

Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mr J Emery

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Young Voices

All the children who have registered to commit to the choir on a Friday after school, starting 22 September, have received a letter regarding Young Voices. This exciting celebration of singing is on Thursday 25 January 2024. Please note that all permissions, orders and payments need to be received by 10am on Friday 22nd September. Parents are reminded that children will only be able to participate if they attend all the choir rehearsals.

Parent Helpers and Eyes

As all year groups start swimming next week, we would be very grateful for parents to act as "EYES" to help supervise the lessons. The pool is a wonderful facility and we rely on parental support to ensure we are able to offer this life-saving skill to all the children at school. Please phone or email to let the school office know if you could offer 1 hour from Monday-Thursday afternoons. Thank you. 😊

If we have any parents who are able to spare an hour or so each week to come and read with some children, we would love to hear from you. Please let the office know.

We are a Nut Free School

Due to having some children in school with an allergy to nuts, we welcome the support of parents in being a NUT-FREE SCHOOL. Therefore, we ask your co-operation to avoid sending snacks or lunch into school that contain nuts. We appreciate that this is change for everyone, but I thank you for helping to keep everyone safe.



We are United Against Bullying

Helping all children to feel happy and safe at school is at the heart of everything we do. Miss Branson has sent a letter out this week confirming the wonderful news that TRJS has achieved BRONZE school status on the United Against Bullying programme. However, we are never complacent and will continue to ask the children how they feel to make sure we are doing all we can to improve pupil wellbeing. Please read the letter carefully and ONLY return the slip if you do not wish your child(ren) to take part in the survey.

Music Tuition (For those children already on the lists)

Woodwind lessons - Tuesday.

Violins for Y4,5,6 - Wednesday.

Violins for Y3 - Friday.

Keyboards - Wednesday lunchtime.

Guitar lessons will be confirmed as soon as we know the availability of the teacher.

Congratulations

Over the last week or so, each class has been voting for their School Council Representatives. This is a very important position at TRJS. Each candidate prepared a speech to explain how they would be an effective rep, a task which needs courage to stand up and be counted, while developing excellent communication skills. Well done to all those who were BRAVE enough to do so. You are all winners in our eyes. 😊

The newly elected reps will be expected to listen carefully to the ideas of the other children in their class and bring sensible suggestions to school council meetings. In this way, they will represent the value of democracy and work together to ensure that TRJS continues to be a happy and safe place for all. It is an honour to be voted for this role and we are confident that they will be mature, respectful and articulate ambassadors for both their class and the school. Congratulations!



3H
Finley O
Elsie B



3K
Nancy M
Leo C



4H
Oscar O
Millie C



4M
William M
Isla B

5P
Emily D
Tommy W

5W
Aurelia T
Alfie W

6M
Oliver C
Skylar W-P

6S
Fred B
Elicia M

Term Dates

Here are the dates for the year ahead:

INSET DAY	Monday 4 September
Autumn Term 1:	Tuesday 5 September 2023 - Friday 27 October
Half Term:	Monday 30 October - Friday 3 November
INSET DAY:	Monday 6 November (School is closed to pupils)
Autumn Term 2:	Tuesday 7 November - Friday 22 December
Spring Term 1:	Monday 8 January - Thursday 8 February
INSET DAY:	Friday 9 February (School is closed to pupils)
Half Term:	Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February
Spring Term 2:	Monday 19 February – Friday 22 March
Summer Term 1:	Monday 8 April – Thursday 23 May
INSET DAY:	Friday 24 May (School is closed pupils)
Half Term:	Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May
Summer Term 2:	Monday 3 June – Friday 19 July
INSET DAY:	Monday 22 July (School is closed to pupils)

Special Educational Needs Support

If any parent has any questions or would like further support with regard to Special Educational Needs, please send an email to Mrs Rollins (our SENDCo) at the following email: krollins@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk

Names!

Please ensure that all clothing and equipment brought into school is clearly labelled with your child's name. We are getting quite a collection of lost property already! Thank you 😊

School Car Park

We ask that parents do not drive through the school gates or turn around in the entrance between 8.30am and 5.00pm. We need to work together to keep our children safe so your co-operation is very much appreciated.

Merit Assembly

It was great to see our new Y3 parents in school today as they joined us for the Merit Assembly, where we celebrated achievement right across the school, sang happy birthday to those with birthdays this week, announced our House Points for the week, congratulated the new School Council Representatives and enjoyed a good sing together. A super end to the week.

Headteacher Awards

I have been walking round the classes this week and it has been very encouraging to see children demonstrating positive attitudes to learning, smiling, working hard and getting on well together. More of the same next week please. 😊

Dates for the Diary:

School Photographs – Monday 2 October (more information will follow)

Y5 Trip to Packington – Thursday 21 September (5P) or Monday 25 September (5W)

Parent Consultations – Tuesday 24 October and Thursday 26 October (4pm-7pm). A link for booking appointments will be sent out in a couple of weeks.

Keep up the good work everyone and have a lovely weekend. See you all on Monday. 😊

J Emery