

Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter











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Bumper Christmas Edition!

It is always tricky to stay on top of events in the lead up to Christmas, and I know that last year I received really positive feedback about the format of the bumper Christmas Newsletter, so I hope it proves helpful again this year. We have provided a paper copy (as well as electronic) to allow it to be pinned up somewhere safe at home for regular reference.

Date		Event	Times	Description
Mon 18 th Nov		Y4 to Library	am	4C - 9:10 to 10:30 4P - 10:30 - 11:45 Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to accompany us.
Wed 20 th Nov		Parent Forum Meeting	9:00 - 10:00	We look forward to seeing you there. Please send agenda items by Tuesday 19 th November to ' questions@ '
Wed 20 th Nov		Reading Café at Barton Library	3:45 - 4:45	Ensure you have booked your place via: www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using the code: ayx93
Thur 21 st Nov		Cauliflower Christmas Card Project	9am	Deadline for ordering and paying on Parent Pay for any Christmas products designed by your child.
Fri 22 nd Nov		Fluenz Vaccinations	am	Children who returned permission slips will receive vaccinations via nasal spray.
Mon 25 th Nov		Parent Governor Election	9:30	Deadline to have submitted election papers to vote for Parent Gov.
Thurs 5 th Dec		Helping Hands Coffee Morning 9:30 - 11:00		Our focus for this term's helping Hands meeting is ' Dealing with Anxiety '. Come along to find out different strategies to help you or your child with this. Then work alongside your child(ren) to make a 'Worry Monster Box' together. Book your place via: www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using code: d29gn
Fri 6 th Dec	 (If your name's not down, you're not coming in!)	1) Deadline to buy a ticket for the School Christmas Disco. Tickets cost £5 and are non-refundable. 2) Deadline to buy a ticket for Red Carpet Cinema Treat. Tickets cost £4 and are non-refundable. 3) Deadline to pay £2.39 for Christmas Dinner.		

Sun 8 th Dec		Burton Town Hall Carol Concert	2:00 - 5:00	Selected choir members will be performing at Burton Town Hall. Entrance is free if you would like to support this lovely festive concert.
Wed 11 th Dec		Christmas Dinner Day	lunch	We do hope as many children as possible will join us for school dinners on this lovely festive occasion.
Fri 13 th Dec		School Christmas Disco		4:30 - 6:00 - Lower School 6:00 - 7:30 - Upper School No coats or mobile phones please. Entrance through the front door. Y3 then Y5 will be dismissed through 5K Y4 then Y6 will be dismissed through 5M
Wed 18 th Dec		Carol Concert at St. James' Church	2:00	<u>Once upon a Christmas...</u> Please see information below.
Fri 20 th Dec		Red Carpet Cinema	am	On the last day of term, we are offering children the opportunity to take part in a Christmas treat at the Red Carpet Cinema to see Frozen 2. We have a non-uniform & Christmas Jumper day. Those not at the cinema will do Christmas activities at school.
Fri 20 th Dec			3:30	Autumn Term Reports home. Break up from school. NO NIGHT OWLS.
Mon 6 th Jan		Night Owls from 8am	8:50	Make sure you have booked any Early Birds / Night Owls sessions that you want for the half term and uploaded money on to ParentPay to cover costs of school dinners (£2.39 per day).

Christmas Carol Service - Once upon a Christmas

Parents / carers are warmly invited to join us at St James' Church in Barton on Wednesday 18th December for our annual Christmas Service, which starts at 2pm. This is always a lovely way to really kick off the festive season and the children always rise to the occasion to perform fantastically. This 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.

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.



Thanks to your kind donations, we were able to contribute **£294.45** toward the grand total raised this year.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe