

Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mrs S Sharpe

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Early Birds and Night Owls

Please see the previous two Newsletters for booking information for next half term.

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



Harvest Festival

Thank you SO much for your support in our Harvest Festival. It was lovely to have so many parents together again after such a long time. We were overwhelmed by your kind and generous donations to Burton HOPE and I reiterate John Anderson's thanks - we know these will be gratefully received.



Science Ambassadors

Mrs Hiatt was really pleased with the quality of applications and the enthusiasm shown by the children. Nominees for this year are: Y6 - Harry C and Laurie H Y5 - Walter H, Will O, Harry G, Scarlett M and Scarlett F and Y4 - Noah C and Millie H. The hit the ground running by supporting in our water assembly this week.

Y5 Library

Y5 children will be visiting the Library on Monday 31st October. If children have books that they would like to return, they are welcome to bring them to school. It would also be really helpful if all children who have a library card can bring that to school too,

Poppy Appeal & Remembrance

When we return after half term, our Y6 House and Vice Captains will be holding a Poppy Shop. Children will have an opportunity to purchase a traditional paper poppy or a selection of other items, such as key rings, slap bands, bracelets and stationery. There is a recommended minimum donation of 20p for a poppy and £1 for a slap band / bracelet / keyring.



Y5 and Y6 Residentials

So far we've had a good response to sending out information about our two residentials next year. The deposit deadline is 4th November. We are really keen that no children are excluded from the trip as a result of finances, please do be sure to get in touch before this date if you are worried about being able to afford the trip.

We are aware there may be a clash between John Taylor transition days and the Y6 trip and we are looking into find a solution.

Absence

I would like to inform parents that Mrs Hiatt will be absent now until after Christmas, as she will be having an operation. I know parents and children will join us in wishing her a speedy recovery and we look forward to seeing her back in school as soon as possible. We are fortunate to have capacity within school to cover her teaching between Mrs Jones, myself and Mrs Kerr-Delworth, this will ensure good continuity in her absence, that we can still maintain the 3-way split for some lessons and mean the children do not need to worry about meeting any new teachers. Mrs K-D will also maintain her Y5 teaching. Miss Branson will cover the Y6 classes that Mrs Jones taught.

Next half term and beyond...

We return to school on Monday 31st October.

During the first and second week the Poppy Shop will be running.

On Friday 11th November, Mrs Sharpe will be attending a short outdoor service at the War Memorial in the village centre with House Captains. The Vice Captains will remain in school and present an assembly to the children on Remembrance.

Christmas events in December will include:

Christmas Dinner on Thursday 8th December

Mayor's Concert at Burton Town Hall on Sunday 11th December for selected Choir members

Church Carols at St. James' on Wednesday 14th December for the whole school.

Parents are invited.

We conclude the half term on Friday 16th December with our Red Carpet Cinema treat.

Autumn Term Reports for parents will be sent home on this day.

There will be no Night Owls on this date.

*Staff return on Tuesday 3rd January for an INSET Day and
children return on Wednesday 4th January.*

Young Voices takes place on Friday 13th January. I am pleased to confirm places for all of those children who applied.

Parent Consultations will take place on Tuesday 7th February and Thursday 9th February.

We break up for half term on Friday 17th February.

Have a wonderful and well deserved half term break and we will see you all bright and breezy in a week!

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe