

# Thomas Russell Junior School

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



## Newsletter



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### Extra-Curricular Clubs – Spring 2023

We are delighted to be share our list of extra-curricular clubs for the Spring Term ☺.

Clubs are designed to give children access to something 'extra' that they might enjoy - they are designed to spark an interest in something new, to help them discover a new hobby or passion and to develop self-confidence mixing with a wider friendship group of children with similar interests.

When a child signs up to a club we do expect them to attend for the full session EVERY week and will need a written note or call from a parent before the club if they will be absent.

Thank you again to staff who offer their time freely to provide these opportunities.

Day	Club	Staff running	Time	Year Groups	Cost	Dates running
Monday	Netball	Miss Wortley	3:30 - 4:30	Y5 & Y6	Free	27/2 6/3 13/3 20/3 27/3
Tuesday	Reading Den	Miss Murfin	12:45 - 1:15	All	Free	Every Tuesday Lunchtime
Tuesday	Clarinet Group	Mrs Owens	3:30 - 4:10	Y5 & Y6	£30	10/1 17/1 24/1 31/1 28/2 7/3 14/3 21/3 28/3
Tuesday	Football	SoccerStars	3:30 - 4:30	All	Please sign up directly with SoccerStars (Information below on Newsletter)	
Wednesday	Keyboard Group	Miss Cassells	3:30 - 4:10	All	£30	11/1 18/1 25/1 1/2 8/2 1/3 8/3 15/3 22/3 29/3
Wednesday	Yoga	YogaBugs	3:30 - 4:30	All	Free	1/3 8/3 15/3 22/3 29/3
Thursday	Reading Den	Miss Murfin	12:45 - 1:15	All	Free	Every Thursday Lunchtime
Thursday	Lego Club	Mrs Kerr-Delworth	12:15 - 12:45	Y4 & 5	Free	Every Thursday Lunchtime
Thursday	Lego Club	Mrs Kerr-Delworth	12:45 - 1:15	Y3 & 6	Free	Every Thursday Lunchtime
Thursday	Computing	Miss Hurdman	3:30 - 4:30	Y4, 5 & 6	Free	12/1 19/1 26/1 2/2 16/2 2/3 9/3 16/3 23/3 30/3
Thursday	Board Games	Miss Branson	3:30 - 4:30	All	Free	12/1 19/1 26/1 2/2 16/2 2/3 9/3 23/3
Friday	Choir	Mrs Sharpe	3:30 - 4:30	All	Free	20/1 27/1 3/2 3/3 10/3 17/3 24/3
*Friday*	Skiing and Snowboarding	Mrs Sharpe	3:25 - 5:25	All	£35	*Summer Term* 21/4 28/4 5/5 12/5 19/5

Our extra-curricular clubs are always exceptionally popular and places are given on a **first come first served** basis.

Clubs are limited to **TWO** per child in an effort to give a greater number of children chance to attend. Booking a paid club is an indication of commitment to pay the amount indicated - this will be added on Parent Pay w/c 9<sup>th</sup> Jan.

**Any additional availability will be opened up on Monday.**

SoccerStars does not count in the TWO clubs as they are an outside provider.



### Electronic Booking for Clubs

#### Bookings will open at 5:30pm tonight.

- 1) Log on to [www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk)
- 2) Select: **Make a booking** and enter code: **tx3qk**
- 3) Enter e-mail, child(ren)'s first AND surname.
- 4) Choose child's year group and clubs they would like to attend.
- 5) Receive instant e-mail confirmation of booking.

Please note you will not receive any further confirmation from school - once you have signed up and received your confirmation e-mail, your child's place is secured.

**Soccerstarsuk**

Soccerstarsuk specialise in After School Football Clubs, we provide an exciting Football programme for boys and girls of all abilities ensuring that they can enjoy the game in a safe and positive learning environment.

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Thomas Russell Junior School

**FOOTBALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

School Years: **3 TO 6**

Time: **3:30pm - 4:30pm**

Dates: **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

Price: **£31.50**

Highly Qualified & Trained Coaches | Fun Story Games | Individual Ball Possession | Grabbing & Turning | Themed Tournaments

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### Also for this half term:

Reading Ambassador Meeting dates are as follows:

- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January - 3.30 to 4.30pm
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February - 3.30 to 4.30pm

Y3 will be visiting Barton Library on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January during their English lessons. If any children have a Library Card, it would be really helpful if they could bring it to school on that day, or if they have any books that they wish to return, they could also bring them then.

Don't forget we have a box in school where all children are welcome to drop off any books for Barton Library and we will ensure they get returned. This system is really well used, but I just wanted to ensure all families were aware of the service.

Miss Murfin has also asked me to give Y4 parents and carers advance notice of our Reading Cafe @ Barton Library for Y4 pupils / families which will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February from 3.45-4.45pm

### Parent Consultations

We will be holding our Parent Consultations on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

Please watch out during this week for some changes to after school clubs.

Booking information and codes will be circulated to parents next week so they can sign up and choose a convenient appointment time.

### Y5 trip to Laches Wood

Our Y5 children will be heading off to Laches Wood later this term - from Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. Copies of information which has been circulated regarding activities and kit list requirements etc., can be found on the school website

[www.thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk)

under Parents' Information and then Residential Visits.



## WhatsApp

We have received concerning information in to school regarding some highly inappropriate chat, which took place between our pupils via a WhatsApp group over the Christmas break. This is reported to include swearing, derogatory language and explicit content.

Please could I reiterate to all parents the importance of checking your child(ren)'s phones, tablets and other devices or games consoles to ensure you are aware of not only of your own child's conduct, but also the behaviour of peers which your child is being exposed to.

Our e-safety curriculum covers a vast amount, and we have protections in school which allow us to pick up actions such as typing swear words, inappropriate web searches and to block access to certain content, however keeping children safe is obviously a team effort. Please do speak to myself or your child's class teacher if you have any concerns in this area, or there is anything you would like to discuss.

The **CEOP - Think you know** website: [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) contains lots of helpful advice and links. You can also find out online about how to set child safeguards – just ensure your child isn't savvy enough to work out how to unset the protections that you have put in place.

## School Dinners

From Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February, the cost of a school dinner will be increasing to £2.65. As you will be aware, there have been significant increases in costs for food, energy and staffing recently. Unfortunately, the kitchen is currently running at a loss so this increase is necessary to cover costs.

*Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe*