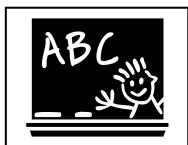


# Thomas Russell Junior School

Inspiring all, achieving together.



## Newsletter



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Headteacher Mrs S Sharpe

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### YOUNG VOICES 2016

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January we took 56 children to the Genting Arena to take part in the World's Largest Choir event. The whole day was absolutely brilliant and the children's behaviour was exceptional.

Everybody got to see Urban Strides street dance group who are always fantastic. Our choir sung superbly making us very proud.

Thank you to the huge number of parents who came along to support us, creating memories that last forever.

**Bags2School** - Kick starting school fundraising again, to coincide with the relaunch of the Friends association, we will be holding a Bags2School day on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January. There will be 2 collections - one at 9:00 and one at 3:30. We have sent home the bags tonight with the children. Please check the lists below to see which items can be placed in the bags.

We accept the following items for reuse:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together)
- Hats & bags
- Scarves & ties
- Jewellery & belts
- Soft toys



We do not accept:

- Duvets, bedding, blankets and household linen
- Pillows & cushions
- Carpets, rugs & mats
- Curtains & towels
- School uniforms
- Corporate clothing and workwear

### Lunchtime Supervisor

We still have vacancies for two lunchtime supervisors at the school. If there are any parents interested please get in touch. If you do not wish to work every lunchtime but would be able to provide cover on 2 or 3 days then we would still be more than happy to hear from you.

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## Governing Body

Following our announcement last week of our new Parent Governor, I can now add further news to say we have appointed a co-opted Governor; this brings the Board of Governors back up to a full complement.

Our Parent Governor has provided the following information in support of his appointment:

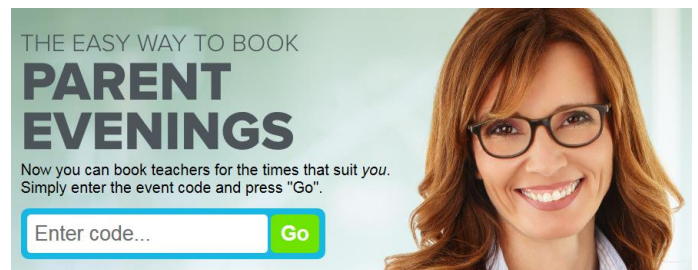
*My name is Paul Thompson and I have a son, Johnny, in Year 3. I have been a part of Barton for the last 12 years as a teacher at JTHS and have lived in the village for the last 7 years. I play an active role in Barton Beavers, Scouts and supporting under 8's football and rugby. To the role I bring the following specific experience. I am a member of the JTHS Health and Safety committee and have served on the governors as a seconded member of the School Leadership Team. I am heavily involved in the transition of Year 6 into 7 in my role of House Learning Manager. I am passionate about education, at all phases.*

Our Co-opted Governor is Mr Andrew Lloyd-Jones he has had 4 children go through the village school system already and 2 further children at the Infants now, with one due to start Junior School in September. Andrew has lots of business experience and knowledge to bring to the GB as well as some significant charity fundraising experiences involving expeditions to Everest and Kilimanjaro.

### Electronic Booking System

We have received some fantastic feedback this week regarding our new booking system for Parent Consultations and Extra-Curricular Clubs.

We have just over 200 families in school and 164 of them have already secured their chosen appointment times for consultations.



We also have a phenomenal uptake of extra-curricular activities with over 260 places at different clubs booked. Some clubs are already full and **bookings for all clubs will close on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January.**

If you would like to take advantage of any remaining places, you will need to log on ASAP.

A gentle reminder please that you are asked to use the system to confirm attendance at clubs where children have already been offered a space such as Y5 Netball and Eco-Warriors.

- 1) Log on to [www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk)
- 2) Enter **Parent Consultations code: QE7GK**
- 3) Enter e-mail, child(ren)'s first **AND** surname.
- 4) Choose the exact date and time(s) to suit you.
- 5) Receive instant e-mail confirmation of booking.

*Bookings close on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February.*

- 1) Log on to [www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk)
- 2) Enter **Extra-Curricular code: N62TM**
- 3) Enter e-mail, child(ren)'s first **AND** surname.
- 4) Choose child's year group and clubs they would like to attend.
- 5) Receive instant e-mail confirmation of booking.

**Register Inspection** - periodically the school is visited by an Education Welfare Worker (EWW) to have inspections on their register systems to ensure attendance is being accurately recorded and reported, as well as monitoring changes in policy and updating attendance guidance information. Following this visit a number of penalty notices have been issued for unauthorised absence. If you are unsure of the guidance and want to know before you make a 'request for leave' under exceptional circumstances, please view the policy on the school website: [About our School > Policies > Attendance \(Pupils\) - March 15](#)  
During this inspection we have also been instructed that in order for us to authorise children being taken out of school for medical appointments, parents are required to provide an appointment card or hospital letter to show the reason for absence. Thank you.

*Best wishes,  
Mrs S Sharpe*

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