

Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mrs S Sharpe

18th November 2022

It's a TRJS kind of Christmas 2022

	Christmas Dinner We will be holding this on Thursday 8th December. A lovely festive occasion with music, table decorations, party hats and a great atmosphere for staff and children. Children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers with their uniform. Christmas dinner - Roast Turkey, pigs in blankets, stuffing, roast & mashed potato, carrots & peas, gravy. Vegetarian - Quorn fillet, stuffing, roast & mashed potato, carrots & peas, gravy. Pudding - Christmas tree biscuits Sandwiches - from home
	Carol Concert We will be holding our Carol Service at St. James' Church on Wednesday 14th December at 2pm. In order to go ahead as safely as possible, tickets will be limited to up to two per family. Children will be allowed to leave the church at the end of the service (2:50 - 3:00) and go home with an audience member, or can be accompanied back to school by staff.
	Cinema Trip We are going to the Red Carpet Cinema on Friday 16th December to see 'Matilda - The Musical'. We are asking parents for a £4 contribution towards the costs of the trip, which has been subsidised by fund-raising. As cinema timings run over dinner time, we are asking parents to indicate if their child will be dinners (fish and chips) or sandwiches on the final day. This item will be on Parent Pay from Monday.

The form below will collate all of your preferences for the above activities, including meal choices and ticket reservations. Please could we ask you to complete one per child and ensure your child is aware of the answers you have given. <https://forms.office.com/r/k7w7vxqBwB>

Early Birds and Night Owls



Early Birds runs daily between 8:00 and 8:45 and costs £3.25 per session.

Early Bird Bookings for Spring 1 can be made via
www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using the code: **apsq9**

Night Owls runs daily from 3:30 until 5:45 (Except last day of term) and costs £8.75 per session. **Night Owls Bookings for Spring 1** can be made via

www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using the code: **9jbha**



Booking is ESSENTIAL. We only guarantee availability for Spring 1 for bookings made by Thursday 29th December.



Children in Need

It was lovely to see the children dressed up for Children in Need today.
I am very pleased to announce that we raised £288.19.
Thank you for all of your generous donations, both in school and via the link.

#HelloYellow Positive Affirmation Competition

What a lovely time our Mindful
Mentors had judging the competition ☺

Winners were: Poppy Y3 Mallory Y4
Tehya Y5 and Sophie K Y6.
2nd place for Ada Y3 Ruby Y4
Izzy Y5 and Laurie Y6.

A special mention prize too for
Joe in Y4 and Ethan K Y6.

I hope they enjoyed their 'yellow'
prizes. Look out for the positive
affirmations posters being displayed
around school ☺



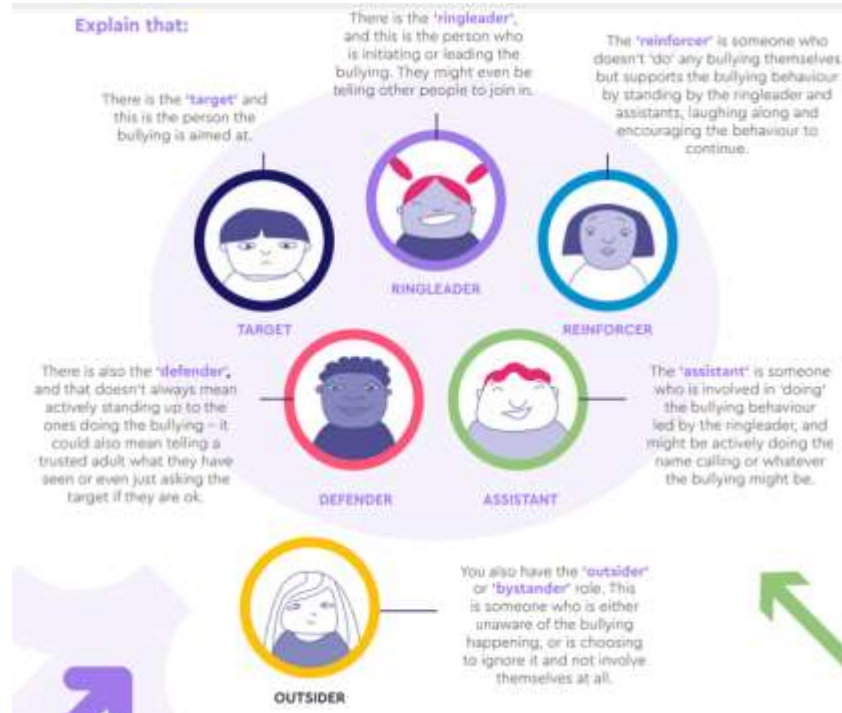
Anti-bullying Week

This week we have been participating in national Anti-Bullying Week with activities and discussion around 'reaching out' to ask for help, being a good ally and the power of kindness in what we say and do. We reminded each other of the definition of bullying:

Bullying is the **repetitive, intentional hurting** of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an **imbalance of power**.
It can happen face to face or online.

or put simply in the TRJS way as 'STOP: Several Times On Purpose'.

We also learnt that bullying can be a group behaviour, with people taking on different roles:



School Council met with Miss Branson to discuss what bullying is, what teachers and pupils do to help stop bullying, and what more school could do for anti-bullying. This was also discussed throughout school in our whole school and class assemblies.

Over the year, we will be taking part in the United Against Bullying anti-bullying programme provided by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. The views of the children are vitally important in making sure that we are doing all we can to prevent and reduce bullying and to improve pupil wellbeing. As such, we are inviting all pupils to complete an anonymous survey. The multiple-choice answers your child gives to the questionnaire will not be seen by their friends, teachers or parents. We will then ask pupils to complete the questionnaire again in the Summer term to see how the work we have done made has had an impact.

We are sending home a paper letter today that has more information about the anti-bullying programme and questionnaire. If you do not wish your child to answer the questionnaire, please sign and return the form to school by Friday 25th November. If you are happy for your child to participate, no action is needed.

Charlotte E in Y6 shared a lovely phrase in assembly '**Kindness in contagious**' and this is a theme that has really resonated with us. We are working with the children to recognise kindness in all areas of our school community. We are asking children to make their nominations when they have seen, heard or benefitted from kindness. The first nomination I have already received from another pupil is for Jessica E in 3K – for always being kind to everyone in her class. These 'kindnesses' will be collected to form a huge paper chain.

We have discussed these themes in our staff meeting this week. We are also concerned how computer gaming and social media are playing a negative role in affecting children's behaviours towards each other, by normalising violence, hostility and physical aggression. I have included a couple of Information Posters for parents about risks associated with AMONG US (7) and Call of Duty (18).

Christmas Jumper Juggle

As we continue to make plans for Christmas, I wonder if I could kindly ask for any donations of Christmas jumpers? Y6 School Councillors last year ran a 'Jumper Juggle', and this year's Y6 School Councillors would love to do the same - selling donated jumpers for £2 each to raise money towards our cinema trip.

There will be a jumper donation box in the entrance hall for the next couple of weeks. On Thursday 1st December, the councillors will set up tables of jumpers sorted by size, by the front of school at the end of the day. Hopefully, if we can get a nice lot of donations, it should be a good chance to do something eco-friendly too 😊

Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school (with the rest of their uniform) on Christmas Dinner day and during the last week of term, so they should get a nice bit of use from whatever they purchase.

Teaching Assistant

We have a post advertised for a part time Teaching Assistant at the school. You will find more information at the end of the Newsletter. Please pass this advert to anyone who you feel would be interested and who would make a valuable addition to our team.

Busy weekend

Good luck to all of those children who are taking part in various activities this weekend - whether it's Club Champs swimming, Dance Show weekend or representing your sports teams - we all hope you have a marvellous time and do your best 😊

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe

Community notices



Families' Health and Wellbeing

School Nurse
virtual drop in clinic

Midlands Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust
A Keele University Teaching Trust

Every
Thursday
from
3.30 - 4.30pm

The School Nurse is here to help your child feel healthy, happy and safe during their school years and to get the best from their education. If you have any concerns about their health and wellbeing please drop in to chat.

Join the link and talk to a School Nurse.
We provide a confidential and friendly service

mpft.live/schoolnurse

QR code linking to the service



Barton Village Hall

TUESDAYS 9.30 - 3.30

(01/11/22 to 14/02/23 with exception of
27/12/22 and 03/01/23)

A warm place to spend some time. Quiet and social space. Exchange rail, books, games, jigsaw etc. or just come along for a cuppa!
Free tea/coffee/biscuits.

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You will find attached to the Newsletter a list of all the Places of Warmth in Barton - there is somewhere for every day of the week, so please do not feel cold or lonely this winter.

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<https://www.thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk/page/?title=Vacancies+at+TRJS&pid=31&action=saved>

Teaching Assistant

Part-time (12 hours) on a temporary contract

Required December 2022 / January 2023 to August 2023

£19,650 - £20,043 pro rata per annum

We are looking to appoint an **enthusiastic** and **highly motivated** teaching assistant to join our outstanding school. This post is temporary due to fluctuations in numbers of SEN children in school and the availability of additional funding.

The successful applicant will work alongside a knowledgeable and committed team, supporting children with additional learning needs of all abilities. Experience of implementation of wave 2 and 3 intervention strategies would be welcome, but is by no means essential. The ability to use your initiative and a high level of subject knowledge in both English (Reading, Writing and SPAG) and Maths is an absolute necessity. Applications are welcome from all good or outstanding teaching assistants, regardless of qualification. Flexibility, resourcefulness and a shared commitment to supporting our children to achieve their full potential are essential. Training will be available for the successful applicant.

Primarily we are looking for a TA to work during mornings supporting core lessons in Maths and English, with two lunchtimes supporting specific children with social interactions, developing friendships and playing games. Working hours will be spread over 5 days during the week and can be flexible to allow for school drop off and pick up responsibilities you may have.

We also have a post available for a Lunchtime Supervisor, which may be combined with this role for the other 3 lunchtimes per week, giving an additional 4.5 hours.

Applicants are required to fully complete an application form and are also asked to state strengths and experience within their letter (no more than 2 sides of A4). Please do not include CVs (these will not be looked at).

Visits to the school can be arranged by contacting Mrs Patrick on 01283 247505 or there is significant information about the school on our website and in our Ofsted Report.

Applications should be sent by e-mail only to headteacher@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk

Closing date: Monday 28th November at 9:00am

Interviews will take place: Wednesday 30th November

Any appointment will be subject to receipt of satisfactory references.

Additional Information

This position is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure check under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. Further details regarding this check are available from schools or by visiting www.crb.gov.uk

This Authority and school are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people/vulnerable adults and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.