

Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mrs S Sharpe

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One Kind Word - Anti-Bullying Week

We have had some really enjoyable assemblies this week both as a school and in classes, focussing on 'One Kind Word'. We have been encouraging children to think about how one kind word or act of kindness can break down barriers and spread happiness. We have tried some Mexican waves across the hall to think about how one kind word can lead to another and how the power of positivity spreads like a chain reaction. We have also discussed the importance of speaking up if children see something wrong - there really is no such thing as an 'innocent bystander' if we are talking about standing watching bullying happen.

Children have learnt a new song: [Andy and the Odd Socks - One Kind Word \(Official Video\) - YouTube](#) which they might like to share with you.

Special mentions go to Kaybie P-J, Juppie K and Amillie T all from our Year 6. I have had such lovely comments reported to me by other parents about each of them, and their kindness towards others.



CLEANER - We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic, energetic and self-motivated person to help clean Barton Aquadome Swimming Pool.

Working Days: Monday to Thursday

Hours: 1 ½ to 2 hours per day (e.g. 7:00am – 8:30am OR 7:00pm – 9:00pm OR negotiable around pool bookings)

Pay: starts at £9.81 per hour (plus paid holiday) *Would consider a joint appointment of 2 people working together for 1 hour each.*

Tasks include:

Cleaning changing rooms and toilets, entrance foyer and poolside.

Emptying bins, wiping surfaces (skirting boards, window sills), refilling consumables (toilet roll, soap, disposable shoe covers)

Please contact Mrs Sharpe on 01283 247505, call in to school to make an appointment or email headteacher@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk



Children in Need - Feel Good Friday

It was a lovely end to the week to see the children all dressed up in whatever makes them feel good.

Thanks to your kind contributions online and in the classrooms, we have raised a superb £299.40 ☺



Christmas Plans

As well as our cinema trip, we now have further dates for Christmas events in the diary. We will be welcoming Rev. Andy from St. James' in to assembly on Monday 6th December. We have visitors from Packington Farm here on Wednesday 8th, talking to the children all about where their Christmas dinner comes from.

We also hope to hold our Christmas Dinner day in school on Wednesday 15th December - further details on signing up for this will follow closer to the time.

Christmas Messages from St. James' Church

Advent WOW Wednesdays – Join us at St James' with your pre-school children as we count down to Christmas, each Wednesday starting at 9:15 with Tea, toast and toddlers time, then WOW Worship at 10 followed by coffee and cake. It would be great to see you!

Christingle Service – All are welcome to join us at St James' at 6pm on Sunday 5th December for our Children's Society Christingle service. A service of light and hope, celebrating the work of the Children's Society as we step into the Christmas Season.

If any children would like to collect a candle collection box from the school office, they can try to fill it with loose change and any donations for the Children's Society. They will be available for the next couple of weeks.

Christmas Eve Crib Service – At 4pm on Christmas Eve, please join us as we bless our crib and celebrate the baby in the manger. A short interactive service. Children, please do come dressed as a nativity character of your choice if you would like to!!

It would be lovely to see you all.

Rev. Andy

Parent Governors - As explained last week, we have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. We would encourage parents to consider if this is a role they may like to take on. To find out more about being a Parent Governor, you might like to speak to any of our current Governors and they will be able to meet / chat to you. You can make contact with anyone on the GB using the e-mail: governors@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk Next week we will publish nomination forms for any parents who wish to be considered.

Individual photos - don't forget we have our photographer in school on Thursday 25th Nov. If you would like sibling pictures with those from outside of TRJS, then please arrive at approximately 8:30. Individual and in-school family groups will be taken during the school day.

Covid and other illness – we have been suffering from extremely high levels of staff absence over the last couple of weeks and are doing our very best to ensure a continued excellent standard of education and care for the children. We currently have 10 positive cases in school. We appreciate your continued vigilance in keeping children away from school if they are poorly and obtaining PCR tests to rule out Covid if you have any doubts. Remember you can use questions@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk to report any symptoms or test results (positive or negative) - this e-mail is checked over the weekend to help us keep abreast of the situation as it develops.

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe