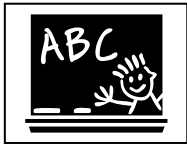


Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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SATs Week

Congratulations to the Year 6 children who despite all of the media hype managed to keep cool, calm and collected throughout the week. We have been incredibly proud of each and every one of them. These tests are not just a measure of what the children have achieved in Y6, but throughout their primary education. I cannot let the moment pass without thanking the Year 6 team who have been amazing and all of the staff who have been involved in the children's learning (including Mrs Fowler who put in a guest appearance this week) Thanks also have to go to those parents at home who have painstakingly supported with homework, reading, learning spellings, organised resources or equipment that children needed and generally been on hand to nudge in the right direction. (Don't worry - no-one spotted you Googling the SPAG terms once children were in bed, or checking the maths answers on the calculator on your mobile phone! - Your secret is safe with us!)



Myth Busters! - Despite what you might think or hear - it is most **definitely not all over** for Y6 now! They have just 9 weeks left at Junior School which will be crammed full of learning and activities. Circus Skills day today was an absolute hoot! Maths and English teaching recommences Monday as do all other lessons. We will find out next Friday if our school will be moderated in Writing and our teacher assessments have to be submitted by the end of June. The children have Sports Day, their transition days to their chosen High School, our 3 day residential to PGL, a big transition project, My Money Week and a Leavers' Assembly to write, rehearse and perfect!

Homework will also continue throughout the final half term - to help the children become accustomed to High School expectations this will be recorded within their Homework Book on pages from a JTHS Planner to help with preparation for September.

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

Bags2Schools

Collection on Monday 16th May at 9am.
Please bring all bags to the front of school.

Sponsored Skip / Spell / Times tables Challenge

You are amazing! You have already raised a staggering total of £3,333.28! and we still have a large number of children who we know have collected sponsorship yet to upload this on to ParentPay. Your generosity takes us a huge step towards being able to implement the children's next grand plan for the playground, which includes a sensory garden, a maze and a range of outdoor musical instruments!
Thank you so much.

Dinner Money

I must remind parents again that Dinner Money should be paid in advance. Once a debt reaches £25 we are no longer able to provide school dinners and children must bring sandwiches until the debt is cleared.

A couple of helpful pointers re ParentPay

1. Your front screen will list all events and costs allocated to you. You need to double click on individual events to check balances etc.
2. Also please ensure you actually check out at the end of your activity otherwise payments will be left sat in your basket.

Thank you

We will be holding a Parent Workshop on:
Helping your child to learn about money
Tuesday 7th June at 3:45 - 4:45

Please see flyer for more details and return slip.

Aims

- To know why financial capability is important for children
- To understand how your child's experience of money may be different from yours at a similar age
- To know what children need to know about money
- To understand the school's plans for personal finance education
- To know how you can help support your child's learning at home
- To increase your confidence in discussing financial matters with your child
- To take part in some family learning activities

Diary Dates

<i>Sun 15th May</i>	<i>Laches Wood DVD order deadline</i>
<i>Mon 16th May 9am</i>	<i>Bags2School</i>
<i>Wed 18th May</i>	<i>Class and Whole School photographs</i>
<i>Fri 20th May</i>	<i>A-Z of Maths order deadline</i>
<i>Fri 27th May (all day)</i>	<i>Sports Day</i>
	<i>HALF TERM</i>
	<i>Back to School</i>
<i>Tues 7th June</i>	<i>My Money - Maths Parent Workshop</i>
<i>Tues 14th June (after school)</i>	<i>Duathlon</i>
<i>Wed 15th June</i>	<i>Parent Forum</i>
<i>Sat 18th – Sun 19th June</i>	<i>Barton Open Gardens Weekend (inc. Scarecrow Competition)</i>
<i>Fri 1st, Mon 4th & Tues 5th July</i>	<i>Y6 to JTHS Transition Days</i>
<i>Wed 6th – Fri 8th July</i>	<i>Y6 to PGL</i>
<i>Fri 15th July</i>	<i>Summer Term Reports</i>
<i>Mon 18th July</i>	<i>Move up Morning</i>
<i>Fri 22nd July</i>	<i>10:00am – Leavers' Assembly 3:15pm – Leavers' Parade Break up for Summer</i>
<i>Tues 6th Sept</i>	<i>Back to School</i>

Best wishes, Mrs S Sharpe