

# Thomas Russell Junior School

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## Newsletter



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### Autumn Reading Café



On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, we will be hosting our first Reading Café of the year, at Barton Library from 3.45 - 4.45pm. For those of you new to TRJS, this is a termly event hosted by Miss Murfin (in conjunction with Barton Library volunteers) to encourage reading for pleasure among families, across school and in the wider local community.

The theme for this term's event is 'PoeTRY' and will be an opportunity for pupils, parents and siblings to visit the library and enjoy some silly rhymes alongside warming refreshments and tasty treats! Some Y5 children will be performing live a selection of favourite poems they have been learning in their English lessons and Miss Murfin will also be getting 'wordy' running a hands-on poetry workshop, where you can create your own 'Blackout' poems to take home!

The Reading Café is open to all year groups although pupils must be accompanied by an adult.

Places can be booked via: [www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk)

using the code: **ayx93** but be quick - spaces are limited! We hope to see you there.

Please note: you are now able to return books from Barton Library to Thomas Russell Junior School. Look out for the box in the Office and one in our Library, place your book inside and they will be collected each half term.

### Parent Forum

We are pleased to have four volunteers so far to join our Parent Forum this year, if there are any others interested, then you would be most welcome. Alternatively, if you cannot come along but would like to raise a topic for discussion, please drop us an e-mail to '[questions@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:questions@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk)' by Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> so we can put together the agenda. Our first meeting will be at 9:00am on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November.



### Children in Need – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Children are invited to wear non-uniform, to dress in spots, wear any other merchandise, come in their PJs or even dress as a super hero – whatever makes you happy!

We are asking for donations of as much or as little as you are able to give. Please can we just ask that parents consider the suitability of clothing and footwear based on the weather conditions. Thick furry onesies can be too hot to wear in class all day, but superhero tights and leotards can be too cold for the playground!

### Christmas Cards

We are taking part in the Cauliflower Cards Christmas project. Over the next week your child will bring home their design and a paper order form. If you wish to order cards or any other products, please complete and return the paper order form as well as paying on ParentPay for the items you would like.

The deadline for returns is Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November and we will only be able to place orders for those children where we have both the paper order form including design and correct payment on ParentPay. Thank you.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe  
(PTO for additional letter)



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Dear Parent / Carer,

We have, as Mrs Sharpe has previously notified you, a **co-opted vacancy on the Governing Body**. That of course is in addition to the vacancy for an elected member for which voting is currently under way.

Please be aware that there is an expectation that anyone who wishes to be considered for the role meet with myself (and usually also the Vice-Chair) for a discussion. In addition, the Government states that

*"where a prospective governor is already a governor of another school, the chair of governors should speak to the chair of the other governing body to discuss both the skills of the individual and, where appropriate, their capacity to serve effectively on an additional governing body".*

We have been fortunate in having already met with two people who are definitely interested in the role. If anyone else does wish to be considered please let us know, at the very latest, by **9.00am on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**.

Please feel free to contact us if you would like further details.

**On other matters**, parents may wish to know that governors have decided that the Annual Newsletter from governors is no longer appropriate and so has been discontinued. The weekly school Newsletter will though be used for any specific topics felt to be of particular interest to parents.

Finally, the past year did of course see the school successfully obtain '**Outstanding**' recognition from Ofsted – a tribute to the work of staff and commitment of the whole school community!

Best wishes

Terry Wells

Chair of Governing Body