

Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mr J Emery

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Year 7 Transition

A letter has gone out to all Year 6 parents and carers today regarding the transition to Year 7. Looking ahead to secondary school it is vital that parents access all the information you need, attend the relevant open evenings and complete the application forms by 31 October. Here is a snapshot of the information from John Taylor High School:

Information regarding current Y6 students transitioning to Y7 can be found on our website here:

<https://jths.co.uk/year-7-admissions-2023>

Here you will find promotional material, our prospectus, the admissions policy, catchment information, uniform information and a virtual tour. Please note the new uniform applies to all year groups from September 2023. YouTube: I have also recorded a presentation you can watch together which can be accessed via the you tube link here: <https://youtu.be/1DFV9vOt7bl> > Open Evening – Thursday 26th October.

This will take place in the Hall and there will be two time slots to book on, 6pm to 8pm or 6.45pm to 8.45pm.

Each slot will include a half hour presentation followed by a tour lasting an hour and a half. We would like families to book tickets either via the website or directly with Eventbrite by visiting: <https://JTHS-Open-evening-2023.eventbrite.co.uk> > Applications – deadline 31st October 2023.

The application for Secondary School Places is now open and can be made via the county website. You must apply to the county in which you live:

For Staffordshire: <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/Admissions-secondary/Apply/Overview.aspx>

For Derbyshire: <https://apps.derbyshire.gov.uk/dotnet-applications/admissions/default.aspx?admissiontype=Secondary>



Keep Reading

I am sure we all would agree that becoming a fluent reader is so vital to success in all aspects of education. Once a child can read well, it opens the doors to a world of imagination and knowledge. At TRJS, we expect children to read 5 times per week and have this noted in the reading record. We welcome the support of parents to help all children achieve this goal. Keep reading 😊

Parent Helpers and Eyes

Thank you to those parents and governors who have already volunteered to help with reading or as "EYES" for swimming lessons. Please phone or email to let the school office know if you could offer 1 hour from Monday-Thursday afternoons. Thank you.

😊 If we have any parents who are able to spare an hour or so each week to come and read with some children, we would love to hear from you. Please let the office know.

We are a Nut Free School

Due to having some children in school with an allergy to nuts, we welcome the support of parents in being a NUT-FREE SCHOOL. Therefore, we ask your co-operation to avoid sending snacks or lunch into school that contain nuts. We appreciate that this is change for everyone, but I thank you for helping to keep everyone safe.

Slow Cookers

We have several slow cookers in school. Please let the school office know if you would like one. FREE!

Morning Routine

We ask ALL parents to drop off children at the school gates in the morning. If you ever need to have a chat with a teacher, please walk round to the office to make an appointment. Thank you for your co-operation.

Music Tuition (For those children already on the lists)

Woodwind lessons - Tuesday.

Violins for Y4,5,6 - Wednesday.

Violins for Y3 - Friday.

Keyboards - Wednesday lunchtime.

Guitar lessons will be confirmed as soon as we know the availability of the teacher.

Flu Vaccinations

A letter regarding the school flu immunisation programme run by Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust has been sent out to all pupils. Please click the link on the letter to give consent for your child(ren) to be vaccinated. Consents Forms must be submitted by 10am on 3rd October 2023. You may be required to take your child to a community clinic for a catch-up appointment if you do not submit the consent form by the required date above. For further information see: www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/school-age-immunisation and www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/

To complete the on-line consent form, please using the following link: <https://forms.mpft.nhs.uk/>

Choose the following from the dropdown list: Thomas Russell Junior School – 04 October 2023 - Flu Your school code is: SS124150-23

Term Dates

Here are the dates for the year ahead:

