## Thomas Russell Junior School

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# Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mr J Emery

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#### **BAD WEATHER?**

I understand that some weather apps had predicted snow for most of today, so I thought an update on our procedures would be useful. Please be reassured that we will do whatever we can to keep the school open to pupils. In the event of snow, please send your child to school with a warm coat (and hat and gloves) and sensible footwear (e.g., wellies). Please walk to school if you can, to reduce traffic around Gilmour Lane. In the very unlikely event of a school closure, Mrs Patrick will send out a text to all parents by 7.45am. If you do not hear from us, presume we are open as usual (if it is safe for you to travel to school).

INSET DAY - A reminder that school is closed to pupils on FRIDAY 9 FEBRUARY (this Friday).



#### **Assembly Topics**

In our assemblies after half term, we are thinking about 'Feelings', covering the objectives:

- that there is a normal range of emotions (e.g. happiness, sadness, anger, fear, surprise, nervousness) and scale of emotions that all humans experience in relation to their experiences and different situations
- how to recognise and talk about their emotions, including having a varied vocabulary of words to use when talking about their own and others' feelings.
- how to judge whether what they are feeling and how they are behaving is appropriate and proportionate

We will be using PSHE Association resources to support all our teaching and learning on this topic. Parents are welcome to view these resources; please ask Miss Branson for more information. (3)

#### **Show Racism the Red Card**

All children will be bringing home their entry for the school competition run by 'Show Racism the Red Card'. We ask that children work on their entries over half term if they would like to. The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors will be choosing the winning entry for our school for each of the categories (artwork, creative writing, football boot design, t-shirt design). The winners will then be put forward as our school entry (as we are only allowed to submit one entry per category, per school). However, as we aim to celebrate the children's contributions, there will also be in-school prizes for each category. School closing date Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February - entries to Miss Branson please.



The next theme in assembly will be all about NSPCC's "Speak Out Stay Safe" programme. Further information will be sent out after term, but here is a link you may find useful:

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/



On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January, TRJS took 96 children, 140 parents and 11 staff to Young Voices 2024 at Resorts World, Birmingham. I am not sure who was most excited – the pupils or the staff! We enjoyed an incredible evening, performing alongside amazing singers, world-class musicians and incredible dancers. Many parents have given us very positive feedback and it is brilliant to know that the children had a



fantastic time. I trust it will be one of those special memories that lives with our young people for many years to come. The choir are a credit to the school and their families. We are SO proud of you all! Well done, everyone! Keep singing!

"This is the moment we've been waiting for, So let your voices ring out loud. And we know it's going to be a treasured memory; Sing out long, sing out strong, sing out proud!"





#### **Hot Chocolate and Cookies!**

Well done to all you Merit Winners! Each week we have 1 child from each class who receives the award in assembly followed by hot chocolate and cookies in Mr Emery's room. We hear about all their wonderful achievements, what they enjoy doing out of school and they get to ask Mr Emery questions such as "How old are you?"

We wish all our families a good half term and look forward to seeing everyone, bright and breezy, on Monday 19 February.

### J Emery