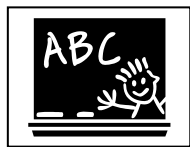


Thomas Russell Junior School

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Parent Forum

We have our first Parent Forum meeting on Wednesday 21st November. So far our forum will be made up of Mrs Horler, Mrs Pick, Mrs Watling, Mrs Leyland, Mrs Allton, Mrs Whiteford and Mrs Lancaster. The meeting starts at 9am and normally last about an hour. They are a great opportunity to find out a little bit more about what is happening in school and to discuss any changes that may be in the pipeline. We also really value the opportunity to find out about the parental perspective on events. If you feel you could spare an hour of your time, once a term, then we would really appreciate it.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you very much to our Y6 team of pupils who did a great job of running the book fair. This was the first time the children have done this and we were really pleased to see them developing enterprise skills, growing confidence in dealing with customers, tracking stock and handling money. Thanks to your phenomenal support, we took nearly £650 which means we have received almost £400 to spend on books which will enhance our Reading Scheme, School Library and Class Libraries.

Forest Schools

Mrs Jones is kindly offering the opportunity for children to attend Forest Schools Club this half term. The club will be running on a Wednesday from 3:30 – 4:45. The dates will be 21/11, 28/11, 5/12 and 12/12. There are limited spaces available on a first come, first served basis. They can be booked by logging in to www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using the code **fa67q**.

Reading Café

Last year, Miss Murfin worked in partnership with Barton Library to run some very popular Reading Café sessions. There were a range of opportunities which included a book reading with an author, some book Art and Craft for the children, along with a snack and drink and an opportunity for the children to change or choose library books. For the parents, there will be a short workshop focussed on an aspect of reading, delivered by Miss Murfin, which is aimed at helping parents to understand how we teach reading at school and ways to support at home. We will be running a workshop for each year group and the first one for Y3 parents / carers and children takes place on Wednesday 21st November from 3:45 – 4:45 at Barton Library. Other siblings are welcome in the Library at the same time. If you would like to book a place, please go to www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using the code **qek5r** and complete your booking indicating the name of the accompanying adult and their relationship to the child.

Parent Governor Nomination

I wrote in the Newsletter a few weeks ago about two vacancies for Parent Governors on the Governing Board at Thomas Russell Junior School. We do hope you have had opportunity to consider this role and are interested in supporting us further. For more information about the GB, you can visit the school website www.thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk and go to: **About Our School > Meet the Governors** You will find attached to this Newsletter a copy of the Nomination Form. The deadline for nominations is Monday 3rd December.

New menus

Please find attached a copy of the new school dinner menu. Please remember we ask children to choose a regular pattern for dinners and sandwiches and stick with it. We need written notification if this pattern is going to change.



Non-uniform Days

Next week we have two opportunities for children to wear non-uniform should they wish, to support two incredibly important charities.

World Diabetes Day falls on Wednesday 14th November.

Morgan, George and Immy will be incredibly pleased if you would join them by wearing a onesie, dressing as a super hero or simply wearing your own clothes to school for the day in return for making a donation to their chosen diabetes charities. On Wednesday after school there will also be a cake and sweet stall at the school gates selling some yummy treats to raise funds.

Children in Need Day falls on Friday 16th November.

Children have the opportunity to dress in spots and stripes or any other themed outfit, or their own clothes in return for a donation to Children in Need.

Transition

At this time of year, we find it very useful to reflect on the transition from Infants to Junior School and from Junior School to High School.

We have sent questionnaires to our parents in Y3 and would hope to find out from you about aspects of transition that you feel went really well and equally if there is anything you feel we could improve or if there is anything you are still unsure about.

We also follow a similar process for Y6 Leavers from July who have moved on to High School. We will send transition questionnaires with siblings if they are still in school and again would really appreciate if you could find time to offer us feedback on the process.

Remembrance Sunday

There are a number of Acts of Remembrance around the village and nearby this weekend.

I have received the following information from Barton Parish Council:

Barton Parish Council has received permission for a road closure to be in place during the parade to the War Memorial and during the Act of Remembrance at the Memorial on this Remembrance Sunday 11 November.

The closures are also in place for the parade from the War Memorial to St James Church for the Remembrance Service, and finally for the parade from the Church back to the John Taylor School.

