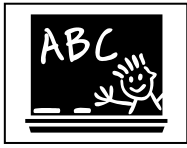


# Thomas Russell Junior School

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## Newsletter



Issue No. 27

Headteacher Mrs S Sharpe

29<sup>th</sup> April 2016

### After School Care

Thank you for your prompt and enthusiastic response to the questionnaire circulated about the introduction of After School Care at Thomas Russell Junior School.

Governors have made the decision this week, based on your feedback, that the club will go ahead. It is intended that it will run every day of the week from 3:30 - 5:45.

The majority of parents voted for a fixed price session, which will be £8. Unfortunately, it is not viable to offer the longer hours requested by a small minority of parents, however would like to thank you for your comments and will bear these and all other feedback in mind as we finalise the details and as part of our ongoing review of the club's effectiveness.

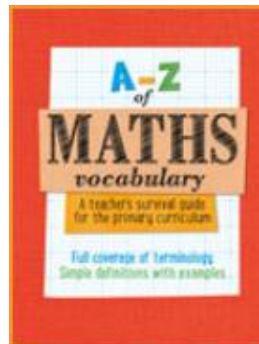
Each session will include a drink and light snack / sandwich tea. We will provide a range of activities on rota, with the most popular being free play, craft / construction & outdoor play. We are currently investigating the provision of paying using childcare vouchers.

Governors are committed to running this facility for at least one academic year and will keep you updated about the longer term position, which based on early feedback looks like it will be positive.

Reminder - don't forget it is Bank Holiday Monday, enjoy a nice long weekend!

Sports Day - don't forget it is our Sports Day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May

### A-Z of Maths Vocabulary



Following the popularity of the A-Z of Grammar which we recently made available to parents, we have discovered another resource which may be of interest. In the same range there is also an A-Z of Maths vocabulary. We will be purchasing a number of these to support in the classroom, but should parents wish to purchase one for use at home, please do so via ParentPay. The cost is £3.50. Closing date for orders will be Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

### Whitemoor Lakes

Congratulations to the Y4 children who have represented the school in great light at Whitemoor Lakes over the past two days. They battled freezing cold winds and rain, but remained in high spirits throughout their activities. The campfire was forced inside, but still enjoyed.

Well done, especially to those children managing their first night away from home!

Special thanks to Mrs Vardy, Mrs O'Hara, Mrs Sanders, Mrs Cozens and Mrs Rumsey - as is always the case - it would not have been possible without you!

Places are still available for the Die Hard fundraising evening on **Friday 20th May** at TRIS, please help us raise as much money as possible for a great cause. There are some fantastic raffle prizes to win at the event too, including; an annual family pass to the Adventure Farm (worth £200), an overnight stay or Sunday lunch at Hotel Du Vin, a family ticket for Drayton Manor, £50 Kelly's cake voucher plus many more. Look out for raffle tickets on sale soon.

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Sponsored Skip / Spell /  
Times tables Challenge

The children have been working really hard all week on their skipping, spellings and times tables for the sponsored activity.

They should have brought their completed forms home so you can share and celebrate their success.

We hope they all had fun, as well as getting a bit fitter and learning something too.

Please now help them to gather their sponsor money and enter it on ParentPay ASAP.

The children have some grand plans about how they would like to spend the money they are raising to improve their outdoor space even further.

Thank you for your support.

*Best wishes, Mrs S Sharpe*

Governors' Corner

We are delighted to welcome co-opted Governor Sam Cowgill onto our Governing Body. Details about Sam (or in fact any member of our Governing body) can be found on our school website (About our School > Meet the Governors).

Recently we have unfortunately had to say goodbye to two of our long-standing Governors, Mark Tricker and Nigel Culbert. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them both for their time, effort and invaluable input over the years, and wish them well in the future.

Nigel's departure does now provide another **co-opted Governor vacancy**. As this vacancy is on the Health and Safety committee, we would ideally be looking for someone to take an interest in this area.

If you or someone you know would be interested in becoming a Governor, or you would like to find out more, please see our website (Parents Information > Get Involved > Being a Governor), or either speak to Mrs Sharpe or one of our current Governors.

(For your information, committee meetings are 3 times per year for Health and Safety committee at 8am, plus 6 times per year for the full Governing Body at either 6pm or 7pm.)

Elaine Watling - Chair of Curriculum.

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News and Dates

Thank you all once again for the support / donations and helpers on the Spring Fair; another fantastic amount raised to support our children in those extra ways. The biggest thank you has to go to the Year 6 children though - well done to each and every one of you! You have all helped raise extra funds for school and hopefully you enjoyed doing it. The stall that raised the most money has received a Red Carpet Cinema ticket and every Year 6 child will be bringing home a little gift from the Friends and School tonight to say thank you and well done.

**Year 5** - Apologies for the delay but you can now order Laches Wood Assembly DVDs with photos. The cost of DVD & photos is £5 per copy and can be paid on ParentPay. Deadline for all orders Sunday 15th May please.

**Wednesday 4th May 3:30-4:30pm**

Next Friends' meeting to discuss Sports Day, Duathlon, any other ideas and future spending plans. Please come along and have your say. Child care will be offered again, this time by Mrs Sanders - thank you. There will be cake!

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

An easy way to help raise money for the school is to have a good sort out of your unwanted clothes..... There will be a joint clothes and shoes collection with TRIS. Please leave at the school by 9am on the day.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June (approx. timings 4pm onwards)** Back by popular demand TRJS Duathlon. More details to follow closer to the time.

Thank you, Steph Cartwright.