Thomas Russell Junior School

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Newsletter



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Christmas Performance

Thank you to all parents who have booked a place at the Christmas Performance on Wednesday 20th December at 2pm in St James Church. The booking has now closed. However, if any parent would like an extra seat, we will do our best to accommodate. Please email the office if you requite a seat, as we do need to know the exact numbers to ensure health and safety in the church. The songs sound lovely and we are very much looking forward to the performance.

Red Carpet Cinema Trip

On the last Friday of term, 22^{nd} December, we are taking ALL children to the Red Carpet Cinema to watch WONKA. The school is subsidising this visit through funds raised, but we ask for a £4 contribution towards the cost of the trip. As cinema timings run over dinner time, we ask parents to indicate if their child requires a school dinner (fish and chips) or will being their own sandwiches from home on the final day. This item is now on ParentPay and we ask that parents complete and write "permission given" so that we are able to take everyone on the trip.



TRJS Football



On Friday 1st December, two of the Thomas Russell football teams took part in The Brewers' Cup at Burton Albion. Both teams played exceptionally well against a range of teams from across Burton and really impressed with their teamwork and perseverance achieving the aims set out for the afternoon which were:

- Be ambitious work hard and never give up on their goals.
- Be inspiring set a great example to others.
- Be connected work well with others and in a team.
- Be fair treat people equally and think of others.

One of the TRJS teams progressed all the way to the final, where they played Rykneld. The match ended 1-1 and was decided on penalties, which TRJS unfortunately lost. Well done to all the children who took part, it was a fantastic afternoon of sport.

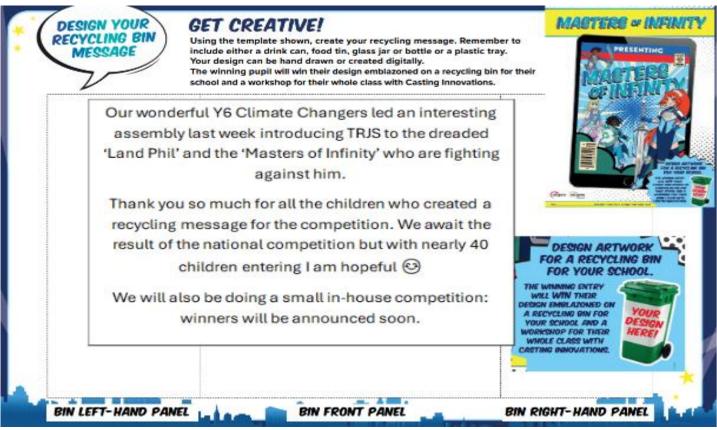
Support Plan Meetings

A message from Mrs Rollins to remind parents of those children who are working on support plans, to check their emails regarding the meetings on Thursday 14 December for children in Y5/6. Thank you for your support.

CHOIR

Members of the school choir from Year 6 performed a selection of Christmas songs at the Church Hall on Monday afternoon. They were a credit to the school and the old folks had a lovely time joining in and chatting to the children. A brilliant afternoon, so thank you to everyone! **Today is the LAST CHOIR** practice on Fridays this term. Next term, we will have our final rehearsals for Young Voices on **Friday 12**th **January and Friday 19**th **January.** Keep singing!





To find out more about the 'Masters of Infinity' please visit: https://learningaluminium.co.uk/masters-of-inifinity/



Barton Churches Together



Nativity Sheep Trail

2-18th December

All children have been given a sheet for finding various sheep around Barton, as part of the Nativity Sheep Trail organised by Barton Churches Together. Why not have a go and return the sheet to the address as shown on the sheet? Can you find all the sheep?

Anti-Bullying

Thomas Russell Junior School



If you see it: CHALLENGE it REPORT it

Do not tolerate it.

Together we'll stamp out bullying



The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face-to-face or online'.

ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE Definition of bullying

Go to Our

definition of bullying (anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk) for more information on this definition.

Congratulations to the following children who have been chosen to be our TRJS Anti-Bullying Ambassadors:

Y3: Elsie W, Poppy G, Max J, Violet D

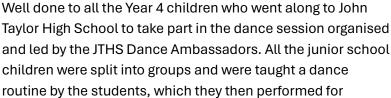
Y4: Alfie H, Harley P, Florence T, Yusuf H, Joseph N, Esmae W, Isla B, Jack Syl

Y5: Henry M, Ella C

Y6: Sophia P, Emilia S

We will have our first meeting together soon after Christmas to plan our next steps.

Dance at JTHS



everyone to see. All the children from TRJS performed their routine really well and were super ambassadors for our school. Well done to all the children for their hard work and excellent

behaviour. 😊





Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter about safety. Staffordshire Fire and Rescue have asked that we send this out to all our families.

Barton Music Makers

We have received a kind offer of a donation from Barton Music Makers to fund extra musical instruments at school. We will be deciding which instruments to purchase after Christmas. Please see the poster below regarding the Barton Community Choir Christmas Concert to help raise extra funds for music in the local area.

Dates for the Diary:

Sunday 10th December - Mayor's Christmas Carol Service 2pm Wednesday 13 December - Christmas Dinner at school Tuesday 19 December - Rehearsal in St James Church Wednesday 20 December - Christmas Performance at St James Church 2pm Friday 22 December - all children visit Red Carpet to see the film, WONKA ® Reports will be sent out to parents on the last day of term.

Santa is on his way! Only 17 more sleeps to go. However, it feels a bit more like Noah is on his way with the ark! Let's hope the rain stops at some point!



OFFICIAL Community Safety Flash

E-Bike and E- Scooter Safety



Most E-bikes and e-scooters are powered by lithium-ion batteries which can be charged in the home. It is important to charge e-bikes and e-scooters safely to avoid a fire and outing your

- · Follow the manufacturer's instructions when charging and always unplug the charger when it's finished charging
- . Charge batteries whilst you are awake do not charge while you are asleep or away from the
- Always use the manufacturer approved charger and buy an official replacement charge if it
- becomes damaged Do not cover chargers or battery packs when charging as this could lead to a fire
- Do not charge batteries or store your e-bike or scooter near combustible or flammable materials.
- Do not overcharge your battery- check the manufacturer's instructions on charge times
- Do not overload sockets or use inappropriate extension leads
- . If you charge your e-bike or scooter in a garage or kitchen, ensure you install detection we recommend heat alarms rather than smoke alarms for these areas
- Ensure you have working smoke alarms
 In the event of an e-bike, e-scooter, or lithium-ion battery fire do not attempt to extinguish the
- GET OUT, STAY OUT and call 999
- Avoid storing or charging e-bikes or e-scooters on escape routes or in communal areas of a multi occupied building. If there is a fire, it can affect people's ability to escape.
- Responsible Persons should consider the risks posed by e-bikes and e-scooters where they are charged or left in common areas such as means of escape, bike and mobility scooter charging
- Store e-bikes and e-scooters and their batteries in a cool place. Avoid excessively hot or cold
- . Follow manufacturer's instructions for the storage and maintenance of lithium-ion batteries if they are not going to be used for some time



- Buy e-bikes, e-scooters, chargers and batteries from reputable retailers
- Many fires involve counterfeit electrical goods.
- Items which don't meet British or European standards pose a huge fire risk.

 Genuine chargers may cost more but it is not worth putting your life at risk or destroying your home by buying a fake charger.
- If buying a conversion kit, purchase from a reputable seller and check it complies with British or European standards
- Register your product with the manufacturer to validate any warranties
- Check for any product recalls. You can do this by checking <u>Electrical Safety First website</u> or <u>Gove</u>
- Batteries can be damaged by dropping them or crashing e-bikes or e-scoote
- When the battery is damaged it can overheat and catch fire without warning. Check your battery
- Replace it if you suspect it is damaged Check with your manufacturer or local authority for suitable battery recycling arrangements in

Further information can be found for e-bike licensing, tax and insurance and government guidance on









