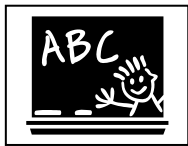


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Headteacher: Mrs S Sharpe

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New Telephone Number

Unfortunately our current telephony service is coming to an end and we are required to move to a new service, which means the school telephone number will be changing.

The change will take place on 20th June after school and our new number will be:

01283 247505

Please ensure your telephone directories are updated. If you need to contact us overnight on 20th - 21st June, then e-mail would probably be the most reliable method.



PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Congratulations and thank you to Mrs Amanda Bant (Parent of Emily and Thomas) who has been nominated for the position of parent governor. I am pleased to say that Mrs Bant has been elected to the Board of Governors unopposed. We look forward to welcoming her on board and are confident that the skills and knowledge she brings will be helpful in supporting the onward journey of the school.

Mrs Bant has submitted the following information:

"I am an experienced school governor having served as a governor at Walton Primary School for the past four years and latterly on the finance committee.

I am a qualified teacher, ex bank manager and currently recruit, train and manage support staff who work with students with disabilities. I train staff in safer recruitment. I am a parent of two children who attend TRJS. I believe in equality of education for all and as a school governor, putting the best interests of the children at the heart of every decision we make."

Friends Aquathlon – Tuesday 20th June

Gates open at 4:30 and events start at 5:00

We have 48 teams entered for the Aquathlon and, weather permitting, it looks set to be a great evening.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help man a stall. We could do with a couple more helpers if anyone is available for any length of time; please speak to Jayne or Steph or contact friends@trjs.co.uk. We would really appreciate it.

Hopefully you all received your raffle tickets home this week. A copy of the form is attached to this week's newsletter if it's gone astray or you require more sheets!

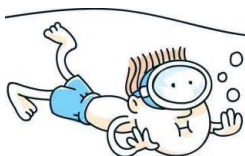
In addition to the very generous raffle donations we've received so far, we also have:

- A Harvey Nichols goodies basket
- A voucher for 2 for Bounce Revolution, Derby
- And a voucher for 4 for the National Forest Adventure Farm.

Please try to return your sheets to school by Monday 19th June to allow us time to cut up entries. Additional raffle tickets can also be purchased at the event. Thank you.

Finally, please do come along and support the event even if your child is not taking part as there will be a number of stalls and lots of fun to be had, including: hot food, hot and cold drinks, assault course and bouncy castle, lucky dip, raffle, tin can game, throw a penny game, guess the teacher, sweets stall and water stocks...not forgetting the most important thing- cheering on our competitors.

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Little Princess Trust

We have three girls in school who have grown their hair and are having it cut to donate to the Little Princess Trust. The charity provide real hair wigs for children suffering with hair loss. Two of the girls also have 'Just giving' pages where they are raising money to cover the cost of making their hair into a wig.

Amber in Y6 had her hair cut last month and her page is:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/JANE-CONYERS-DAVIES>

Caitlin in Y4 is having her hair cut during the Aquathlon at 6:45, her page is:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Laura-Cuthbert2>

Mica in Y4 will also be having her hair cut during the summer holiday.

Scarecrow Competition

Please do pop down Gilmour Lane this weekend to view Early Birds' and Night Owls' entry to the Scarecrow Competition for Barton Open Gardens - I am sure you agree that it looks very cute.



Parent Forum

We had a small but effective meeting of Parent Forum on Wednesday – thank you to those who came along and who contributed to the agenda. Minutes will be available shortly on the noticeboard and website.

The Friends have organised our next Bags 2 School collection for Monday 3rd July. This is a great way to earn extra funds for school and if you are having a pre-summer clear out we would be thankful of your support. Please drop off any bags at the School Office by 9am. See list below of items accepted.



We accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Belts
- Soft toys

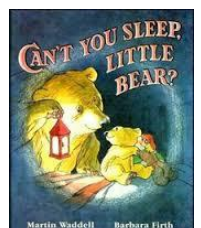
We do not accept:

- Duvets, bedding, blankets and household linen
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Curtains
- Towels
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing*
- School uniforms
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat

On Wednesday 28th June, we will be holding a special celebration evening for choir children and John Taylor High School students who performed in Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat. We thought it would be lovely to watch the DVD together on the big screen in the hall. Mrs Thompson will be bringing the JTHS students down to join us after school and has kindly arranged refreshments for the children. If you would like your child to attend, please book using www.parentinterviews.co.uk with the code: **ux2ft**
The DVD of the show is available to purchase via Parent Pay at a cost of £3. Order deadline - 30.6.17

Teddy Bear Sleepover – Barton Library are having a 'Teddy Bear Sleepover' tonight (Friday 16th June). If you would like to take a teddy to the library, read it a night-time story and tuck it in for a sleepover at the Library, please see attached flyer. Junior Jotters will be attending with Miss Murfin. Who knows what adventures the teddies will get up to! Midnight feasts, pillow fights and all sorts of naughtiness, I'm sure!



Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe

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