

Thomas Russell Junior School

'Ambitious culture, strong team ethos, outstanding academic achievement, high expectations, exemplary behaviour' Ofsted 2019.



Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mrs S Sharpe

31st March 2023

New Headteacher at TRJS

I am delighted to inform you that following a rigorous selection and interview process, a panel of seven Governors and external advisor unanimously agreed to the appointment of the new Headteacher. James Emery will start officially in September 2023, but we are looking forward to working closely together over the next term to ensure a smooth handover. Mr Emery was a firm favourite amongst the children - being musical and sport, as well as showing himself to be kind and caring.



To Parents, Carers and Families of Thomas Russell Junior

I am delighted to have been appointed as Headteacher of this very special learning community, with effect from September 2023.

I consider it a great privilege to have the opportunity to lead such a vibrant school, which includes: brilliant pupils, excellent staff, supportive parents and professional governors. Mrs Sharpe and the team have clearly done an amazing job in recent years.

May I write a few lines to introduce myself? Previously, I have been a Headteacher of two successful schools, namely St Modwen's (Burton) and Chellaston Junior (Derby), so I believe I have the necessary experience. First and foremost, I am a teacher at heart; I am committed to providing an environment where children feel happy, safe, motivated and inspired to be the very best they can be. Although I will always strive for excellence, we can only achieve this if we all (children, families and school) work together in partnership. Encouraging all children to develop their talents across the curriculum, I have a particular passion for music and sport. I believe they have the power to unlock potential and bring communities together; I look forward to continuing the high profile of these subjects at TRJS in the years ahead.

Visiting the school over the last two weeks, I have been deeply impressed by the positivity of staff and children. A friendly smile is so important in every situation and I will do my best to sustain this sense of fun in all we do.

Your children are, indeed, your most precious gift; I promise to help, support, nurture, challenge and care for them, as I would my own.

I look forward to working with you all.

Regards

James Emery

JTHS High5 Netball Tournament

It was so lovely to see so many Year 4 children taking part in the High 5's Netball Tournament at John Taylor High School on Tuesday 28th March. The children had lots of fun and showed great teamwork. Well done to all the children and thank you to parents for your support.



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 Summer 1 can be made via www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using the code: **2jytx**

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 Summer 1 can be made via www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using the code: **f28kg**



Booking is ESSENTIAL. We only guarantee availability for Summer 1 for bookings made by Thursday 13th April.

Laches Wood

Huge congratulations to our Y5 children who have spent the last 3 days at Laches Wood. We were so impressed by the confidence and resilience they showed. There were lots of times where we asked the children to step out of their comfort zones, to push themselves to try something new and we were so proud of everything they achieved.

Whether it was a fear of heights overcome on the climbing wall, a first night sleeping away from home, learning to ride a bike more confidently or simply about learning to turn up in the right place with the right footwear! The children have achieved so much and I hope they have made many memories that they will treasure ☺

We're pretty sure that the washing machines of Barton will be working on overload this evening! Well done Y5. And a HUGE thank you to Mrs Graves, Mrs King, Mrs Windsor, Miss Hurdman, Miss Wortley and Mrs Preston who made the whole visit possible – we couldn't have done it without you!



Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe



Community News

EASTER SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY - 2nd April
9:00am Holy Communion
St Mary's, Dunstall
10:30am Holy Communion
St James', Barton
Starting at St James' Church Hall (10:15am)

MAUNDY THURSDAY - 6th April
7:30pm Maundy Thursday Service
St Michael's, Tatenhill

GOOD FRIDAY - 7th April
10:30am William Key Service
St James', Barton under Needwood
12:00pm Churches Together Walk of Witness
Starting at Our Lady's, Wales Lane, Barton
2:00pm Hour at the Cross
St Michael's, Tatenhill

EASTER SUNDAY - 9th April
6:00am Sunrise Service
Battlestead Rise
7:15am Easter Bonfire with bacon butties
Tatenhill Village Hall
8:30am Easter Communion
St Michael's, Tatenhill
10:30am Easter Communion
St James', Barton under Needwood
6:00pm Easter Evening Prayer
St Mary's, Dunstall

Spring Sunday Sesh Make Disciples

St James Church
Barton

Sunday 30th
April 2023

2:30pm - 4:00pm
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A chance for all
the family to
interact,
explore and grow
whilst having fun
within our friendly
church community

Snacks
Games
Craft
Will
Sunday
Papers
Chill, Chat
Worship



RendezBrew

Welcome to RendezBrew
your Tuesday morning
community cuppa with smile
and all free of charge!

Where?
Barton Village Hall



BRINGING
BARTON
TOGETHER

Free afternoon
craft or wellness
classes 1pm

- 1st and 3rd Tuesday Stitch and craft
- 2nd and 4th Tuesday Wellness TRE

TRE- Tension/Trauma release.
Yoga matt provided.
Please wear joggers or similar
clothing



Doors open
10.30am All
welcome

Any questions?
email: bnvvolunteers@gmail.com
Telephone 01283 296229



Easter EGG HUNT

SUNDAY, 2 APRIL TO
SUNDAY, 9 APRIL 2023

Can you find the clues around St
James' Church and Churchyard to
find the Disciple Facts and solve the
Easter word?

FREE TO ENTER

PICK UP AN ACTIVITY SHEET FROM
ST JAMES' CHURCH, MAIN STREET
BARTON UNDER NEEDWOOD

