

Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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TRJS Values

At the start of term, staff and pupils have been discussing what makes TRJS special and how we can capture this in a few key words and messages. We are in the process of writing a school anthem and we invite ideas, words or verses from any child brave enough to have a go. Here are the values we have agreed upon:

TRJS is the place to:

BE KIND

BE BRAVE

SHOW INTEGRITY

LOVE LEARNING

BE OUR BEST

Well done to Scarlett (6S) Izzy and Annie (6M) who have all put forward ideas. 5 HP each. What great ideas! We are well on the way to writing our song and hope to have it in place to share with parents in a few weeks. Keep the ideas coming guys!

TRJS is the place to be;

We enjoy our learning and show integrity.

We try our best in everything we do,

And celebrate our differences, whilst having fun too. (Scarlett)

At TRJS we try our best; we come to enjoy.

We earn success, every girl and boy.

I just can't wait to get to school; I think it's great, I think it's cool.

TRJS kindness is the case; TRJS is my favourite place.

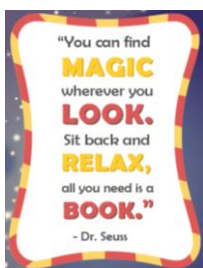
Each day joy lights up my face; we never mind if we make mistakes.

TRJS is the place where memories are made; we cherish the times when we laughed and played.

We don't mind if things get tricky; we know we can always fix it in a zippy. (Izzy and Amie)

Pokemon / Football Cards

Sadly, after having asked children to only get out their cards at playtime and lunchtime, we have had a few issues over the last few weeks with children looking at them in lessons, trading, and getting distracted when listening to instructions. So we are now going to limit Pokemon and Football (etc) cards to 'Rainbow Retreat' on Thursday lunchtimes in Mrs KD's classroom. Children are welcome to bring their cards and look at them together here. Cards should not be brought into school on any other day and should not be seen at any other time, inside or outside.



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 😊

Year 7 Transition

The letter regarding transition to Year 7 went out last week to all pupils in Year 6. Parents are reminded to complete the application forms by 31 October. Please check TRJS Newsletter Issue No. 3 for further information about the arrangements for John Taylor High School, including the Open Evening on Thursday 26th October.

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.

Morning Routine

Parents are reminded that the school can only take responsibility for your child once the gate opens at 8.40am. Some parents may choose to allow children to walk to school with their peers. However, if you have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child on the journey to school, please ensure that your child is supervised until the gate opens at 8.40am. Thank you.

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 use 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

School Car Park

We ask that parents do not drive through the school gates or turn around in the entrance between 8.00am 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

Individual School Photos

We look forward to seeing everyone in their smart TRJS jumper or cardigan for the school photos on Monday 2 October. Year 6 are doing outdoor PE on that day, so please wear your uniform to school and bring your outdoor PE kit to change into. Smile please! 😊

Parent Consultation Meetings

The meetings have been scheduled for the week beginning 23 October, on Tuesday, Wednesday (5W only) and Thursday. We have changed the time of the Year 6 meetings on Thursday 26 October, so as not to coincide with the Open Evening at JTHS. The link for the meetings will open on the School Interviews site on **Monday 2 October**, so parents can book their preferred time slot. You need to book with your child’s English & Maths teacher (morning teacher). Please use the following link and enter the relevant code for your child’s year group:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk>

Year 3
t5d55

Year 4
qwa2v

Year 5
xjuyw

Year 6
g832v

The main focus for these meetings is to discuss how your child is settling into the new year and how parents can support learning at home, as we work together to help your child be the best they can be.

Night Owls

A reminder to parents that Night Owls finishes at 5.45pm. There have been a number of occasions when parents have been late to pick up. Senior staff on duty do not get paid for their supervision, but they do this as a good will gesture to help our families with childcare, to keep costs down. Staff also have their own family and childcare

commitments at 5.45pm, so your co-operation is very much appreciated.

BBC 500 Words Competition

(A message from Miss Murfin)

Earlier this week, the BBC launched its **500 Words** competition for 2023. The UK's largest children's writing competition, we are encouraging all our budding TRJS authors to take part!

The challenge? Use your creativity and imagination to **write a story you would love to read**, without the pressure of having to worry about spelling, punctuation or grammar! This year, there are two age categories: **5-7 year-olds** and **8-11 year-olds** and entries are now being invited up until **20:00 on Friday 10th November**.

The 500 Word judges will be casting their expert eyes over the final 50 stories; award-winning and best-selling authors **Frank Cottrell-Boyce**, **Francesca Simon**, **Charlie Higson**, former children's laureate, **Malorie Blackman** and a new addition to the panel, TV legend and children's author, **Sir Lenny Henry**.



A competition means one thing... prizes, and there are some unbelievable prizes up for grabs this year! The competition has been given the royal seal of approval by **Her Majesty, The Queen**, who is inviting the top 50 finalists, along with a parent or carer, to the grand final in February 2024 at **Buckingham Palace!** The event will also be featured in a special 500 Word programme with **The One Show, on World Book Day on 7 March 2024**. The two **gold** winners will receive the height of **Sir Lenny Henry** in books. The two **silver** winners will receive the height of **Her Majesty the Queen** in books and the two **bronze** winners will receive the average height of a 7 or 11 year-old in books. That's a LOT of reading!

Everything you need to know about writing and submitting your 500 Words entry (plus lots of inspiration, tips and story-telling tricks) is available on the 500 Words official website: [500 Words - BBC Teach](#)



PE Quality Mark (A message from Mrs Vardy)

Well done to all staff and pupils for achieving the Quality Mark for Physical Education and Sport from the Association of PE. It is a prestigious award and a powerful way of celebrating success. The quality Mark recognises, through a succinct self-review and evaluation process, the strength and quality of physical education and sport in school. The research shows the positive impact PE and Sport can have on the wellbeing and achievement of all pupils. Well done guys!

Barton Rugby Club Coaching

It is great to have the support of Barton Rugby Club to provide a fully qualified coach for Y4 and Y6 classes on a Monday and Wednesday, in addition to the after-school clubs on the same days for various year groups. There are still spaces at the clubs, so please let the office know if your child would like to take part. Please see the fliers below regarding information about the club.

Hot Chocolate with Mr E

Well done to all the recipients of Merit Awards who have joined Mr Emery in my room for a hot chocolate (Mrs Patrick's secret recipe) and a huge cookie (Morrisons Best obviously – other biscuits are available). I have heard all about your wonderful work, your hobbies and weekend fun and also invited any questions such as "How old are you Mr Emery?" It has been the highlight of the week along with the young man from Year 6 who made me the most amazing cheese scone this week. He knows who he is! DELICIOUS! Scon or scone? Well, that's another issue altogether!

Dates for the Diary:

School Photographs – Monday 2 October

Flu Vaccinations – Wednesday 4 October

Parent Consultations – Week/beginning 23 October

Half Term- Monday 30 October to Friday 3 November



**BARTON under NEEDWOOD
R. U. F. C.**

Barton Under Needwood RUFC are recruiting across all Mini Junior age groups but specifically age groups - Under 5/6s Reception and School year 1 and U12s -School year 7. We also have age groups up to U17/18s to cater for all age groups. We are an RFU Kids first Affiliated Rugby club meaning all our Coaches and Volunteers are DBS checked and are RFU accredited coaches. U6's to U8 age groups play TAG rugby with contact rugby starting at the U9's age group.

We offer the first 4 sessions free as an introduction to make sure your child enjoys the sessions and games before looking at club membership.

The Season will restart again from 10th September 2023 for different age groups so please contact Club Chairman Jon Leason 07866032412 or Mini Junior Section Chairman Jon McCall for more details on 07738277977 or follow us on social media for more information.

<https://www.facebook.com/officialbartonrugby>
<https://www.instagram.com/bartonunderneedwoodruffc/>

Age Group	Coach	Contact Number
Rugby Tots age 2-5	Jon McCall	07738 277977
U6&7	Peter Drakeley	07834 724122
U8	Dave Garner	07534 163861
U9	Rob Moss	07841 574566
U10	Jon McCall	07738 277977
U11	Mark Lomas	07894 317929
U12	Jon Leason	07866 032412
U13	Pete Elsigood	07766 055062
U14/15	Dave Palin	07950 924778
U17/18	Jamie Maxwell	07917 332836

Every Sunday Morning at Holland Park Sports Club from September to April at Barton Under Needwood RUFC, Off Efflinch Lane, Barton under Needwood.



J Emery