

Thomas Russell Junior School

'Ambitious culture, strong team ethos, outstanding academic achievement, high expectations, exemplary behaviour' Ofsted 2019.



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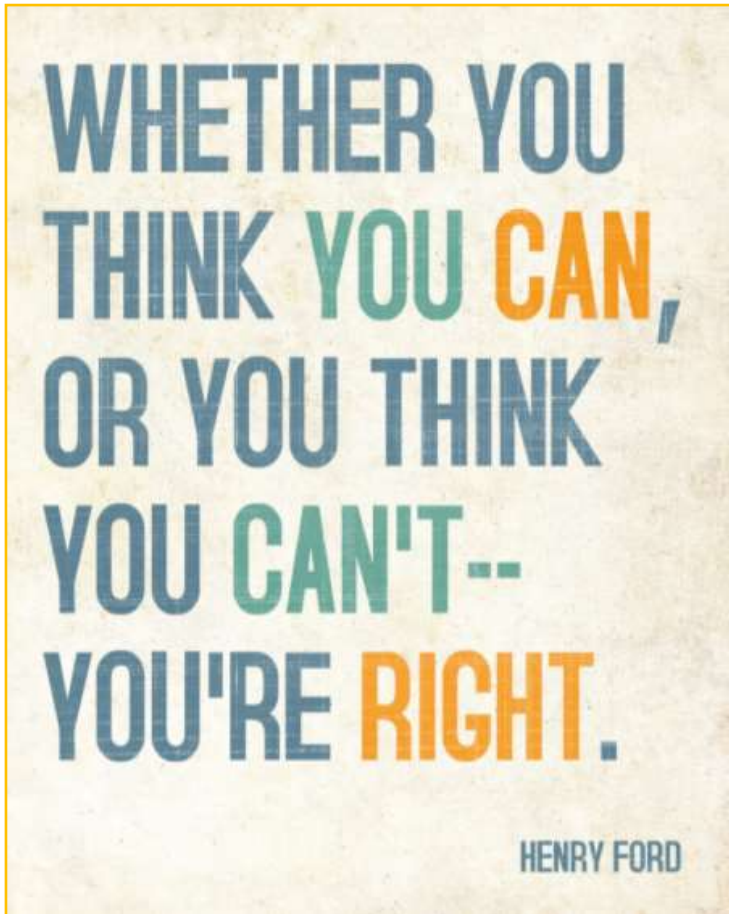


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Headteacher: Mrs S Sharpe

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Growth Mindset



We were very proud of our children this week as they took part in the DoodleBug Workshops. Aimed at nurturing a growth mindset and designed to help build children's resilience, we saw the children engage well and their efforts & perseverance were definitely rewarded.



The Doodle Bug

@IanDoodleBugArt

I've delivered the workshops at Thomas Russell Junior School in Staffs this week. Many positives including great resilience levels, excellent noise levels (I could hear a pin drop), superb concentration, exemplary manners/behaviour & fantastic pictures +enthusiastic staff. Awesome 🐛🐛

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Building a growth mindset - accepting that worthwhile achievements take hard work and persistence - can open up a whole world of possibilities.

Never underestimate the impact that a throwaway comment like 'You get it from me - I was rubbish at maths at school' can have on your child's attitude, outlook or progress. Also never underestimate the power of YET... I can't do that yet, I haven't solved the puzzle yet.

If you want to find out more about Growth Mindset, for your own learning as well as understanding how to nurture your child's growth mindset, why not watch the following video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2nF90sAW-Yg> or do some internet research - it really is a fascinating subject 😊

Remembrance Day

Our House Captains and Vice-Captains were superb on Thursday 11th November. I accompanied House Captains to represent the school at the War Memorial in the centre of the village. Bohemia laid a wreath of poppies and we took part in the silence, remembering all those who lost their lives at war and in service to their country.

The Vice Captains presented a PowerPoint that they had created to explain the significance of Remembrance Day to the children in school, where all staff and children observed the silence.



CLEANER - We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic, energetic and self-motivated person to help clean Barton Aquadome Swimming Pool.

Working Days: Monday to Thursday

Hours: 1 ½ to 2 hours per day (e.g. 7:00am – 8:30am OR 7:00pm – 9:00pm OR negotiable around pool bookings)

Pay: starts at £9.81 per hour (plus paid holiday) *Would consider a joint appointment of 2 people working together for 1 hour each.*

Tasks include:

Cleaning changing rooms and toilets, entrance foyer and poolside.

Emptying bins, wiping surfaces (skirting boards, window sills), refilling consumables (toilet roll, soap, disposable shoe covers)

Please contact Mrs Sharpe on 01283 247505, call in to school to make an appointment or email headteacher@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk

Vaccinations - The School Immunisation Team are due to visit Thomas Russell Junior on Wednesday 17th November. Please ensure you have checked your e-mails for further information regarding providing vaccination consent and potential asthma restrictions.

Menus – *we have now updated Parent Pay with the Winter Menu for the coming half term.*

Reading Scheme Books – we seem to be incredibly short on Reading Scheme books at the moment from across a range of colour bands. Please could we ask families to check at home, on bookcases, under beds etc. for any books that have been accidentally left at home.

It can be a scary world!

Along with the Newsletter this week, I have sent three Parents' Guides for Netflix, TikTok and Squid Game. We have had a few incidents in school recently with all three of these things and want to work with parents to help protect our children from unsuitable content, which some have viewed. We live in an increasingly technological age, which has many huge benefits, but can also have its drawbacks.

There is lots more information on the National Online Safety website, which will guide you through the safety of apps, games and websites. There is also fabulous information on how to set parental controls on devices at home.



Christmas Plans

We are delighted to be able to begin putting plans in to place for Christmas this year and will fill you in on more details as events are confirmed. We wanted to give all parents advanced notice of our visit to the Red Carpet Cinema on the last day of term. Children will all have the opportunity to go and see 'The Boy Called Christmas' on 17th December. This will be subsidised by the profits made from selling Christmas cards and mugs etc. Consent forms will be circulated in due course, but we wanted you to know our plans before the film is released! We always find a Christmassy visit to the cinema in our Christmas jumpers is a lovely way to end the term.

Pringles - Night Owls are still trying to collect a large number of Pringles tubes for a Christmas activity. We would really appreciate if you have any at home that you could send in. Thanks.

Parent Governors

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mrs Rosie Whiteford, one of our Parent Governors who has been on the Governing Body for the last 4 years. Supporting the school through a pandemic, an Outstanding Ofsted inspection, the best SATs results ever and a whole host of other milestones, we have welcomed her positivity, enthusiasm and commitment to the role. She will be sadly missed.

This does mean we now have a vacancy for a new parent governor and would encourage parents to consider if this is a role they may like to take on.



What a fantastic response we had to the colouring and designing mental health superhero competitions! We were spoilt for choice but congratulations to our special mentions: Alfie W, Mya O, Opal H, Anna D in Y3, Nancy B, Evie R, Macy W, Evie C and William O in Y4, Lily C and Sophie M in Y5 and Nevaeh H and Dylan N in Y6. And congratulations to our winners: Megan W and Eliza D in Y3, Emilia S and Will G in Y4, Bella P and Will C in Y5 and Emilia C and Amelia H in Y6. Enjoy those lovely prizes ☺



And a huge thank you to all those who donated money for the children wearing yellow. We raised a fantastic £300 to give to YoungMinds.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe