

Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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Disco

Children have been issued with tickets for the disco tonight - we will be able to use these to take a very quick roll call and cut down queueing time. (Y4 children are bringing their tickets home today.) Please remember: At changeover tonight there will be parents of over 200 children trying to get to school to pick up or drop off. It would be really, really helpful if people could walk wherever possible to cut down on traffic or perhaps team up so one parent can drop off or pick up 2, 3 or even 4 children. Simply write the name of the person you give permission to pick up your child on your disco ticket.

Please could we remind children that there should be no coats or mobile phones brought to the disco.

(Children can take their coat to the classroom if another parent is picking them up)

No money is required as drinks, sweets and hot dogs (or alternatives) are all included.

Entrance will be through the front door.

Y3 then Y5 will be dismissed in 5K. Y4 then Y6 will be dismissed in 5M.

Please come right into the classroom so you can keep warm and we can match parents with children in the light.

Church Service

On Monday 16th December, we are walking up to St James' Church for a dress rehearsal at 9:10am. If there are any parents who wouldn't mind hanging around after drop off to accompany us, or meeting us at St James' Church at 11:40am and walking back to school with us, we would really appreciate it.

We would also be grateful if there were any parents willing to walk up to church with us on Wednesday 18th December - we intend on leaving school at about 1:30 to be ready for a 2pm start.

The service is not a ticketed event, but please could I suggest **one or two** members of each family attend (rather than 4 or 5) to ensure everyone has chance of fitting in to the church. The service will last approximately 45 minutes. This will give time for children to be collected before heading to the Infant School.

In order to safeguard all children, we will only allow them to leave the church with their own parents. Any parents wishing to grant permission for another person to collect will need to provide their child with a written note to that effect. We will not be making any phone calls to check arrangements after the concert. Staff will walk all remaining children back to school, either for 3:30 dismissal or to attend Night Owls.

Burton Town Hall

Huge congratulations to the children who performed at the concert on Sunday. I could not have been more proud of their performances, their behaviour and how smart they all looked. They were absolutely brilliant ambassadors for Thomas Russell Junior School and I know they impressed a lot of members of the audience (not just our biased parents! ☺)

Christmas Dinner Day

What an absolutely wonderful day we had on Wednesday. Thanks to Mrs Brammer and Mrs Roach who cooked a delicious Christmas dinner which was enjoyed by the whole school. There was music and singing (and most importantly - pigs in blankets!). A great time was had by all and it made us feel very festive.

Illness

Thank you to all of the parents who kept children off if they were unwell this week. We've had up to 10 children off each day, but there has been a noticeable improvement in the health of those who are in school.



Sincere apologies for the delays in the Christmas cards etc. being delivered to school and on to parents. I can assure you; we spent a long time chasing them when they did not arrive as promised. The only thing I can assume is that the elves in the workshop were very busy! I hope you are pleased with them now they are finally here – we love the wrapping paper!

Friday 20th December is a non-uniform & Christmas Jumper day for all children in school - we are not asking for any donations - it's just for fun. Please ensure your non-uniform choice includes sensible footwear. For those taking part in the Christmas treat at the Red Carpet Cinema to see Frozen 2 it is essential they have a warm, waterproof coat for the walk over and back. The first showing group will be leaving promptly at 8:50, so please ensure you are not late to school. Those not at the cinema will do Christmas activities at school.



We break up from school next Friday at 3:30. There will be no Night Owls. Autumn Term Reports will be sent home for parents next Friday. Please excuse me if it feels like I am trying to teach you how to do your job, but we would suggest these are far better digested at home in the quiet, over a cup of tea rather than being opened by children on the school gate.

Library Books

Please feel free to return any library books that have been borrowed from Barton Library to school and we will ensure they are safely delivered back to the Library for you. We would also like to ask that any school library books are returned before the holiday if possible.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe