

Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mrs S Sharpe

15th July 2022

Please find a message below from Carolyn Pegg:

School Crossing Patrol Vacancies

This is a worthwhile and rewarding job, helping in the community, crossing children to and from school in the morning and afternoon during school term time only, you will be paid all year around including the school holidays, the current rate of pay is £9.79 per hour, training will be given, uniform supplied.

E905 Dunstall Road/Main Street crossing work times are 8.10-9.05am and 3.10-4.05pm each day

E48 Efflinch Lane/Meadow Rise crossing work times are 8.20-9.00am and 2.50-3.50pm each day

E205 Station Road/Main Street crossing 8.25-9.05am and 3.10-3.55pm each day

If interested please apply online through WMJobs, search for reference REC000825 school crossing patrol or in the first instance please call me for an informal chat about these vacancies.

Please also be advised that we do not normally cover school crossing point vacancies with a relief, therefore there will not be a school crossing patrol until we can recruit to these vacancies.

Caroline Pegg

School Crossing Patrol Area E Manager

Mob: 07773 791 502

Dove Valley Cricket – Wednesday 13th July

On Wednesday, 13th of July, eight excited year 6 cricketers went along to Rolleston cricket club to take part in the Dove Valley cricket tournament. All the children in the team played really well, showing super Sportsmanship and terrific teamwork.

The team included Josh D, Sam G, Amillie T, Lily N, Will H, Will S, Thomas R & Will R

Sadly, our journey ended after the group stages, but the team's morale remained high, and everyone enjoyed the afternoon's cricket with lots of super smiles on their faces.

Well done to all the team for their hard work and thank you to family and friends for transporting their children to the venue, a lovely afternoon in the sun watching super games of cricket.



Leavers' Assembly

This will be held on Wednesday 20th July at 10am and is only for parents of Y6 children.

Tickets are free of charge, but you must sign up via the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/PpHhk975LP>

Everyone is invited to join us at 3:15 on **Wednesday 20th July** when school for the year finishes, to bid a final farewell to our Y6 children as they leave junior school for the last time.

Please head to the far side of the playground near the sheds. There will be NO Night Owls.

Summer Reading Challenge 2022



Science is all around you! What do you love doing? Are you a brilliant baker? Or a mega music fan? Are you the tech wizard amongst your friends? Over the holidays, join the '**Gadgets**' for the **2022 Summer Reading Challenge** - online and in your local library NOW!

This year, The Reading Agency have teamed up with the **Science Museum Group** for a very special science-themed

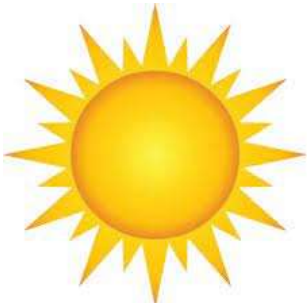
Challenge that will inspire you to use your imagination and creativity! Gadgets features amazing books, awesome rewards, and plenty of ideas for cool experiments and activities to discover the science all around you.

The Summer Reading Challenge runs from **Saturday 9th July – Sunday 4th September 2022**. Children can **register online or at Barton Library** and help TRJS regain the coveted trophy for the Burton District, awarded to schools with the highest number of participants who successfully complete the Summer Reading Challenge.

Mrs Sharpe is also offering a first **Headteacher's Award** of the new academic year to all pupils who can evidence their involvement by bringing in their certificate in September!

Find out more at: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/home-zone-src>

Weather



As you will no doubt have seen, we are expecting temperatures to rise sharply over the coming days and the forecast for Monday and Tuesday is high thirties.

It is essential that every child has a water bottle in school. Please could we also ask for sun-cream and sunhats to be worn too.

We would like children to wear clothes that will help them to keep cool, ideally light, loose clothing, so they have the option of school uniform, school PE kit or a combination - e.g. white polo shirt and PE shorts for the last 3 days. Please note these are not non-uniform days.

We understand some parents have already informed us of their decision to keep children away from school next week due to the forecast temperatures. We are unable to authorise this absence.



My name is Freya and I am in Year 4. I love to help a charity called 'Burton HOPE'; an organisation run in Burton that helps the homeless and families in need, with food, housing, paperwork, jobs and so much more. They recently won a Support Staffordshire Award for Volunteer Team of the Year.



Please consider **donating** any of the following items on

Wednesday 20th July (immediately before school) when we will be outside the school gate collecting. We really hope that you will help to support this very worthwhile local charity. Thank you so much.

+ Freya and family😊

Men's Trainers	Jogging Bottoms	Tee Shirts	Sweat shirts	Ladies Trainers	Knickers
<u>Things to donate:</u>	Pasta Sauce	Tinned Meat	Tinned Fish	Tinned Fruit	Biscuits
Boxes of Cereal	Tea Bags	Coffee	Shampoo	Deodorant	Pasta

Thank you in advance for your support.

Covid, Chicken Pox and other illness

As you may be aware, we have been hit by a significant increase in cases of Covid recently, with a number of teaching staff, support staff and children affected. We have also had a higher than average level of absence due to other illnesses, including some cases of chicken pox.

Please could we ask you to be vigilant in these last few days for signs of Covid and if in doubt obtain a test before sending children to school. Thank you.

Y6 Leavers' Disco

Please could I remind Y6 parents to ensure children attending the disco are signed in to the responsible adult on the door and a mobile phone number left if you are not remaining on site.

No mobile phones will be permitted with the children for safeguarding reasons. Adults will be taking photographs for memories. The team organising the discos are yet to be informed of any children not attending, or any with special dietary requirements, so please ensure these messages are communicated to Vicky Thomas on 07989 967222. Thank you.

Sharpie's Shop

The children may well have told you about the delights of going to tuck shop (aka Sharpie's Shop) on their residential weeks!

We have a little bit of stock left, so would like to offer children a treat with a chance to purchase one item from the shop for 20p. If children would like to purchase a chocolate bar on the final day (Wednesday 20th July) to eat at breaktime, then please send them with 20p.

To speed up administration, only correct money will be accepted, and no change given.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe