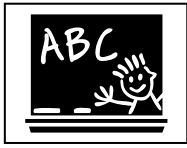


# Thomas Russell Junior School

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## Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mrs S Sharpe

6<sup>th</sup> October 2017

### Harvest Assembly - 2pm - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October

You will have spotted on Newsletter 3 or the website that we are holding our Harvest Assembly at 2:00 on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October. Parents are warmly invited to join us. The assembly is a chance to showcase some of the amazing work that goes on in our extra-curricular clubs. We will have some children from Junior Jotters sharing their poetry and information they have researched as well as songs from Choir.

The whole school take part in this assembly and we would be delighted if you could join us. Children will be allowed to leave after the assembly if they have a parent present. (Please note Choir is still on after school.)

Harvest is a popular and well attended event, so prepare for a bit of a squash!

At this time of year, we also look to those who are less fortunate and in recent years have been really pleased to support YMCA in collecting donations for their Foodbank.

Any donations from the list below will be gratefully received throughout the week next week.

Tinned meat/ pie / fish, Tinned vegetables including potatoes, Pasta & Pasta sauces, Instant noodles  
Cereals, Milk (UHT) (500ml please), Coffee / Tea bags, Sugar, Tinned puddings, Tinned fruit, Jam

We are always overwhelmed by parents' generosity in supporting this worthwhile cause and thank you in anticipation for your kind donations.

### Building works

We have been really pleased to see the speed at which the footings and the shell of our new classroom have gone in over the past week. There is still lots to do both internally and externally over the coming months, including cladding, windows, installing services - gas, electricity, sewerage etc., as well as internal fixtures and fittings. We remain on track for moving into the classroom in January.

Thank you for your patience while much of our staff parking has been out of commission. We are doing our best to minimise disruption, but please continue to leave extra time to find a parking space, or if possible park and walk from the marina, the health centre or Holland Sports Club.



**Lifeguard** - Do you know a lifeguard? Would you be interested in becoming a lifeguard? Please contact us at school if you would be interested in any work lifeguarding at Barton Aquadome.

**Parent Workshop** - we have just one or two spaces left at our Children's Emotional Wellbeing Workshop on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 3:30pm - 4:45pm for Parents / Carers and Junior School pupils. If you wish to book please visit [www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk) and enter code: **8spm6**

**Parent Consultations** will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October between 4.00 and 7.00 p.m. Please see last week's Newsletter for more details, but if you have yet to book please visit [www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk) and enter code: **hb6eg**

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**Residential visits** - if your child is in Y4, 5 or 6, they will have brought home today a letter and some information regarding the residential visit available to them next year. We have tried to circulate this information early within the year to give parents opportunity to budget accordingly. You will find a copy of the information sent on the website too but if you have any questions, please do come and ask - we are happy to help. Your child's place will be secured by paying a £20 deposit on Parent Pay.

### **Site Technician**

We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic and willing Site Technician. The role covers the school and swimming pool. Full training is available. Working hours - 7:30 - 9:00am and 3:00 - 6:00pm  
*Flexible dependent on the needs of the school and open to negotiation.*

Closing date for applications is Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 9:30am.

For more information and a job description / application form please visit our website, contact the school directly on [headteacher@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk) or search via [www.wmjobs.co.uk](http://www.wmjobs.co.uk)

***Do you know someone who might be interested? Please make sure you pass on this information.***



Last week, Year 6 took part in the BBC Terrific Scientific. Children used the iPad to collect data which was then sent off to the University of Stirling. After that, Year 6 watched the BBC Live Lesson which taught them all about the human body and the impact exercise has on the body.

When the children used the iPad to collect data, they had to pass a series of mental activities before and after doing an exercise. On average, after the exercise, they found out that their reflexes and mood improved which

showed that exercise is good for our wellbeing.

Whilst the Year 6 children were watching the live lesson, they took part in some little activities which were set by the BBC, these focused on: What happens to your body when you exercise? And matching activities to a given heart rate – this got the children thinking about the importance of getting more blood, which contains oxygen, to our muscles, when we exercise. By the end of the lesson Year 6 had learnt about the effects of exercise on our body. They had also begun to find out about aerobic and anaerobic exercise.

Year 6 really enjoyed the BBC Terrific Scientific activities and Live Lesson - they cannot wait until the next one!

Written by Monty. C, Ronnie. H and Megan. D.

We are still on the lookout for parents who are interested in becoming Parent Governors at the school. If you are interested in the role, find out more by contacting [governors@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:governors@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk)  
The closing date for nominations is 9.30am on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

### **Barton Scouts' Family Fun Run**

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October.

An off-road course around the Dunstall Estate. Everyone welcome.

Registration from 10am, in the field behind Co-op (Crowberry Lane). Run starts at 11am.

£5 entry, medal for all finishers. Gruffalo Trail for younger members.

### **FTRJS**



Friends of TRJS have a new Facebook page which is a closed group for those people who want to support TRJS and be in the loop about their key events. Search 'Friends of Thomas Russell Junior School'.

Have you signed up for 50:50 Club yet? A great opportunity to raise funds for school whilst also being in the running to win cash prizes. Look on ParentPay and you will be able to sign up and pay.

*Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe*