

Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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Wedding Bells and the pitter patter of tiny feet...

Firstly, we would all like to say a huge congratulations to Mrs David who will be getting married over the Easter holiday. She will return in the summer term as Mrs Howell.

We all wish her a very happy day and a lifetime of happiness with Mr Howell.

And secondly... the observant ones of you may have noticed Mrs Vardy is getting a bump! We are delighted to announce Mr & Mrs Vardy are expecting a baby in July. At the moment, Mrs Vardy intends to begin her maternity leave on 1st July. We are really pleased that Mrs Rollins has agreed to step up to full time for the last 3 weeks of the year to offer the children in Y4 good consistence before they move up to Y5.



NSPCC 'Staying Safe Online' Parents Workshop

So far we only have four parents booked on our NSPCC workshop. We're hoping there is a lot more interest, but parents have just been too busy to book yet. Hopefully there'll be time during the Easter holiday to secure your place.

The workshop is planned for **Tuesday 7th May at 4pm**. Delivered by NSPCC in partnership with O2 to help parents and carers learn about how to keep their family safe online. In an ever-changing and fast-moving online world, it can be difficult to know how best to keep our children safe. The session will cover up-to-date information and support, such as the importance of parental controls, and managing how long your child spends online. It will build on some of the things children learnt in their 'Speak out, Stay safe' workshops at the beginning of February and 'Share Aware' assemblies back in October.

For more information on how NSPCC work with schools, go to: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/our-services/working-with-schools/>.

The workshop is only suitable for parents, so staff are offering to supervise your children while you are at the workshop (we will watch a film), including any younger siblings of school age that can safely and appropriately be looked after by their older sibling.

If you would like to book a place - please do so at www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using code: **66ubg**

For parents coming without children, please just write 'No' in the child's name box.

Spring Reports

Your child will have brought home their Spring Academic Report to Parents today.

We do hope they provide a really useful update on progress. As ever, if you have any questions, or any parts that you would like to discuss, then we would really like to hear from you.

Lichfield Garrick

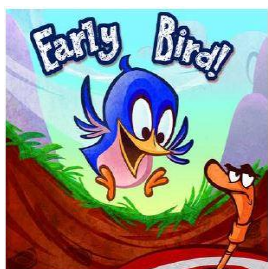
Huge congratulations to the 56 children who performed as part of choir at the Lichfield Garrick on Tuesday evening. I was immensely proud of their behaviour and the way they conducted themselves, which was noted by all the Rotary staff.

So many people have also commented the quality of singing, levels of enthusiasm and super smart synchronised standing and sitting in all of the different parts of songs. I would also like to say a special well done to our solo and small group part singers, many of whom will never have performed in front of such a big audience - very brave!

Thank you to Mrs Graves, Mrs Capper, Mrs Vardy, Mrs Cozens, Mrs King and Mrs Windsor for accompanying us - it wouldn't have been possible without you, and to all of the parents who came to support - I know the children really appreciate it when they can identify a familiar face in the audience.

Early Birds and Night Owls

The ethos of our wrap around care is to provide a 'home from home' environment, rather than an extension to the school day. Our familiar and friendly staff nurture a feeling of family. Activities are plentiful and there is always an element of free choice, just as would be enjoyed at home. Children are encouraged to play together and many form strong cross year-group friendships. Children all sit down around a table to eat breakfast and tea together, where the art of table manners and dinner conversation are promoted.



Early Birds runs daily between 8:00 and 8:45 and is based around a range of sports, team games, construction activities & ICT.

Breakfast is provided and includes toast, cereal, fruit, yoghurt and a drink of fruit juice, milk or water.

Early Birds costs £3.00 per session.

Early Bird Bookings for Summer 1 can be made via
www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using the code: **n94ts**

Night Owls runs daily from 3:30 until 5:45

(Except last day of term - Christmas, Easter & Summer.)

Activities provided include a range of free play, construction activities, art & crafts, outdoor games and toy sheds.

Children receive fruit and drink at the beginning of the session, then a light tea just before 5:00. Tea includes a selection of sandwiches, toast or hot dogs; fruit, yoghurt or cake and a drink.

Night Owls costs £8.00 per session.



Night Owls Bookings for Summer 1 can be made via
www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using the code: **eagcv**

Deadline for all bookings is SUNDAY 28th APRIL 2019

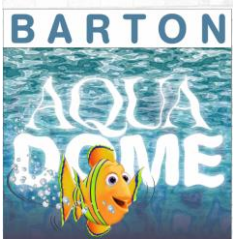
REMEMBER TO PLAN AROUND Y6 RESIDENTIAL VISIT and SPORTS DAY!

3D Art Heroes

For children whose work was displayed in the art exhibition at Barton Library, it is now ready for collection please. The Library is open from 10-1 on Saturday and also on Monday for parents to collect. Thank you.

Cycling Proficiency - Y4

Don't forget that we have cycling proficiency for Y4 on the first Wednesday back at school. The Easter holiday may be the perfect time to get your child to get their bike out of the shed, give it a once over and get a bit of practise in if it has been packed away over the winter.



During the Easter Holiday, Barton Aquadome will be open for public swimming sessions from Monday 15th April to Thursday 18th April. Why not gather a little group of friends and come along for some fun. See poster attached to the Newsletter for more detail.

Golf - we are pleased to confirm uptake on the Golf course in last week's newsletter has been good, so the club will run on the dates indicated.



Have a great Easter holiday, a really well earned rest (if you have the opportunity) and we look forward to seeing you all back safe and well for another fun packed half term.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe