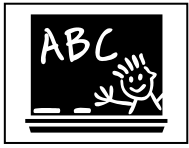


# Thomas Russell Junior School

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## Newsletter



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Headteacher Mrs S Sharpe

11<sup>th</sup> November 2016

### Armistice Day – 11<sup>th</sup> November

*I must start by commending the children on their tremendous attitudes during assemblies this week. Our theme has been 'Peace and Remembrance'.*

*Not only have the children proven to be thoughtful, sensitive and respectful throughout the week, they have also demonstrated themselves to be very knowledgeable and displayed wisdom beyond their years. This morning I accompanied House Captains to lay a wreath at the War Memorial, whilst the children in school marked the occasion with an assembly and observation of the silence.*



### Y2-3 Transition Questionnaire

We have already received 28 questionnaire returns evaluating our transition process, so thank you for those. We can see already a couple of improvements that we can make here at the Junior School and we will be discussing feedback with the Infants as well. We would really appreciate feedback from all 64 families, so please return completed questionnaires to us by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.

### Children in Need - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov.

Don't forget our non-uniform day raising money for Children in Need next Friday. Children are invited to wear spots & stripes, or any non-uniform on that day and asked to make a donation to Children in Need.

## Friends of TRJS Update from Steph C and Jayne C

**Christmas card / mug / tea towel / gift tag orders** - Christmas card proofs were sent home yesterday and we have set up payment facilities on Parent Pay. The deadline is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November for delivery at the beginning of December. Unfortunately no late orders can be accepted. If there are any errors in the way your child's name is printed, please return the order form with the correction.

**Christmas Jumpers** - If you have any second hand Christmas jumpers you would be happy to donate to the Friends of TRJS we would be grateful for them.

**Christmas Disco** - A little reminder that the social event of the year for our 7-11 year olds is coming up. Our fabulous team of teaching staff have started dusting off their dancing shoes! Friday 2nd December at TRJS. Year 3&4 - 4.30-6.30pm Year 5&6 - 6.30-8.30pm Tickets £5 on ParentPay to include entry, hotdog, sweets and a drink. No mobile phones allowed. Coats to be taken home with adults and bought back at collection please. (Please note there will now be NO CHOIR on that date due to the disco)

**2017 FTRJS Calendar** - Great fun was had by the children this Wednesday as photos were taken in preparation for a 2017 FTRJS calendar. Calendars can be ordered on ParentPay at a cost of £5 for the first one and £4 each for additional ones.



The children in Upper School thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the Red Carpet Cinema yesterday to see 'The BFG'. Thank you so much to the Red Carpet for their generosity and to all the parent helpers who accompanied the children and made the trip possible. Y3&4 will be going on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 9:10, any help in accompanying the children would be really appreciated.

### YMCA Sleep Out 2016

As you may recall from our Harvest Celebration, some pupils, ex-pupils and even future pupils! will be taking part in the YMCA Sleep Out 2016 this weekend.

Good luck to Fiona and Molly C,  
Tilly, Darcie and Solomon E.

Please find a link below if you would like to sponsor the Christie family.

[Virgin Money Giving | Fundraising |](#)

[ScottMollyFionaChristie's fundraising page](#)

Spare a thought as you wrap up this weekend for those who have no warm home to go to.

### Diary Dates

*This time of year always gets really busy so please find below a quick guide to dates for the remainder of the term:*

Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Booked slots	Open Morning for 2017 new Y3 parents
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9:10 – 11:15	Y3&4 to BFG at Red Carpet Cinema
	am	Y5&6 – 'Live Science' in school
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov		Children in Need day
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	9am	Parent Forum
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	am	Y5 Fieldwork visit around Barton village.
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	am	Mellors Catering – Bread making with Y6
	am	Y5 Maths Masterclass
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec		Y4 Christmas Experience at St James'
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	am	Y6 Maths Masterclass
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	lunch	Christmas Dinner
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	pm	Choir at Infants
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2:00	Christmas Carols at St James' Church
	After church	Christmas mince pies and drinks back at TRJS
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec		Autumn Term Reports out
	3:30	Break Up <b>NO</b> After School Club
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan		INSET Day
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	8:50	Back to School
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan		Young Voices 2017

*Best wishes, Mrs S Sharpe*

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