

Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mrs S Sharpe

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Parent Governors



We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. We would encourage parents to consider if this is a role they may like to take on. We very much appreciate the support offered to the school, in a range of different ways, by our team of Governors. To find out more about being a Parent Governor, you might like to speak to any of our current Governors and they will be able to meet / chat to you. You can make contact with anyone on the GB using the e-mail: governors@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk There is a blank nomination form attached to the Newsletter this week.

Absence



As you will know, we have experienced considerable difficulty over the past few weeks with staff absence due to Covid and other illness. One of the services that has been impacted is the Music Partnership. We are doing our best to ensure consistency in delivery of individual, small group, class and after school instrumental lessons - however we are aware that some lessons which parents have paid for have not been delivered. We do keep a register every week, so missed lessons will be made up where possible and if this is not possible, then a refund will be given.

We currently have 9 positive Covid cases within school. Please can we take the opportunity again to thank parents for their support and swift action in isolating children and taking them for PCR tests if they display any symptoms - this is helping to stop transmission and keep our children, staff and families safe.

Swimming Eyes



I would like to thank the small team of parents who have supported us this term by acting as Eyes for Swimming Lessons. We appreciate the time you give which allows our children their weekly lesson.

We still have no eyes on **Wednesday afternoons**. We have been covering the role using TAs from school, but this means their time is taken away from providing important 1-2-1 and small group support for the children. If there are any parents who could give an hour of their time it would be much appreciated, particularly Y6, as they swim on Wednesday afternoon.



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 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

Christmas Jumper Recycling

As we continue to make plans for Christmas, I wonder if I could kindly ask for any donations of Christmas jumpers? Y6 School Councillors would like to run a 'Jumper Juggle', selling donated jumpers for £2 each to raise money towards our cinema trip.

There will be a jumper donation box in the entrance hall all week next week. On Monday 6th December, the councillors will set up tables of jumpers sorted by size, by the front of school at the end of the day. Hopefully if we can get a nice lot of donations, it should be a good chance to do something eco-friendly too ☺

Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school (with the rest of their uniform) during the last week of term, so they'll get a nice bit of use from whatever they purchase.

Comic Club

The School Councillors from all years also have plans of setting up and running their own Comic Club at lunchtime, with the opportunity for other children to read comics and create their own.

If you have any comics or annuals that you would be happy to donate, then we would also be happy to receive these too. Thank you.

Early Birds and Night Owls



Early Birds runs daily between 8:00 and 8:45 and costs £3.00 per session.

Early Bird Bookings for Spring 1 can be made via www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using the code: **62eet**

Night Owls runs daily from 3:30 until 5:45 (Except last day of term) and costs £8.00 per session. **Night Owls Bookings for Spring 1** can be made via

www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using the code: **z634y**

Booking is ESSENTIAL. We only guarantee availability for Spring 1 for bookings made by Thursday 16th December.



Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe