

# Thomas Russell Junior School

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## Newsletter



Issue No. 7

Headteacher: Mr J Emery

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### Harvest Assembly

All parents are invited into school on Friday 27 October. The children will be performing some poems and songs all about harvest. We ask everyone to bring in some harvest produce, preferably cans and packets which are less perishable. Any donations of produce will be sent to the local charity HOPE which does vital work with homeless people. Mrs Cramp will be outside the school gates at 8.40-8.50 on Friday to receive any donations. The assembly will start at 9.10 and last for 40 minutes. Please note that places are limited to one per family.

Booking for this event will be via [www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk) The code is: **vfcvc**



### Year 7 Transition

Parents of Year 6 pupils 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 26<sup>th</sup> October.

### Parent Consultation Meetings

We firmly believe that pupils make the best progress when school and home are working in partnership. Thank you for all those parents who have made appointments this week. We have messaged parents who have not yet booked, to remind you to get in touch to make the most of this opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into the new year and how they are progressing. I urge all parents to attend it at all possible. The meetings will all be in the HALL. Each appointment is 10 minutes and we ask that parents are punctual as it will be a busy evening 😊. Parents are reminded that these meetings are primarily for parents and, if you need to bring children due to childcare considerations, we ask you to keep them closely supervised. Thank you.

### A Creative Request

If you have any empty 2 litre plastic milk cartons, please bring them in as the school kitchen is planning something creative for Christmas.

### Early Birds and Night Owls

The booking system for Early Birds and Night Owls for next half term is now open. We ask all parents to book these sessions by Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November so the school can plan ahead to ensure the relevant staffing is in place. Places on certain sessions are limited due to the staff we have available, so please book early. Please be reminded we can only guarantee places if booked through this system. The codes for the clubs for next half term are as follows: **Night Owls – 6acx5; Early Birds – q63qz**

### Y6 Information Meeting

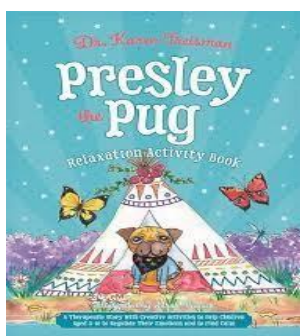
We are holding a meeting for Y6 parents on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm in the school hall, to outline important plans for the year ahead. We will cover information about Y6 in general, the preparation for SATs, Y6 residential and the transition to high school. Although this session is aimed at parents, children may attend with their parent, if they are prepared to sit quietly and listen to the presentations 😊. The meeting is scheduled to last about 45 minutes. Please let us know if you plan to attend by booking for this session, including how many people are planning to attend, via [www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk) with the code: **8gy5k now**

## What in the world is a brain break?



A brain break is a mental process which we can all use to help regulate (to reset and calm down) ourselves when we feel we are losing our focus and becoming too distracted. We can also use it when we feel stressed or over excited.

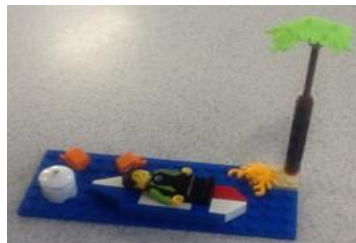
My brain break: To make myself feel calmer, I picture myself scoring the winning goal in the netball World Cup and being awarded MVP of the tournament. This vision makes me feel happy and makes me smile. It helps me forget about the things affecting my positivity for a few moments. I instantly feel calmer and more in control of my emotions. Scarlett F – Y6 Mindful Mentor



Scarlett couldn't have explained this any better! Today your child is bringing home a copy or their 'Brain Break' which is their safe and happy place they can visit when their feelings get too big for them. This work was started last July when we listened to 'Presley Pug' and how he coped when things got tricky. Please talk with your child about their 'Brain Break' and maybe share what yours would be. (My 'Brain Break' has got to be by the sea in Croyde! 😊).

If your child would like to create a model/paint/create their 'Brain Break' out of Lego, or show it in any other

creative way – as Nancy B and William O have done - we would love to see them in school. Please send any Mrs K-D's way. 😊



## School Age Immunisation Service Community Flu Vaccination Clinics

If your child has not received their flu vaccination either in school or from their GP surgery you can now book your child into one of the clinics as listed below:

Saturday 21st October	Burton Fire Station	9.30am-3pm
Saturday 21st October	Sandyford Fire Station	9.30am-3pm
Monday 30th October	Rugeley Fire Station	9.30am-3pm
Monday 30th October	Trentside Clinic, Stone	9.30am-3pm
Tuesday 31st October	Tamworth Rugby Club	9.30am-3pm
Tuesday 31st October	Uttoxeter Library	9.30am-3pm
Wednesday 1st November	Longton Health Centre	9.30am-3pm
Wednesday 1st November	Rising Brook Surgery Stafford	08:30 -3.30pm
Thursday 2nd November	Smallthorne Health Centre	9.30am-3pm
Thursday 2nd November	Wombourne Clinic	9.30am-3pm
Friday 3rd November	Leek Moorlands Hospital	9.30am-3pm
Friday 3rd November	Cannock Fire Station	9.30am - 3pm
Saturday 11th November	Lichfield Fire Station	9.30am-3pm
Tuesday 14th November	Rising Brook	3pm-6pm
Saturday 25th November	Rugeley FS	9.30am-3pm
Saturday 25th November	LMH - Room 5	9am-3.30pm
Saturday 9th December	Barton FS	9.30am-3pm
Saturday 9th December	Sandyford	9.30am-3pm

**\*\*The clinics are appointment only and are not able to support drop ins.\*\***

Please call 0300 124 0366 to book an appointment or with any enquires regarding your child's flu vaccination.

### Halloween Lunch



On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October, we are having a Halloween Lunch. The menu will be:

Cheese Burger (or Quorn Burger) and Skinny Fries

Corn on the Cob

Peas

Jacket potatoes

Spooky Biscuits

Cobweb Cakes

Fresh Fruit

Yoghurts

Please book the lunch in the usual way.

### Football Match Reports

*William Shrewsbury 4 v Thomas Russell 1*

Our game against William Shrewsbury was tough as we lost 4:1. It shocked us a little because we managed to beat them last year in the cup and in the league. We played amazingly as a team; our chemistry was good, and our passing was great. Although we lost, our team gelled well, and we attacked and defended well on a very rainy evening. By Sahaan

*Thomas Russell B 9 v Rykneld B 0 (Cup Match)*

We think that the team did well keeping possession and passing the ball well. We had a lot of chances and scored some amazing goals (including a superb free kick by Teddy C.) Our teamwork was excellent, and we communicated well as a team. Also, we didn't concede any goals thanks to Seb and the defenders Rocco and George. We now head into the quarter final where we will face Alrewas B. Well done team TRJS! By Evie R and Walter

### TRJS: The place to be YOUR BEST!

This week we have been focusing on taking a real sense of pride in all we do and presenting our work to the best of our ability. I have seen some amazing, accurate and meticulous work in both English and Maths this week. There were prizes given out to each class for the most improved presentation, in addition to the usual Headteacher Awards. Of course, I enjoyed the company of the Merit Award winners from each class as we shared hot chocolate and cookies this morning. Keep up the good work guys!

### Interested in Girls' Football?

See the flier attached from Barton Rovers.

### Dates for the Diary:

Parent Consultations – Tuesday 24 October, Wednesday 25

October, Thursday 26 October (See you there!)

Harvest Assembly – Friday 27 October (9.10am in the school hall)

Half Term- Monday 30 October to Friday 3 November

INSET DAY (School closed to pupils) - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November

Y6 Parent Workshop – Thursday 9 November 6pm

Here's hoping the rain stops! Safe journeys everyone.

*J Emery*



# Barton Rovers FC



## Girls Football

~ Exciting opportunity to play Girls Football ~

Are you looking for a new activity or already interested in Football and looking for a local, friendly club?

If you are in School years 3 or 4, this opportunity could be for you!

Free taster sessions for you to try.

**Other age group opportunities are [available](#)**

For more information, please contact Claire:  
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