The closure will be for Main Street between Wales Lane and Efflinch Lane, at Dunstall Road and at Church Lane. The closures will operate between 10.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. and the closure points will be signed and marshalled.

Once the parade has gone past on its way to the War Memorial the closure point at the west end of Main Street will be moved from the junction of Wales Lane to near the pedestrian crossing on Main Street to allow vehicle access up Crowberry Lane and to the Co-op.

The closure points will be temporarily opened by marshals once the parade has moved from the War Memorial and into St James Church and for the duration of the service. This will be between about 11.15 and 12.15.

The closures will be re-instated at the end of the service at 12.15 to allow the parade to move safely from the Church back to the John Taylor School and will be removed by marshals immediately afterwards, probably before 1.00 pm.

We would hope that minimum inconvenience will be caused to motorists during the parade and Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial.

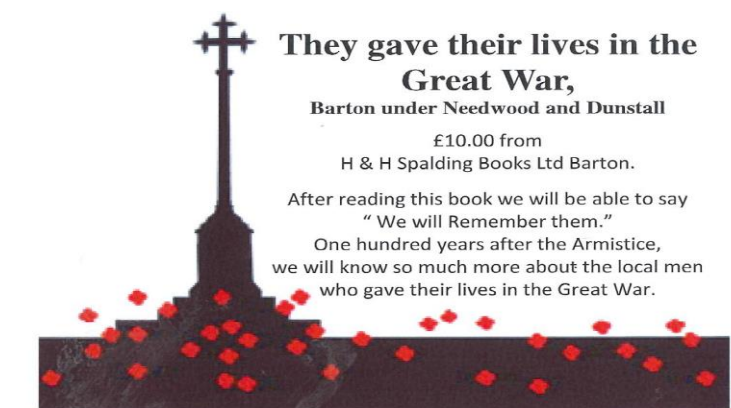
However no traffic (other than emergency vehicles) will be allowed past the War Memorial whilst the community gathers to remember the villagers who lost their lives in and as a result of armed conflict on this the 100th Anniversary of the end of the First World War.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Our House Captains will be laying a wreath with Mrs Vardy and I know a number of other TRJS pupils will be attending with various groups such as Brownies, Guides, Scouts etc.

Messy Church will also be running this Sunday 11th November at 4pm to 5.30. It takes place at the Methodist Church on Crowberry Lane. This month's theme is MESSY REMEMBERING. A fun family event with art and crafts followed by praise and worship. Tea/coffee, cake and sandwiches available afterward to share.

And finally, we were very grateful to receive a book donated to school by Jill Rogers which captures the lives of local men who gave their lives in the Great War. Copies of the book are available to purchase.



Fill in your details here and give them to Jill Rogers: 69 Wales Lane, Barton
jill.rogers@uwclub.net, or ring Jill Rogers 01283 712809 or
Spalding Books 01283 712220

Name

Address

Post Code

Telephone

Email

Number of copies

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Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is national Anti-Bullying Week, with the theme 'Choose Respect'. We will be learning more about this in our assemblies next week: what bullying is and what it isn't, how to deal with bullying, and what respect means and how to show it.

In July 2018 we were reaccredited with the Anti-Bullying Pledge Award in recognition of all the work we do with our children to stamp out bullying, and our assemblies are an important part of this.

At TRJS we define bullying as STOP: Several Times On Purpose.

Bullying can be greater defined as *deliberately hurtful behaviour, usually repeated over a period of time, where it is difficult for those bullied to protect themselves.*

It can take many forms but the main types are:

- Physical (e.g. hitting, kicking, theft)
- Verbal (e.g. racist or homophobic remarks, threats, name-calling)
- Emotional (e.g. isolating an individual from the activities and social acceptance of their peer group)
- Cyberbullying

We have posters around school reminding children to challenge and report any bullying that they see.

There are a few websites or twitter hashtags you could visit or follow if you wanted to find out more:

www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/

www.bullying.co.uk/anti-bullying-week/

parentzone.org.uk/article/anti-bullying-week-2018-five-resources-support-young-people

#antibullyingweek

#chooserespect

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If you see it:
CHALLENGE it
REPORT it

Do not tolerate it.

Together we'll
stamp out bullying



Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe