

# Thomas Russell Junior School

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## Newsletter



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### Careers Assembly

One of our highlights this week came on Wednesday when four parents joined us in assembly to talk to the children about their chosen careers.

We are really grateful to Mr Poyner, Mr Gill, Mr Mitchell and Mrs Martlew for joining us.

The children were absolutely engrossed, hearing all about the skills and qualities required in differing careers. They were fascinated to find out about what inspired our visitors, talking about their path from junior school, to high school, college or university and onwards sometimes in pursuit of a chosen career, other times following unexpected paths motivated by new found passions and interests. We talked about how technology has changed the world we live in and opened up a whole world of possible careers. The children had some superb questions too, and I hope we have inspired some interesting conversations around the dinner table at home this week.

Thank you again to our four visitors; we hope you enjoyed it.

### Parent Consultations - Spring 2017

Consultation evenings will be held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. The purpose of these is to discuss your child's Autumn report and catch up on progress and changes.

We strongly advise that you meet first with your child's Literacy and Numeracy teacher; then if you then would like an additional appointment with your child's class teacher, please make it after your first appointment so that you already have a clear picture of core learning. It is not compulsory to meet with both teachers. Electronic booking for consultations can be completed following the steps below:

- 1) Log on to [www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk)
- 2) Enter **Parent Consultations code: fgb5n**
- 3) Enter e-mail, child(ren)'s first AND surname.
- 4) Choose the exact date and time(s) to suit you.
- 5) Receive instant e-mail confirmation of booking.

*Bookings close on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January. First come, first served.*

Consultations take place in classrooms. We ask all parents to congregate in the hall where we will be serving complimentary tea and coffee and there will also be an opportunity for discussion with school governors. From this point we will ring a bell every 10 minutes and send parents to the appropriate room. We hope this will ensure equality for all parents in the amount of time with their teacher. If you would like more time, please request a follow up appointment or phone call.

**Tales from the Teapot** - children in 3M visited Barton Library on Wednesday for the first of our Tales from the Teapot sessions. Again, we are hugely grateful to the number of parents who joined us, not only to help us walk safely over to the library, but also to enjoy library time with the children. Thank you also to the library staff.

We are very lucky to have such a resource on our doorstep.

**Governors** - If you would like to make contact with any of our School Governors, it is now possible to do so using the confidential e-mail address below: [governors@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:governors@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk)

This will link directly to the Chair of Governors - Mr Terry Wells.

If your message is for another member of the GB, please indicate in the subject line.

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

### Diary Dates

Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	2:30 - 3:30	Tales from the Teapot Library visit – 3P
	3:30 – 4:30	Friends Meeting (Childcare & cake!)
Thur 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	12:00 – 22:30	Young Voices 2017
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	9:00 – 10:30	Parent Forum
	2:30 - 3:30	Tales from the Teapot Library visit – 4S
Thur 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	9:15	Y6 weighing and measuring
	4:00 – 7:00	Parent Consultations
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9:15	Mr Holmes (JTHS) visiting Y6 for Maths
	4:00 – 7:00	Parent Consultations
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	2:30 - 3:30	Tales from the Teapot Library visit – 4V
Thur 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	am	Y5 Maths Masterclass
Thur 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	am	Y6 Maths Masterclass
	3:30	Break up for half term
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb		INSET Day
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	8:50	Back to School

### Extra-Curricular Activities

Please check the grid below to confirm which dates our clubs are on to avoid confusion.

Week commencing		9/1	16/1	23/1	30/1	6/2	13/2	Half Term	27/2	6/3	13/3	20/3	27/3	3/4
M	Easter Craft									Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Forest Schools									Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
T	Gymnastics 1	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y							
	Gymnastics 2								Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
W	Art 1	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y							
	Art 2								Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Mario Kart 1	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y							Y
	Mario Kart 2								Y	Y	Y	Y		
	Netball									Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Th	Football								Y	Y		Y	Y	
	Science		Y	Y		Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y		
F	Choir	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y				



Sainsbury's Active Kids 2017 launches on 25<sup>th</sup> January and we very much hope to be able to look forward to your fantastic support with collecting vouchers. In the past we have collected enough vouchers to completely restock our toy sheds and I know the children will be really grateful if we are able to repeat that again this year. Don't forget to get aunts and uncles, grandparents and neighbours collecting for us too – the more the merrier!

### Y2-3 Transition

If you have Infant children who you hope will join us in September 2017 or you know of any other families with children who would like to join us, please remember that Primary Admissions **MUST** be completed by Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

More information can be found at [www.staffordshire.gov.uk](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk), but please be mindful the online application facility is closed for maintenance until midnight on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January.

*Best wishes,  
Mrs Sharpe*