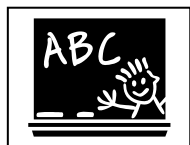


Thomas Russell Junior School

Inspiring all, achieving together.



Newsletter



Issue No. 13

Headteacher Mrs S Sharpe

5th December 2014

Christmas Cards

Christmas Cards have been delivered and given out to children today.

Parents are asked to collect any mug orders from the office to avoid any breakages and upset.

Unfortunately Class Fundraising have advised us that due to unprecedented demand for tea towels, these have been delayed. They have apologised and are trying to get an update on the potential delivery date.

We will send them out as soon as they arrive.

Christmas Postbox

The Christmas Postboxes are now out in school, if you would like our Y6 elves to deliver your letters for you, then please ensure they are correctly labelled before posting, with full name and class:

Ben Smith
3G

It is also helpful if children ensure they sign off the card inside carefully (it is sometimes tricky to know who a card is from if it just says Jack or Millie!)

Extra-curricular Clubs

Please see the table below which shows which clubs will be running in the lead up to Christmas. As it is now so dark and cold when the children come out of their clubs, please feel free to come and wait inside ☺

		8/12	15/12
Monday	Dodgeball		
Tuesday	Multi-skills		
	Netball	x	x
Wednesday	Eco-Warriors	x	x
	Art Club		x
Thursday	Netball	x	X
	Dance	x	x
Friday	Choir		x
	SoccerStars		x

Red Carpet Cinema Visit

For our Christmas treat the Friends have kindly paid for all of the children to see:



If there are any parents free on the morning of Friday 19th December who would be willing to help walking groups over to and back from the cinema, please let Mrs Sharpe know.

Christmas Carol Service

Some of you may recall Lauren Uncles (a pupil who completed Y6 in July 14) was diagnosed with a brain tumour just before she started Y6. She has been through a lot of treatments already and been fantastically supported by Birmingham Children's Hospital. She now has the opportunity to go to America for proton beam therapy to treat the tumour and therefore our collection at church following the carol service will be raising money to support with the expenses of this trip. All contributions will be gratefully received.

If you would prefer to support online, then Lauren's mum has set up a fundraising page, which can be accessed at

www.gofundme.com/i452jo

I know Lauren will be incredibly grateful to receive your support.

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

Diary Dates

<i>Fri 5th Dec</i>	<i>Friends Christmas Disco</i> <i>Y3&4 – 6:00 – 7:30</i> <i>Y5&6 – 8:00 – 9:30</i> <i>**AT THE VILLAGE HALL**</i>	
<i>Mon 8th Dec</i>	<i>Y4 Christmas Experience at</i> <i>St. James' Church</i>	
<i>Wed 10th Dec</i>	<i>Y3 Stone Age Outdoor Experience</i> <i>at Chasewater</i>	
<i>Fri 12th Dec</i>	<i>Christmas Dinner</i>	
	<i>Closing date for Parent Governor</i> <i>Elections</i>	
<i>Wed 17th Dec</i>	<i>2:00</i>	<i>Carol Service at</i> <i>St. James' Church</i>
	<i>After church</i>	<i>Friends Mince Pies, Cakes</i> <i>and Hot Chocolate back at</i> <i>school</i>
<i>Fri 19th Dec</i>	<i>am</i>	<i>Red Carpet Cinema Visit –</i> <i>Christmas treat from the</i> <i>Friends ☺</i> <i>Wear your Christmas jumper!</i>
<i>Fri 19th Dec</i>	<i>3:30</i>	<i>Break up for Christmas</i>
<i>Mon 5th Jan</i>	<i>8:50</i>	<i>Back to School</i>
<i>Mon 16th Mar</i> <i>– Fri 20th Mar</i>		<i>Y5 Chasewater Residential</i>
<i>Thurs 30th Apr</i> <i>– Fri 1st May</i>		<i>Y4 Whitemoor Lakes</i> <i>Residential</i>
<i>Wed 1st July</i> <i>– Fri 3rd July</i>		<i>Y6 PGL Residential</i>

Further information about specific events will follow closer to the time.

Barton Bowls and Social Club

Sleeping Beauty

Sunday 14th December - 2pm

£10 per child including gift from Santa's helpers.

1 adult free per child

Contact Helen McGivney - 07837425715

Or Lorna Walker - 07897 365653

Pets as Therapy



Some of you may remember a reading project we undertook a couple of years ago in which a volunteer brought in her dogs to support reading initiatives in school. We are very fortunate to be able to take on this service again this year and on Wednesday, we welcomed one of the volunteers into our assembly to explain a little more about this charity. For those of you interested to find out more: <http://www.petsastherapy.org/>

We look forward to welcoming Tilly the Tibetan Terrier over the coming months.

Best wishes,
Mrs Sharpe