INSET DAY	Monday 4 September
Autumn Term 1:	Tuesday 5 September 2023 - Friday 27 October
Half Term:	Monday 30 October - Friday 3 November
INSET DAY:	Monday 6 November (School is closed to pupils)
Autumn Term 2:	Tuesday 7 November - Friday 22 December
Spring Term 1:	Monday 8 January - Thursday 8 February
INSET DAY:	Friday 9 February (School is closed to pupils)
Half Term:	Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February
Spring Term 2:	Monday 19 February – Friday 22 March
Summer Term 1:	Monday 8 April – Thursday 23 May
INSET DAY:	Friday 24 May (School is closed pupils)
Half Term:	Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May
Summer Term 2:	Monday 3 June – Friday 19 July
INSET DAY:	Monday 22 July (School is closed to pupils)

Special Educational Needs Support

If any parent has any questions or would like further support with regard to Special Educational Needs, please send an email to Mrs Rollins (our SENDCo) at the following email: krollins@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk

School Car Park

We ask that parents do not drive through the school gates or turn around in the entrance between 8.30am and 5.00pm. We need to work together to keep our children safe so your co-operation is very much appreciated. There will be times during the school day when the gates are locked for additional security. If this is the case, please ring the school office for assistance on the following number: 01283 247505

Dates for the Diary:

Y5 Trip to Packington – Monday 25 September (5W)

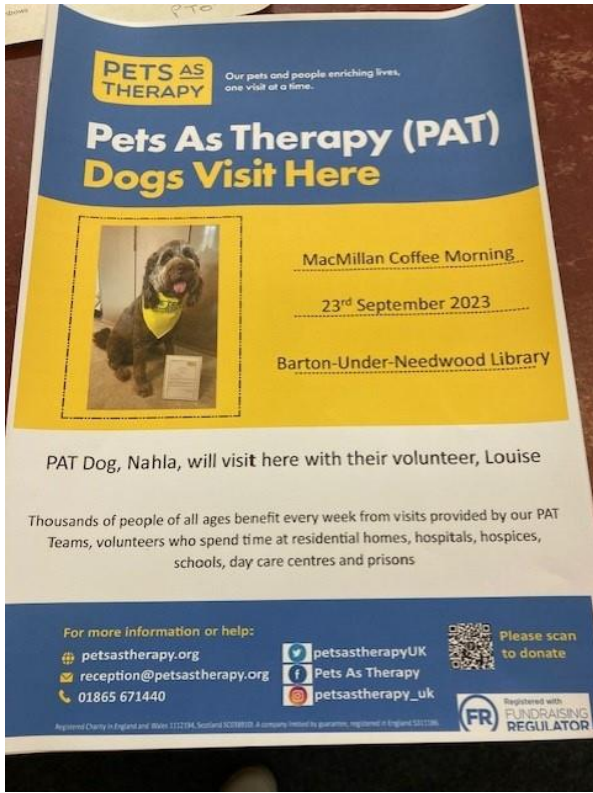
School Photographs – Monday 2 October (more information will follow)

Flu Vaccinations – Wednesday 4 October

Parent Consultations – Tuesday 24 October and Thursday 26 October (4.00pm-7.00pm). A link for booking appointments will be sent out shortly. Please note that Year 6 will have parent consultations on Tuesday 24 October (4pm-7.00pm) and Thursday 26 October (1.30pm-3.15pm and 4.00 – 5.15pm) so that parents will be able to attend the Open Evening that night at JTHS.

Have a great weekend!

J Emery



Blue Peter Book Club

Did you know that Blue Peter have launched a brand-new Book Club?

Aimed at 7-11 year olds, it's a great way to get into reading for fun and discover some brilliant books. You can also earn your very own Blue Peter Book Badge, which has been designed by Sir Quentin Blake. To find out more or sign up visit:

[Official Blue Peter Book Club | Join the BP Book Club | Book badge - CBBC - BBC](#)



Churches together in Barton & district

First Friday each month

6.00-7.30 pm

For children aged 5-11,

at the Methodist Church, Crowberry Lane



Crafts, activities, bible stories and games, songs and even acting! We also like to cook! Cost 50p per child.

We are looking for helpers. No experience needed.

Helpers age 11+

Contact Meg enquiries@megjones.co.uk - 711051

or Jill jill.rogers@uwclub.net - 712809

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