

Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mrs S Sharpe

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Residentials @ Home

We have had a good response from the 'Residentials @ Home' information we circulated. So far, 134 people have filled in the online form and 62 people have made a contribution on ParentPay. Please could we ask if everyone could try to do this over the next week so we have time to finalise plans.

Reading Ambassadors

The deadline for applications from children to become Reading Ambassadors is **Friday 25th June**. Please see Newsletter 34 for more information. Applications can be e-mailed to Miss Murfin on cmurfin@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk. We look forward to appointing children from Y3, 4 and 5 to the roles.

School Crossing Patrol

Due to a vacancy on Efflinch Lane / Gilmore Lane, we are unable to guarantee that there will be a school crossing patrol on duty at all times from Monday 21st June 2021.

The area organiser is trying to support this crossing with relief staff until she can recruit, however we really do need someone to come forward to work in the community, meeting people in this rewarding job crossing children safely to and from schools in Barton.

Hours are normally 7 hours and 30 mins, currently working 8 hours and 45 min, rate of pay starts at £9.62 per hour term time only, during the school holidays you will continue to be paid, training and uniform is provided.

Anyone interested can in the first instance contact Caroline Pegg on 07773 791 502

My Money Week : 14th - 18th June

Children have enjoyed a fabulous range of money related activities throughout school this week, accompanied by some excellent financial education workshops run by HSBC. Thank you to Juppnie and Jodh's dad for the fabulous support with these. Look out next week for a detailed report and pictures of the children taking part in their activities.

Free School Meals

With all the changes people have experienced recently in finances, it is possible more parents will have become entitled to claim free school meals without realising.

Following the link below:

[Apply for free school meals - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

will take you to a quick and easy form to complete and you will be notified immediately if you have been successful. Alternatively, we are able to complete the form in school on your behalf - please do shout up.

Below you will find a flyer for free holiday activities and food which can be booked from 5th July, so don't hesitate. Complete your application and qualifying families will be able to book these from 5th July.

COMING SOON

FREE

Holiday Activities and Food

for children and young people aged 5-16 who get free school meals*

*Eligible children and young people will get a letter from school to register

Registration opens 5th July 2021

staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities

Department for Education
Staffordshire County Council

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD

Please see the flyer attached to the Newsletter with information for children about a Sunflower Competition

Child Death Prevention Newsletter

Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Board

Button Batteries Be aware!

Button batteries power everyday objects like car key fobs, remotes and children's toys. But did you know that if they are swallowed they can badly injure, or even kill a child?

Batteries react with saliva and if a child swallows a button battery it can burn holes and cause internal bleeding, or even death. Tragically, a young child in Staffordshire has recently died from ingesting a button battery.

How to keep children safe

- Store spare batteries securely, out of reach
- Know which toys /gadgets use button batteries, check your home
- Get rid of 'dead' button batteries immediately - they still have enough power to harm children
- Teach older children the dangers - why they shouldn't play with them or give them to younger children
- Place strong tape over the battery compartment on remote controls

Be aware!

If you think your child has swallowed a battery, take them straight to the nearest A&E department or call 999 for an ambulance

Symptoms may not be obvious. Your child might be coughing, gagging or drooling, or pointing to their throat or tummy. Unclear or fluctuating symptoms mean it's important to be vigilant. Trust your instincts and act fast even if there are no symptoms.

For further information visit:
<https://www.capt.org.uk/button-battery-safety>
Or <https://www.nospa.com/home-safety/advice/product/button-batteries>

Child Safety Week June 2021

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe