

# Thomas Russell Junior School

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## Newsletter



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### SATs Week

As you may know – next week is SATs Week and our Y6 children will be completing the tests each morning. Every year we aim to keep this as low key as possible. The children have worked exceptionally hard both at school and home aiming for their PBs and all we ask is that they do their best.

Y6 children will be swimming M-Th afternoon, so no kits required in other year groups thanks, but we would still appreciate if our usual Eyes helpers were able to come along.

On Friday, the whole school will be having a treat with a Circus assembly, which always proves popular (and hilarious!) The assembly will be followed by workshops for Y6 children to learn to juggle, spin plates, ride pedal-go's and even have a go at tightrope walking.



### Enterprise Project

As I mentioned last week, Barton Bowls Club are kindly supporting our Enterprise Project, offering children the chance to set up a table stall in the Social Club.

If you would like to take advantage of this great offer, please collect a form from the office. There is no charge to run a stall, but they would like a completed form to ensure enough tables are set up. The day runs from 1-6, but if you only want a specific hour or two within that day, please ensure that information is added to your booking. Forms need to be returned to school by May 24<sup>th</sup> please.

### Sports Day – 24<sup>th</sup> May

Sports Day takes place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May. Next Friday (17<sup>th</sup>) you will receive a personalised copy of the programme with your child's races highlighted. Fingers crossed for some lovely weather. We are hoping to be able to offer a refreshments stall for visitors – if there are any parents who would be willing to help out, either with stock take and shopping, setting up or manning the stall throughout the day, then your support would be very much appreciated. Please let us know via [questions@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:questions@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk)

For those parents bringing younger children, please note that the climbing frame and trim trail is out of bounds all day, but there will be a toddler's race in the afternoon.

I'm sure it goes without saying, but please note the judges' decisions are final and there will be no appeals. With regard to cameras and photography, please could I remind parents that they can take pictures of their own children, but please do not post these on social media as we have children in school whom this action could pose a serious child protection risk to.

We really look forward to seeing you and hope you enjoy this fantastic event as much as we do!

### Y6 to Standon Bowers – 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Please look out for a pink consent / medical form, which needs to be completed and returned to school by Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you.

## Braiding workshop - Calling all choir mums and dads!

### BRAIDING WORKSHOP

15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

From 2:30pm



£10 per ticket to include drinks and nibbles

Everybody welcome!

Welcoming all parents or family members wanting to learn how to braid or improve their skills they already have!

There are limited places for this workshop, so it will be a first come first serve basis.

If the evening is successful we would love to do more.

## POPPIES

LADIES AND GENTS HAIRDRESSING

Poppies Hair Salon in the village are hosting a Braiding workshop on 15<sup>th</sup> June.

Places are limited. Please book on 01283 713631.

Obviously, it is open to everyone, not just those attending choir ☺

## Sensory Garden

Hopefully the children will have told you that this week we opened the Sensory Garden which was paid for using a combination of funding from our own Friends Association and Barton and Dunstall Key Trust.

The area replaces the old Quiet Area, which used to be fenced in behind the old mobile.

Fencing has been removed as it was damaged by spectators sitting on it to watch sporting events. Benches have been installed around the perimeter to create a feeling of enclosure, but also offer visiting spectators lots of places to sit. Miss Branson and Mr Bradley have been responsible for much of the planting, including a range of herbs, grasses and perennials which really enhance the area. Wind chimes, bunting, flags and windmills finish it off to great effect. Do feel free to pop down and have a look when you pick up or drop off at school. We are really pleased with how it looks and hope it offers our children somewhere more quiet and peaceful to spend breaktimes and lunchtimes should they wish.

We have installed some new tables, which have game mats on top for things like Ludo, draughts and chess. We also have a road map on top of one table - if any families would be kind enough to donate any unwanted matchbox cars, we would really appreciate it.

*This is a really short half term and I know it feels like it is nearly over before it has really begun, but please note we break up for half term on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May and return to school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.*

*Reserve Sports Day – should it be required is booked for Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June.*

*Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe*