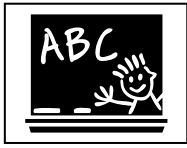


# Thomas Russell Junior School

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## Newsletter



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### World Book Day



We have had a great time in school this week marking World Book Day with a unit of learning linked to a very entertaining book. 'How To Look After Your Human - A Dog's Guide'

Our learning has included a visit to Barton Library for all children across school - we are really grateful to the volunteers at the library for hosting us each morning. If your child has borrowed books on their card, please ensure these are returned to Barton Library by the date stamped inside the book. (If you are unable to access the Library during opening hours, Miss Murfin has kindly agreed to return books on your behalf, but they must be taken directly to her and clearly labelled with the child's name)

Also today we had a visit from Sarah Saunders of Dog's Trust, although some were disappointed that she hadn't been able to bring her dog on this occasion, it was a great assembly. The children learnt about how to keep themselves safe around dogs and understanding how a dog is feeling. Sarah also ran an excellent study session with Y6 children which they found very useful.

### TRJS Choir

Congratulations to all of the children who took part in the Lichfield Rotary Club Schools Concert this week. Their performance was excellent and I know we had some very proud parents in the audience. It was also lovely for us to be able to enjoy superb performances from pupils at other schools too. I was again very impressed with the children's behaviour and the way they responded to instructions. Overall it was a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Thank you to the staff who accompanied us and to the parents who supported in the audience and with transport.

Sadly we have found ourselves without any photographs of our children looking so smart on stage. If anyone has any snaps they could e-mail to 'questions@' we would be really grateful.

Our next performance will be in Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat with John Taylor High School on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm & 7pm.

Tickets are still available via our Parent Pay at £6 per adult and £4 concessions. Unlimited tickets are now available for all performances. Parents and children at TRJS who are not part of the choir are also invited come and watch a performance and can now purchase unlimited tickets via Parent Pay.

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

### Extra-Curricular Activities

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

Week commencing		NEXT WEEK 6/3	13/3	20/3	27/3	3/4
M	Easter Craft	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
	Forest Schs	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
T	Gymnastics 2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
W	Art 2	Y	Y	Y	Y	
	Mario Kart 2	Y	Y	Y		Cancelled due to Spring Fair
	Netball	Y	Y	Y		
	Tennis	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Football	Y		Y	Y		
Th	Science	Y	Y	Y		
	Choir	Y				

### Golden Time

Last half term the children were surveyed to find out about the most popular Golden Time activities.

This half term teachers have selected a range of options from the choices they made.

**We will have: Make & Create, Disco Colouring, Dodgeball, Playdough, Biscuit decorating and Tea party, Storytelling, Outdoor Sports and Construction.**

We are really lucky to be able to offer such a wide range of activities, chosen by the children. As the children know - those who keep all of their Golden Time get to choose first. We hope this will prove enjoyable as well as motivational. Golden Time also offers nice opportunities to develop links with friends in other year groups.

*Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe*

### Friends of TRJS

Don't forget we have a non-uniform day next Friday (10<sup>th</sup> March) and are asking for donations of bottles or chocolates for the Spring Fair.

The Spring Fair is being held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April between 3:45 and 4:45. It will include Y6 stalls, refreshments and tombola organised by the Friends and a gallery of all the entries to the Decorated Egg Competition.