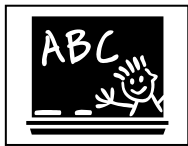


Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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Headteacher Mrs S Sharpe

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Happy Days -

We are back in business!

I am absolutely delighted to inform you that after a year of having no Friends of TRJS, we had a superb relaunch meeting on Wednesday. Thank you to

Mrs Brammer for the lovely cake - I know for some that was the only reason they came along! Joking aside, it was really brilliant to see such great support for the school. Thank you to those who stood for the committee roles:

Chair - Mrs Cartwright & Mrs Castle;

Vice Chair - Mrs Alcock;

Secretary - Mrs Mills;

Treasurer - Mrs Trinh.

Thanks also to the many others who are leading and supporting with the organisation of events:

Decorated Easter Egg Competition and Coffee

Afternoon - Thursday 24th March - 2 - 3pm

Spring Fair - Wed 20th April - 3:45 - 4:45pm

Duathlon - Tuesday 14th June - 4 - 6:30pm(ish!)

Please find minutes attached to your e-mail if you receive the newsletter electronically.

Sports Day - Advanced notice - We will be holding our Sports Day on **Friday 27th May**. Details and arrangements will be finalised closer to the time. There was discussion at the Friends meeting about how we could make the day even more enjoyable, so do come along to the next meeting if you would like to be a part of those decisions.

Bag2School - Thank you for your donations towards Bag2School this week.

This was a joint collection held both here and at the Infants' School, so funds raised were shared equally between TRIS and TRJS raising £78.20 each.



Parent Forum - Wednesday 3rd February at 9am.

If you would like anything to be raised for discussion, please email 'questions@' by Monday so we can put the agenda together. Thank you.

Visitors - This coming Monday in assembly we have Peter Ralley coming to talk to the children about a history project that has been completed with some JTHS students. The children have created a book and film about the heritage of the village. He will be giving out a free book and DVD for every child to take home and share with their family. We look forward to learning more about our village and hope you will find it makes interesting reading at home.

The Monday after we have a visiting theatre company in school to deliver a performance on Internet Safety - we cannot over emphasise how serious the online risks are to children growing up in such a technological age and would urge all parents to make themselves familiar with the 'Think you know...?' website as well as taking the time to learn how to use net protection, filters and security measures on your devices to help keep children safe.

Parent Consultations - this is the last weekend to book your appointment if you still haven't done it!

We look forward to seeing you on 4th or 9th February. Please come to the hall before your appointment. We will be serving complimentary teas and coffees (for adults only).

There will be a selection of your child's work available for you to look through.

From the hall you will be sent to your appointment - please respect the 10 minute slot to ensure equality for all parents.

Please take your child's drawer to the classroom with you.

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Mobile phones

Please note that in general children are NOT allowed to bring mobile phones to school.

There are however special circumstances under which we do make an exception.

A small few are using this concession very responsibly - they turn their phone off and hand it in to the office as soon as they get to school.

They remember to collect it after 3:30 and they then store it safely to take it home (i.e. not waving it round in public for everyone to see).

Unfortunately we are becoming increasingly aware that a great number of children bringing mobile phones into school unnecessarily or simply as a status symbol.

We ask for your support in managing this difficulty, ensuring that pupils are aware that concessions to the rule are for safety issues only, thank you.

*Best wishes,
Mrs S Sharpe*