

Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mrs S Sharpe

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A few reminders...

Parent Consultations - Don't forget our Parent Consultations are on Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th October from 4pm to 7pm. For more information see last week's Newsletter.

Cauliflower Cards - Orders for any Cauliflower Cards products are due today. If you have yet to return the artwork, please ensure it comes back to school on Monday 3rd October so it can be sent off. Last year, we used all of the profits raised to subsidise our trip to the Red Carpet Cinema at Christmas, and we intend to do the same again this year.

Individual and family photos - Monday 3rd October - Remember to arrive from 8:30 for the family group photos. Y6 children please come to school in uniform and bring Outdoor PE kit and trainers in a bag.

Flu vaccinations - Wed 5th October - Please reassure children that there should be no pain or discomfort with the vaccination, and it is completed in seconds, to avoid any worry or upset.



Science Ambassadors

Mrs Hiatt is looking for new Science Ambassadors from Y4, 5 and 6 to help promote Science in our school community. If your child would like to be a Science Ambassador, they can apply in writing, poster, video, PowerPoint etc. Their application should include why they want the job, how they would be a good Science Ambassador, what they do to promote science in school and finally any suggestions about how we could develop the role of a Science Ambassador in school. The deadline has been extended so any children who are still interested should apply by Friday 7th October.

Keeping warm

Parents will no doubt have noticed there has been a real drop in the temperature over the last week or so. We are now asking all children to wear tracksuit and trainers on Outdoor Games day, rather than shorts and t-shirt. Please could we also ask you to ensure they have a coat in school every day ☺

Reading Ambassador

Miss Murfin has shared some of the lovely applications that she received from children who wanted to take on the role of Reading Ambassador. We are delighted to appoint the following Y4 children:

Amelia M, Mallory O, Hettie P, Ava B, Poppy C, Nat E and Immy W

These join the more experienced children from Y5 and 6 - we look forward to their support and in these roles. Lovely new Reading Ambassador badges will be winging their way to the children very soon.



Reading Plus

Over the last couple of weeks, almost all of the children in Y4, 5 and 6 have completed their initial assessments on Reading Plus and we have been delighted to see their enthusiasm and engagement with the programme.

We hope they have demonstrated how it works to parents and carers at home - it is very clever and will use countless pieces of information to tailor a programme of support and development for every child, exactly at their level.

Reading Plus works on iPads, laptops and tablets. It can work on a phone, but the screen isn't really big enough. Please encourage children to use it as much as they would like. If your child does not have access to a laptop or tablet at home that they could use, then please get in touch with Mrs Sharpe in confidence and we would hope to be able to help.

Keeping up with the times...



Miss Murfin has a superb Reading Den that children can enjoy at lunchtimes. This gets increasingly popular at the weather gets colder and always has a range of book related activities and games. We are always looking for up to date and relevant reading materials. If any parents have a subscription to topical and current children's magazines / newspapers that they would be willing to donate after they have been read, then these would be very gratefully received. Thank you.

Early Birds and Night Owls



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, pain-au-chocolate, fruit, yoghurt and a drink of fruit juice, milk or water.

Early Birds costs £3.25 per session.

Early Bird Bookings for Autumn 2 can be made via www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using the code: **bf3bn**

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

(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 sandwiches, toast or hot dogs; fruit, yoghurt or cake and a drink. (Our winter menu also includes soup, jacket potatoes and Mrs Sharpe's favourite - fish finger sandwiches ☺)

Night Owls costs £8.75 per session.

Night Owls Bookings for Autumn 2 can be made via www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using the code: **bw4j9**



Booking is ESSENTIAL. We only guarantee availability for Autumn 2 for bookings made by Thursday 27th October.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe