

# Thomas Russell Junior School

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



## Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mrs S Sharpe

16<sup>th</sup> September 2022



I am delighted to announce the successful candidates for School Council this year are:

Year 6 - Rose M, Jacob T, Faith C and Jon W  
Year 5 - Olive H, Sahaan V, Lucy F and Max C  
Year 4 - Ella C, George E, Ruby C and Freddie W  
Year 3 - Eloise S, Joseph C, Amber W and Miles H

We very much look forward to hearing all about your ideas and the ways in which you would like to support and improve your school. Children are encouraged to wear their badge with pride every day. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday next week.

### School Terms and Holiday Dates Term 2022 - 2023



#### Autumn Term 2022

INSET

School opens for pupils

Half-term

School opens

School closes

Christmas Holiday

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December to Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

#### Spring Term 2023

INSET

School opens

Half-term

School opens

School closes

Easter Holidays

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April



#### Summer Term 2023

School opens

School closed

INSET

Half-term

School opens

School closes

INSET

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May (Bank holiday)

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023

### Important diary dates for Autumn Term

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October - Parent Consultations (4pm - 7pm)

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 2pm - Harvest Festival at school

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm - Christmas Carols at St. James' Church

More details and booking information for each event will follow closer to each date.

Young Voices - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January - only for selected choir members.

### Advanced notice

We are very excited to have bookings in place to take Y5 and Y6 away on residential visits this year. Further information to follow, but dates for your diary:

Y5 will have the opportunity to go to Laches Wood from Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Y6 will have the opportunity to go to Standon Bowers from Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July

### Mindful Mentors

Mrs Kerr-Delworth is looking for new Mindful Mentors from Y4, 5 and 6 to help promote the well-being and mental health of our school community. If your child would like to be a

Mindful Mentor, they can apply in writing, poster, video, PowerPoint etc. Their application should include why they want the job, how they would be a good Mindful Mentor, what they do to promote their own well-being and mental health and finally any suggestions about how we could develop the role of Mindful Mentors in school.

Any children who are interested should apply by Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

### Coats please...

We are strong believers that children need fresh air and exercise in order to be able to focus in lessons. Therefore, we will do our best to get them outside at break time and dinner time even in wet and cold weather. Please could we ask that parents ensure their children have a coat in school every day and have sensible footwear that can withstand a wet play time or walk to school without resulting in children sitting with soggy socks all day.



Following the sad death of  
Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II  
a Civic Commemorative Service will take place  
at St James' Church, Barton under Needwood  
the evening before the State Funeral.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022  
6:00pm

You and your organisation are cordially invited  
to join us for this special service.

Medals may be worn and  
Standards are encouraged to be paraded.

RSVP desirable but not essential.  
01283 712359  
coordinator.bundtbenefice@outlook.com

*An opportunity for our communities to come together at this sad time*

### Language Ambassadors

Thank you to all of the children who  
submitted an application to become a  
Language Ambassador.

Miss Marston is delighted to announce  
the following children make up the team:

Year 4 – Harris B, George E, Emily D,  
Felix G, Scarlett O

Year 5 – Amun K, Jodh S, Nancy B,  
Thomas B

Year 6 – Poppy C-J, Tilly B, Georgie H,  
Rose M, Lucy G



Thomas Russell Junior will be closed on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September, as a designated Bank Holiday for the State Funeral of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, which will take place at 11am.

*Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe*