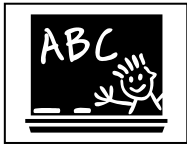


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Newsletter



Issue No. 33

Headteacher Mrs S Sharpe

17th June 2016

I have had a few questions regarding the After School Care and whether it will definitely go ahead. Please find below an article from Newsletter 27 (29.4.16) confirming our position.

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 we 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.

Co-opted Governor Vacancy

Please don't forget the closing date for expressing an interest is Monday 20th June.

For more information see Newsletter 32.



We were so pleased to welcome nearly 50 children, parents and grandparents to our My Money workshop last week. All of the teachers and TAs were on hand to support with the presentation, provide refreshments and run the workshop activities. Feedback

was really positive and I know many found it really eye opening and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to discuss financial education with their children.

Our financial education learning has continued this week as we have engaged with the national My Money Week 2016 event including a House activity morning on Monday (pupils working in mixed year groups), assemblies throughout the week, plus more differentiated age-specific maths and English money-related tasks, too.

"I really enjoyed working in House groups and playing money games." Emily T

"I have learnt what APR means." George C

"I liked planning what to spend the School Council budget it, even though it was really tricky!" Harry J

"I enjoyed all of our assemblies this week. I also learnt what debt was and what it means." Jasmine S

Links to Learning

www.pfeg.org

Use this link to find out more about financial education in school and at home.

<https://www.pfeg.org/parents-and-carers>

You can also log onto the school website:

<http://www.thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk/>

Parents Information >> Help Your Child to access some of the resources used in the Workshop.

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New classes

At this time of year, we aren't just thinking about transition for our Y6 children who are moving on to their chosen secondary schools, and our new Y3 children who are joining us from TRIS or other schools. We are also thinking about the move up to the next year group within school.

Over the next few weeks children will have an increased number of opportunities to work together as year groups and as always, we do give children the opportunity to select friends who they would like to be with. We guarantee they will get at least one of their choices, but often they get more.

A question was raised at Parent Forum this week about when new classes would be announced. Children will be informed of their new classes with Summer Term Reports on Friday 15th July and have Move Up Morning on Monday 18th July to spend time in their new classes.

Parents of older children within school were able to recall it being a perfectly natural worry for Y3 parents, but were able to reassure that after you have been through it in Y3, it becomes much less of a worry for following years.

Postponed Duathlon – now Tuesday 28th June

Raffle - we have some fabulous raffle prizes available to win at the Duathlon. If you would like to support this fundraising, please return your raffle squares and money to the school in an envelope marked raffle. If you have misplaced your raffle tickets they are attached with this email for you to print at home. If you are not attending on the night any prize won will be kept for you.

- * £100 'One for All' gift card
- * Little India Voucher
- * £50 'One for All' gift card
- * Maltesers Bouquet
- * Meal and Film for two at Red Carpet Cinema
- * Adventure Farm family pass
- * Cadburys Bouquet
- * Conkers Family day pass
- * Waterworld Family day pass
- * Pass for the National Brewery Centre plus tasting tokens
- * Mug Tug voucher for two
- * Rollerworld voucher for two
- * £10 Voucher from Michelle's Laundry service
- * Poppies Salon - 2 x Kids haircut
- * 2 x Bottles of Baileys
- * 2 x Google play voucher
- * Various bottles of wine, etc.



**THE BIG
FIRST AID
LESSON**

Fri. 17th June, 2-3pm

All pupils again took part in this annual event, which has been the culmination of First Aid learning undertaken during PSHE lessons this term.

Leavers' Disco

The social event of the year for our Year 6 pupils!
Thursday 21st July @ Barton Bowls Club;
approximate times 6-9pm.
Parent Helpers will be required so please email friends@trjs.co.uk if you can help.



YMCA
Burton Upon Trent & District

This year we have been shortlisted for Sainsbury's Charity of the Year 2016!

We are honoured to make it this far and this is a massive opportunity for us to work alongside a

household name and raise awareness of our work so that no one has to be alone. However, to win, we need your votes! Just 15 seconds of your time can change someone's life and take someone off the streets. Vote by visiting

<http://bit.ly/VoteYMCABurton> Search for the Union Street, Burton on Trent store. Click select and submit. If there is anything you can do to spread the message by posting on social media or forwarding this message to friends and family we would be very grateful.

Thank you for your continued support.
From everyone at the YMCA

Smoothie Bike

On Thursday this week we had a visit from Mellors, our catering company, who brought a 'Smoothie Bike' to school - if you can't quite picture it I am sure your child will explain! All children across school worked in groups to choose from a range of fresh fruits, including strawberries, grapes, pear, apple and banana. They then had apple, mango or orange juice that they could add to their selected fruit. It all went into a blender attached to the bike and then children simply pedalled and watched the smoothie appear. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day and most of the children loved the smoothies they had made. Some needed slightly more encouragement to give it a try, but once they had they often enjoyed it. Thank you to Jackie Applegate from Mellors for organising the day.

Best wishes, Mrs S Sharpe

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