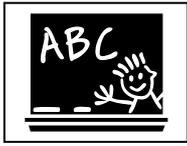


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'An expectation of excellence' ofsted June 2014.



Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mrs S Sharpe

16th February 2018



Inside Birmingham Symphony Hall!

We were incredibly proud to be invited with our Choir to perform this week at Birmingham Symphony Hall. A group of 40 children were selected, in our toughest auditions yet, and have worked tirelessly over the last six weeks (giving up break times, lunchtimes and working hard at home) to learn seven new songs which we were to sing as part of a massed choir.

Our experience singing at the Lichfield Garrick, Lichfield Cathedral and even with thousands of children at the Genting Arena as part of Young Voices could not properly prepare us for the event.

During our rehearsals, we shared a familiar song we had performed before and were blown away when the organiser said not only was it good enough to perform but that we were going to be one of 5 individual groups chosen to perform centre stage to a packed Symphony Hall! We were incredibly proud to watch our children sing 'I See the Light' from Tangled. There wasn't a dry eye in the house!

Ditto the Police Dog



Many thanks to Chief Inspector Mark Smith and Sgt Richard Cope for bringing Ditto the Police Dog to visit this week. The children learnt lots about the different roles of dogs who serve in the police force and each class was gifted a book with even more interesting information to inspire us. We know the children really enjoyed the visit as the half hour slot extended to an hour due to all the questions!

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Young Voices DVD from January 2018

I have had a couple of requests for the DVD from the choir performance at Young Voices in January. We don't usually order the DVD as it costs £12.50 and on top of T-shirt and ticket costs, we feel it can make for a very expensive event. However, since we have received requests, we are giving the option to purchase through school. If you would like to purchase, please pay via ParentPay by Sunday 25th February. No late orders will be accepted.

Next half term is going to be short but super busy! So I wanted to put together a bumper Newsletter that will help parents to get organised and remember everything that is going on:

Early Birds and Night Owls

Last half term, Night Owls moved into the new mobile and are having great fun making it their home.



With better kitchen facilities, a warmer and much brighter environment to play in, direct access to the fields from the back door and their own toilets, our Night Owls children are feeling thoroughly spoilt!

Please book in to Early Birds and Night Owls:

www.schoolinterviews.co.uk

Early Birds: m7sj9

Night Owls: 46mcx

Please note early and late charges that apply.



Dinner Money

Dinner Money for the half term is £50.60 for the term. (£2.20 per day)

**There are lots of other events going on below, so please adjust payment as necessary to reflect these **

All Shook Up

Separate permission letters will be sent to all choir members but for reference:

Sunday 4th March – TRJS Choir – 10-3 – please provide a packed lunch and drink

Wed 7th March – all day rehearsal at JTHS – packed lunch **required

Thursday 8th March – first show – bring children to JTHS Sports Hall at 6:30

Friday 9th March – two shows – bring children to JTHS Sports Hall at 4:30

Chasewater Residential Visits

Y4 will be visiting Chasewater on Monday 12th March until Tuesday 13th March. **2 dinners

Y5 will be visiting from Tuesday 13th March until Friday 16th March. **4 dinners

Both visits leave school at 9:30ish and return 3:00ish.

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE > PARENTS' INFORMATION > Year ? CHASEWATER 2018

For more information, kit list, etc.

Also look out for medical forms which will be sent home before the visit.

On Friday 23rd March Y5 ONLY, will be presenting their Chasewater Assembly for parents of Y5 children.

Assembly starts at 9:30 and is anticipated to be approximately 30-40m.

A DVD of the assembly and photographs taken during the visit will be available.

A Y4 DVD of photographs taken during the visit will also be available.

Y6 visit to Cannock Chase Museum - WW2 Day

Wednesday 21st March – separate permission letter will be sent – packed lunch ** will be required.

Thank you to the Friends for their kind contribution towards the cost of this visit.

****Please remember to adjust Early Birds, Night Owls and dinner money payments to reflect these events****

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Wednesday 28th March – END OF TERM

Spring Reports will be sent home. There will be NO Night Owls on this day.

Thursday 29th March – Y6 Maths Masterclass - Children are still requested to attend where possible and are asked wear their school uniform.

Thursday 12th April – RETURN TO SCHOOL

Friday 25th May – Sports Day (and break up for half term)

Monday 4th June – INSET

Tuesday 5th June – Back to School

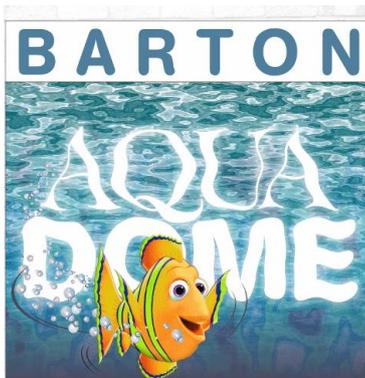
Friday 20th July – Break up for Summer

Clarinet lessons

Parents of children in Y5 will know that we are currently providing K2M music tuition for the children which includes giving all children a clarinet for the year and providing weekly whole class teaching.

We are also able to provide 1-2-1 and small group teaching on musical instruments. We currently have vacancies for a beginners / early players group on clarinet. If we can fill a group, then lessons will run on a Thursday from 3:30 – 3:50/4:00.

We ask for a commitment to learning for a minimum term so the cost for a weekly lesson for the remainder of this academic year would be £80 (including instrument hire costs). At the end of the Summer Term all lessons are reviewed and parents given the option to continue or not. Please let us know if your child would be interested (via [questions@](mailto:questions@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk)) so we can arrange a trial for them and provide you with more information if required.



@ Thomas Russell Junior

PUBLIC SESSIONS

Tuesday 20th to Friday 23rd February

10:30 until 12:00 **EVERY** day

Public sessions - £1.50 per person

UNDER 5 SESSIONS

Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd February

9:00 until 10:00.

Under 5 sessions - £2 with 1 child, £2.50 with 2 children

Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult in the water. Under 3 years old need one adult per child. Maximum 35 people at one time.

The pool is also available for private hire - contact us via the email below.



Barton Aquadome



@BartonAquadome

BartonAquadome@hotmail.com

NEW PHONE NUMBER

We have had some parents struggling to contact school recently, but on investigation, it appears they are still using our old number. Unfortunately we have asked for the number to be disconnected, but been told that this isn't possible, so when it is dialled you will hear an engaged tone.

Please ensure all phones and address books are undated with our new number:

01283 247505

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe

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