, Queen scavenger hunt, pin the tail on the corgi, jubilee jigsaws, a Queen quiz and parachute games.



Sports Day

On Thursday and Friday we held our Sports Afternoons, the first for a long time to which we could invite our school families. Luckily, the weather was kind to us (except when blowing over the hurdles!). It was wonderful to be able to share the fun with so many of you; thank you for ensuring the children had everything they needed and for cheering them all on.

The children performed brilliantly and were able to showcase all of their hard work this term practising the events. We look forward to seeing them at the Olympics in a few years' time (although we remain doubtful that the IOC will start including the egg and spoon race 😊). Thank you to the Y6 children who did a wonderful job of helping to reset the equipment for the races - we couldn't have done it without you! We were also thankful to be supported by a number of governors who helped with the line judging - a very important and nerve-wracking job!



It was all to play for going into the relay races today, with first and last place separated by just 20 points. But...

*Congratulations to our 2022 winners... by just one point... **JERVIS!***

Thank you Mrs Vardy for all the work done leading up to sports day as well as organising and running the events. She will be asking staff and children for feedback about our new format Sports Day including what went well, what could be better and how they would like to see us run the event in 2023.

If you have any feedback to add please email lvardy@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk

Goodbyes

Today we bid farewell to Mrs Warner, one of our lunchtime supervisors, who is retiring to enjoy more time with family and enjoy some travelling. We wish her all the very best and would like to thank her for her time at Thomas Russell Junior School.

At the end of the summer term, we will also bid farewell to Mrs Howell, who has made the decision to take time to enjoy the important things in life. Mrs Howell has also been with us for a number of years, teaching classes right across school, and we know she will be fondly remembered by children past and present.

Please see the attached advert for a full-time class teacher from September 2022 and please do share it with anyone who you consider would be a valuable addition to our team.

Save the Date



Kind thanks to a group of Y6 mums who are organising the **Year 6 Leavers' Disco**. They can confirm that it will take place at:



Holland Sports Club
Tuesday 19th July 6-8pm

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 Summer 2 can be made via www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using the code: **wucdq**

Please book requirements by THURSDAY 2nd JUNE.



Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Miss Press who is getting married tomorrow to her partner Andy, and will return to school as Mrs Hiatt. We would all like to wish her and her husband-to-be many years of happiness together. Have a fabulous wedding day, a wonderful mini-moon and a happy and fulfilling future together.

Today is the last day of this half term. We hope you have a lovely half-term break and the sun shines on your Jubilee Bank Holiday Celebrations. School is closed on Monday 6th June for our staff INSET day so **children return to school on Tuesday 7th June.**

A reminder that we have class photos on Thursday 9th June.

Best wishes, Miss Branson