# Thomas Russell Junior School

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# Newsletter



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Headteacher Mrs S Sharpe

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Remembrance Day Service - 11th November - 11am



On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, Year 6 House Captains: Jacques A, Millie P, Alex W, Izzy E, Evan B, Sophie E, Lawrence W and Libby H walked to the war memorial in Barton in order to pay their respects and represent the school at the Remembrance Day Service. The Reverend Andrew led the service helping the children and members of the public to remember those lost in the conflicts and wars. House Captain, Jacques A, was privileged enough to lay the school's wreath. This was followed by a two minute silence.

Let us always remember those who gave their today for our tomorrow.

Thank you.

By Libby H, Sophie E, Izzy E and Millie P.

#### Christmas Disco

The Friends will be organising the Christmas Disco on Friday  $5^{th}$  December. y3&4 - 6:00 - 7:30 and y5&6 - 8:00 - 9:30

Cost - £3.50 - includes a free drink and packet of sweets / crisps

As with all of these type of events, it is essential we know we can rely on enough helpers <u>before</u> the date to allow it to go ahead safely.

All parents prepared to give a couple of hours of their time please e-mail Fiona Bavester on <a href="Fiona@needwoodfoods.co.uk">Fiona@needwoodfoods.co.uk</a> telling her who you are, who you are parent of and which disco you are offering to help at. Some parents prefer to help at their own child's disco, others prefer to help at the opposite one (as we all know - parents can be such an embarrassment sometimes! ©)

Unfortunately No Helpers = No Disco.

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# Extra-curricular Clubs

Please see the table below which shows which clubs will be running in the lead up to Christmas.

		17/11	24/11	1/12	8/12	15/12
Monday	Dodgeball					
Tuesday	Multi-skills					
	Netball	Tournament	×	×	×	×
Wednesday	Eco-Warriors			×	×	×
	Art Club	×				×
Thursday	Netball			×	×	X
	Dance		×	×	×	×
Friday	Choir					×
	SoccerStars					×

# Steel Band Day

I hope your children have spoken enthusiastically with you about the Steel Band workshops that took place in school on Wednesday.

Richard Arter from Hands on Music Workshop taught the children about steel drums, how to perform a drum roll, play chords, follow a conductor and contribute to an ensemble.

Surprisingly the workshop also included conducting, dancing, acting and singing. Richard commented on how enthusiastic, well behaved and perceptive the children were. Children and staff alike thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

# Governor Newsletter 2014

Please have a look in the Parents Information section of the website for the latest Governor Newsletter. Here you will be able to find out all about the work of different committees and school finances, etc.

# Recycling

We are looking for a single wall hung kitchen cupboard to improve storage. If anyone has one that they would like to donate, we would appreciate it.

# Parent Governors

The deadline for nominations is Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November. We have a number of vacancies which we are keen to fill. We really hope you are able to join us.

#### **Diary Dates**

Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9:30	Deadline for Parent Governor Nominations			
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9:00	Parent Forum Meeting			
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	12:00	Visitors Lunch – 3G			
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	12:00	Visitors Lunch – 3M			
Thu 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	am	Open Morning for new Y3 parents			
	Friends Christmas Disco				
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y3&4 - 6:00 - 7:30				
	Y5&6 - 8:00 - 9:30				
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Dinner				
	2:00	Carol Service at			
		St. James' Church			
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	After church	Friends Mince Pies, Cakes			
		and Hot Chocolate back at			
		school			
	am	Red Carpet Cinema Visit –			
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec		Christmas treat from the			
THITY Dec		Friends ©			
		Wear your Christmas jumper!			
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3:30	Break up for Christmas			
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	8:50	Back to School			

Further information about specific events will follow closer to the time.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe