

# Thomas Russell Junior School

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## Newsletter



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### Barton Neighbourhood Volunteers



We are delighted to have partnered up with Barton Neighbourhood Volunteers to provide 'meals on wheels'. We are supporting a small number of elderly people within the village; cooking a roast dinner each Wednesday, which is then collected by volunteers and delivered to them at home. This is a lovely way to give something back to our community and we are delighted to be involved.

BNV volunteers continue to answer the phones (BNV 01283 296 229) Monday to Friday 9.30 to 12.30 (answerphone at other times) and to provide support and advice: on prescription collection, transport for those without their own and unable to use public transport (essential journeys), telephone company / befriending, emergency shopping and hot meals for those unable to cook for themselves.

### Queen's Platinum Jubilee

I was really pleased to hear about and see photographs of the Jubilee celebrations at school just before half term. We had heard a rumour of a book about Queen Elizabeth, which was being given to every Primary age child, but hadn't received official confirmation. When two arrived after half term, we thought these would be best placed in our school library. However, this week we have received a delivery of 252 books - one for every child 😊! Today we have sent the books home with the children, and we hope they will make a nice memento of the events.



### Tech Team

Congratulations to the new Y5 Tech Team who have been appointed to help Miss Hurdman take care of the iPads and laptops throughout school.

Sophie K, Dylan C, Ethan K, Bella P, Laurie H, Olivia G and Tia B

We hope our current Y6 Tech Team will provide some great training, as although they have only been in the role themselves for a short while, they have proven really helpful and organised.

### Welcome to the team 😊



I am delighted to say, that after successful interview this week, we will be welcoming Miss Wortley to the staffing team. Miss Wortley will be teaching in Y5 alongside Mrs Preston. She is a recently qualified teacher, graduating with a first class degree. She has an interest in humanities, and a passion for lifeguarding. We are excited to get to know her better and know she is relishing the opportunity to work at Thomas Russell Junior. Miss Wortley will be teaching 5W.

## Y6 Leavers' Disco

Please find a message below from the Y6 Parents who are organising the disco:

We are pleased to confirm that the Year 6 Leavers Disco will be held at the Holland Sports Club on Tuesday 19th July from 6pm to 8pm where DJ Paddy will be playing. We hope this will be a great memory for the children. Please could we ask if your child will NOT be attending to text Vicki Thomas on 07989 967222 to let her know. (You do not need to text if your child will be in attendance). Please also advise of any dietary requirements e.g vegetarian, GF, non dairy etc as there will be food on the night. When dropping off your child please leave an emergency contact number with the parent helpers on the door. Please rest assured that we will make sure the children stay in the club and do not venture onto the sports fields. There are lots of helpers on the evening to ensure the children's safety. If you wish your child to buy a drink please send with some money but we will also provide squash so this is not mandatory. The disco will be funded from the PTA monies but John and Diane Gardner have also kindly offered to fund for Joe's ices to turn up which will be a lovely treat for the children. Any questions or queries please don't hesitate to contact Vicki. It is envisaged that the disco will finish at 8pm. When collecting your child please make sure that one of the helpers are aware that you have done so and your child has been ticked off. If any parents wish to stay for a social drink afterwards then the bar will be open.

Many thanks



### Step into the NHS Competition Winners

Congratulations to Lily C and Erin C who have been awarded Regional Winners of the 'Step into the NHS' Competition. The challenge was to create a piece of artwork or writing to say "thank you" to the NHS, and show an understanding of gender stereotypes and the range of jobs.

Today Erin and Lily presented their poster to a panel of judges to decide the National Overall Winner. The girls spoke confidently and engagingly, explaining their passion for art, creativity in design, inspirations and collaborative approach. We will find out the result soon!

We were really impressed with all the work our pupils entered into the competition. Special mention must also go to Summer T and Nevaeh H who were named in the Top 10 in the West Midlands.

### ParentPay

Please could we ask parents / carers to log in to ParentPay and settle any outstanding debts as soon as possible? We have a number of items (PGL / School Dinners / Night Owls / Ski Club / Leavers' Hoodies etc.) outstanding across a range of year groups. We need all accounts to be settled in order to be able to move children up to their new classes at the end of the year, or to close accounts for those children leaving Thomas Russell Junior. We appreciate your support in easing the administrative burdens at the end of the academic year.

*Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe*