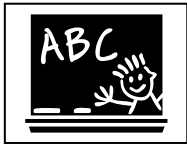


Thomas Russell Junior School

Inspiring all, achieving together.



Newsletter



Issue No. 18

Headteacher Mrs S Sharpe

5th February 2016

Parent Forum



We had a great Parent Forum meeting this week. Please keep an eye out on the website or the Parent Forum board in the entrance hall to see the latest minutes and action points from the meeting.

Year 4 Residential to Whitemoor Lakes

Thank you to everyone for returning completed permission slips for the visit. I am really pleased that all children are able to attend and that all slips made it into school by the deadline.

We do still have about 10 parents awaiting deposit payment on Parent Pay. Please make payments ASAP. Thank you.

Headlice

We have been notified that we have another case of headlice in school (or possibly the same case as last time still doing the rounds). Please could ALL parents check their child's hair and treat as necessary so we can stop the spread of these.

It is also essential that all children keep their hair tied up whilst at school. Thank you.

Want to be the first to know.....?

Sometimes it is hard to keep up to date with everything that's going on in busy schedules at work, school and social events.

This week we are launching a new app which links to our website and can help parents keep abreast of all news events and diary dates.



By following a few simple steps and installing the 'School News' app you will be able to receive automatic notifications each time a news event or date is added to the school website.

Even better than that you can then choose to sync with your mobile device so you never need miss another date!

[http://academy.e4education.co.uk/files/resources/parents_help_compressed%202 .pdf](http://academy.e4education.co.uk/files/resources/parents_help_compressed%202.pdf)

To find this guidance you can also go to the front page of Parents' Information on our website.

Dates

We break up for half term on Friday 12th February and return on Monday 22nd February.

Our current understanding is that Mrs Haywood should return on Monday 22nd February but we will keep parents updated if we receive any further information.

Receive Newsletters by e-mail, or ask a question: questions@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk

YMCA Collection

Following the huge success of our collection at our Harvest Festival for the YMCA Food Bank, there was an expression from many parents that they would like to do more to support this local charity.



Mrs Cowgill and Mrs Leyland will be co-ordinating a collection for Friday 26th February. They will meet children at the gate to collect any donations and take them straight to the foodbank. Please do join us in supporting this collection if you are able. For those wishing to donate before the date, we will collect and store goods in school at any point during that week.

The types of items they are looking for include:

Tinned Goods:

*vegetables, e.g. potatoes, carrots, etc.
soup, spaghetti, beans, tinned tomatoes, etc.
corned beef, ham, other cold meats, tuna,
sardines.*

*'meals' i.e. stew, curries, chilli con carne, stewing
steak, mince beef & onion, hot dogs and
meatballs.*

*milk puddings, fruit, custard (or instant packet
to be mixed with water) etc.*

Breakfast cereals

*pasta, rice, savoury rice, noodles, pot noodles
biscuits, cream crackers, savoury biscuits, crisps
500 ml (not 1 litre) cartons of UHT milk (not
dried milk) - urgent, regular need for these.
YMCA like to put one in every food parcel so
they need at least 90-110 each month, small
screw top bottles of UHT milk also urgently
required for the Rough Sleepers' bags
instant coffee, tea, cuppa-soups, etc.*

Vacancies

Two Temporary Teaching Assistants

(15 hours)

Starting as soon as possible to August 2016

We are looking to appoint two **enthusiastic** and **highly motivated** teaching assistants to join our school on a temporary basis.

These posts are temporary due to fluctuations in numbers of SEN children in school and the availability of funding.

The successful applicants will work alongside a knowledgeable and committed team, supporting children with additional learning needs of all abilities. Experience of implementation of wave 2 and 3 intervention strategies would be welcome, but is by no means essential.

Common sense and a high level of subject knowledge in both English (Reading, Writing and SPAG) and Maths is an absolute necessity. Subject knowledge will be tested during a skills test at interview.

Applications are welcome from all good or outstanding teaching assistants, regardless of qualification. Flexibility, an ability to use initiative and a shared commitment to supporting our children to achieve their full potential are essential. Training will be available for the successful applicant.

Primarily we are looking for TAs to work during morning lesson time, but there may be a necessity either now or in the future for TAs to support in the provision of cover (either 1-2-1, medical or general) during breaks and lunchtimes.

For more information please visit our website:
[About Our School > Vacancies at TRJS](#)

If you know of anyone who may be interested in applying for one of these posts, please forward the information to them.

*Best wishes,
Mrs S Sharpe*