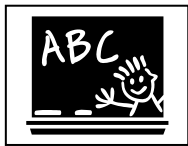


# Thomas Russell Junior School

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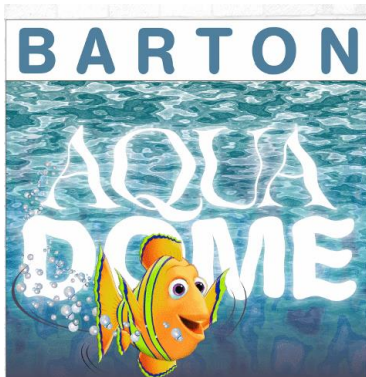
## Newsletter



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### PUBLIC SESSIONS

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

10:30 until 12:00 **EVERY** day

Public sessions - £1.50 per person

### UNDER 5 SESSIONS

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

9:00 until 10:00.

Under 5 sessions - £2 with 1 child, £2.50 with 2 children

Maximum 35 people at one time. Swim hats must be worn. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult in the water. Under 3 years old need one adult per child. The pool is also available for private hire - contact us via the email below.



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### Parent Consultations and Book Fayre

We look forward to welcoming you to Parent Consultations next week. If you are unable to attend at the last minute, please telephone and let us know.

We will also be running the Book Fair on both evenings. If there are any volunteers who would be happy to help out selling books on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February, then please e-mail

[friends@trjs.co.uk](mailto:friends@trjs.co.uk)

**Minutes from our Friends Meeting last week are also attached to this Newsletter.**

### JTHS – All Shook Up!

TRJS Choir have an opportunity to support JTHS students who have been working hard since last September on their Y7, 8 & 9 performance of All Shook Up! We were really proud to hear many of the main roles have gone to ex-Thomas Russell children and look forward to joining them. If choir members wish to attend, then we will be looking for them to commit to all 3 performances. More information will follow closer to the time.

**There will be 3 performances – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm and 7pm.**

**If you wish to come along to see the show, then tickets are available on Parent Pay at a fixed cost of £3.60 per seat (child / adult / concession).**

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

## Parent Forum

Thank you to all of those parents who attended our Parent Forum meeting this week. We covered a wide range of topics, which all parents will be able to read about when minutes are on the website and Parent Forum noticeboard.

In the meantime, one aspect which we discussed was Sports Team Selection. Parents at the Forum meeting felt it would be useful to share the information with all parents in the Newsletter.

There are a huge range of sporting events which we take part in. These include: football matches and tournaments, athletics, netball, cricket, rounders, swimming galas, inclusive sports, dodgeball, archery...the list goes on.



Mrs Vardy is our PE Leader – she has worked really hard, together with all staff, to ensure that competitions and sporting events are widely available to as many children as possible. Events are now announced in classrooms or assembly, then children are asked to sign up on the Sports' Noticeboard (outside 4V) if they are interested. A team will then be selected from this list, based on skill, availability and desire.

Some teams are selected based on performance – such as Dove Valley athletics which is centred on Sports Day positions. Swimming Gala is based on swim trials completed during lessons.

Other teams are deliberately picked based on meeting given criteria – such as Inclusive Sports - picked from children who have never represented school in a sporting event before or Archery – based on children who attended the archery club.

The football team is selected from a range of children who have expressed a desire to play –Miss Marston will obviously attempt to field stronger school teams when we are playing against the more competitive school and then give less experienced children an opportunity to represent our school when playing against smaller schools or those with less confident teams.

Understandably, participation in all competitions is about balancing a desire to achieve and win, with offering an opportunity to every child to experience the pride of representing the school. Our overarching philosophy on sport is based on the belief that there is a sport for every child to enjoy, and we offer a huge range of opportunities both in school and as extra-curricular activities to support them in finding theirs.

Finally, we would like to note that staff attendance at every single sporting event is on a voluntary basis and I would like to express our sincere thanks to them for giving up so much of their time for the children.

*Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe*