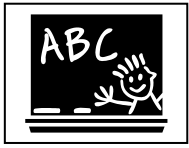


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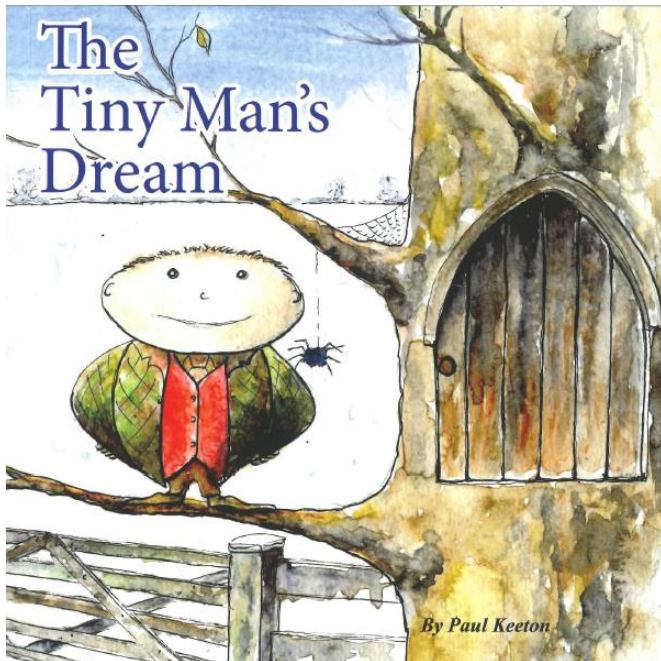
Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mrs S Sharpe

15th December 2017



On Wednesday 13th December, we were delighted to be treated to a book reading of a brand new children's book by a local author and illustrator.

Paul Keaton and Susannah Wood (parent of an ex-TRJS pupil), spent time with every year group sharing the delightful Christmassy story and answering questions about the book, taking top tips from the author and hearing how the illustrator developed her skills.

The children were absolutely enthralled and it was a really lovely experience. Paul and Susannah kindly gave their time to spend the morning in school free of charge and also donated a book for every classroom which we really appreciated.

If there are any parents wishing to purchase the book, it is for sale at Spalding's Book Shop in the village.



The **Barton Rovers U10 Girls** football team are looking for more girls to join them. They currently train on a Thursday evening from 6.30-7.30pm at St. George's Park. If your daughter fancies coming along, please contact Pete Elsigood on 07766 055062.



Unfortunately, we have had a Y3 child's lunchbox go missing this week. It is clearly named on the front and back and is a Marvel Avengers one. The little boy is particularly attached to his lunchbox so we would love to be able to find it. Please would parents check cupboards and see if it has accidentally been taken home by the wrong child? Thank you.

Christmas is coming...

Carol Service - Monday 18th December at 1:45

We are really looking forward to performing at St James' Church on Monday. We didn't manage to get up to the church to practise today due to the icy conditions, so bear with us if we have any technical hitches to iron out! The children have worked really hard learning lines and preparing songs in their Houses.

In order to help parents and grandparents choose the best location to sit to see their children, please see the map of the church below:

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Kitchen						
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Children are allowed to wear Christmas jumpers with their uniform on the last two days of school - for the Church service and for their trip to Red Carpet Cinema to see Paddington 2. If you haven't got a Christmas jumper - please feel free to decorate your jumper with tinsel or a Christmassy badge.

For the first time this year, we are trialling going straight home from the church.

Please ensure children know which of the following 4 options they will be doing:

Option 1 - going home with a relative (parent / grandparent).

Option 2 - going home with a friend. (We need written notification to give permission for this, please.)

Option 3 - being walked back to school by staff and collected at 3:30.

Option 4 - As Option 3, then going to Night Owls.

School dinners will be served as normal, but if your child is having sandwiches on that day, please bring disposable lunch containers which can be thrown away. Children should not bring any other bags or equipment to save us having to carry anything up to the church. Please just wear Christmas jumper, normal uniform and a warm coat. Water bottles will be left in school and rinsed the next day.

Helping Hands - Thursday 25th January - 10:00 - 11:00



Why not come along to our next Helping Hands Coffee Morning? Find out about how we are using 'Lego Talk' in school to help build children's skills in communication and sharing.

A practical session run by Mrs Jones (SENCO), Mrs Kerr-Delworth (Lead for Vulnerable Children) and Mrs King (Teaching Assistant).

Learn about how the children work with Lego to improve their communication skills, develop confidence and to support their learning. Please drop us a line to questions@thomasrussell if you would like to attend, or speak to any member of staff.

We break up on Tuesday 19th December; NO Night Owls on this day.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

We return to school on Thursday 4th January 2018.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe

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