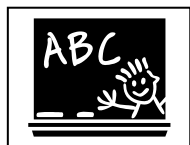


# Thomas Russell Junior School

Inspiring all, achieving together.



## Newsletter



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Headteacher Mrs S Sharpe

28<sup>th</sup> November 2014

### Dove Valley Netball

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November, the T.R.J.S Netball team went to de Ferrers High School to play in a Dove Valley Tournament. The team consisted of: Sophie E, Lawrence W, Charlotte D, Niamh H, Izzy E, Alex M and Millie P. The first match we played was against Rykneld; we drew 4-4. The second match we played was against John of Rolleston where we won 5-1.

The third match we played was against Richard Wakefield where we really got into our stride. This was a great match because we won a huge 6-0. The fourth match we played was against Richard Crosse – a tight match where we just managed to beat them by one goal. Finally, we played Alrewas - winning 3-2 in the final minute. Overall we won the netball Dove Valley Tournament and have qualified for the next tournament.

By Izzy E and Charlotte D.

### Y6 and Y5 girls football tournament

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November, Stephanie K (captain Y5), Leah P (Y5), Sophie W (Y6), Lucy S (Y6), Libby G (Y6), Molly F (Y6), Isabelle E (Y6), Sophie E (Y6) and Charlotte D (Y6) travelled by mini bus to St. George's Park for a girls football tournament. We played against a series of local teams, winning one, losing one and drawing three. Though we did not make it to semi-finals, we were ecstatic as we only let in **one** goal! Well done!

By Libby G, Molly F and Lucy S

### Parent Governors

Don't forget to vote in the election which closes on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

### Bikeability

Last week you should have received an information leaflet informing you about Bikeability training for Y4 on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015. We have to give final numbers by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December, so if you have not yet been given a form by your child, please prompt them to find it from the depths of their bag!

### Extra-curricular Clubs

Please see the table below which shows which clubs will be running in the lead up to Christmas. As it is now so dark and cold when the children come out of their clubs, please feel free to come and wait inside ☺

		1/12	8/12	15/12
Monday	Dodgeball			
Tuesday	Multi-skills			
	Netball	x	x	x
Wednesday	Eco-Warriors	x	x	x
	Art Club			x
Thursday	Netball	x	x	x
	Dance	x	x	x
Friday	Choir			x
	SoccerStars			x

### Residential visits

Children in Y4, 5 and 6 should have brought home a letter regarding our residential visits next year. We have sent home a pack of information, but please do ask if there is anything you are unsure about (however big or small!) or if you would like to discuss your child's individual needs before the visit.

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

## Autumn Fayre

This was a marvellous fundraising event in which Y6 children took a lead role ably supported by the Friends Team, raising a grand total of **£1215.07!** For your interest (and our keen Y5 pupils' research ready for next year!!!) here is a breakdown of each stall's achievements:

Ping Pong - £50.40  
 Win a Whisper - £43.45  
 Lucky Dip - £42.65  
 Spin the Wheel - £36.19  
 Target - £30.70  
 Cantastic - £20.30  
 Sweets in a jar - £16.05  
 Spider Target - £15.34  
 Sweets in a jar -£13.53  
 How many Sweets in a Jar? - £13.40  
 Malteser Run - £13.15  
 Hand Rock or Smelly Socks - £12.55  
 Match Celebrities - £11.80  
 Put your hand in if you dare - £8.90  
 Logo Quiz - £7.90  
 Guess the Name of the Teddy - £7.87  
 Golden Golden Balls - £4.90

All children taking part were rewarded with a small chocolate 'Freddo' treat and the winning team: Lucy, Millie, Benji and Abbie received a chocolate advent calendar. Well done everyone for creating such an enjoyable event!

## Diary Dates

Thu 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	am	Open Morning for new Y3 parents
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec		Friends Christmas Disco Y3&4 – 6:00 – 7:30 Y5&6 – 8:00 – 9:30
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec		Christmas Dinner
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2:00	Carol Service at St. James' Church
	After church	Friends Mince Pies, Cakes and Hot Chocolate back at school
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	am	Red Carpet Cinema Visit – Christmas treat from the 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
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar		Y5 Chasewater Residential
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Apr – Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> May		Y4 Whitemoor Lakes Residential
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> July – Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> July		Y6 PGL Residential

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

## Community News

### St. James' Christmas Fayre

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November – 10.30am til 12.30pm**

**St James' Church Hall, St James' Road.**

Free entry.

Tea and coffee with homemade biscuits and scones to refresh you while you browse.

Lots of stalls: Cakes (yummy) Lucky dip, Bottle Stall, Collectibles and even a Pound Stall. Brilliant bargains on that! Maybe the most amazing stall is Jill's Jam Factory! It has jams, marmalade, chutneys, mincemeat, Christmas pud's (mini) and jellies. Most of the fruit comes from our garden or if not ours, then Barton gardens. All that is except the Seville oranges, the grapefruit and the apricots! There will be an astonishing 270+ items on the stall. A new idea is to make some smaller jars of jams, marmalade, jellies and chutneys so that if you like a treat once in a while the jar doesn't sit in the cupboard for months as it is quick to finish.

Any questions please ring the Vicar 712359 or Pauline Pomroy 711 298 or Jill Rogers 712809

### Barton Bowls and Social Club

#### **Sleeping Beauty**

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December – 2pm

£10 per child including gift from Santa's helpers.

1 adult free per child

### St James' Church

#### **Christingle Service**

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm

### JTHS Kitchens

I have been asked to inform you that there is a casual vacancy at John Taylor in the kitchen 2½ hours a day variable, if interested contact the kitchen and ask for either Shirley or Julie.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Sharpe