



Christmas Performance



All children will be participating in the TRJS Christmas Performance on Wednesday 20th December at 2pm in St James Church. We are planning a selection of Christmas Carols and songs with various readings and poems. Initially, we are allocating 1 parent/carer place per child until Friday 15th December, then we may open the booking up for further places if needed. Parents/carers are allowed to collect children directly from the church and go home after the performance if they wish. Any child not collected by a parent/carer will be walked back to school and will be dismissed as usual at 3.30 from school. We look forward to seeing many parents at the church to join us in this festive service. For the booking code/QR Code, please see the poster at the end of the newsletter.

Festive Book Fair and Family Read-along!

Thank you to all families for your amazing support at the Book Fair last Monday. It was wonderful to see the school hall packed with parents and children feeling the excitement of new books to read! The next Book Fair is on Monday 4th December from 3.30-4.30pm. Please be reminded that all children will need an adult with them at the book fair. Younger siblings are very welcome! Any children who are at Night Owls on the above date, will be able to come into the book fair to purchase books etc, so please bring your money in on that day if you wish to go to the Book Fair. Thank you. Miss Murfin 😊



Sleep Workshop

This workshop is now being re-arranged for after Christmas, as we only had 5 parents signed up. As part of our wellbeing survey, 40% of children have reported that they often have difficulty sleeping through the night. Sleep deprivation can be a big factor in other areas such as anxiety, self-esteem, ability to concentrate and academic performance. Many parents have expressed that quality sleep is a concern for them. This workshop is being led by a very experienced expert and we would encourage more parents to sign up. More information will follow at a later date. If you are interested, please contact Mrs K-D on the following email skerrdelworth@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk

Christingle

A reminder that the Christingle celebration in St James Church is on Sunday 3rd December at 5pm. We have given some Christingle boxes out to those children who expressed an interest in going to this event.



Christmas Dinner



This year, our Christmas Dinner is on Wednesday 13th December. It will be a lovely festive occasion, with music, table decorations, party hats and a great atmosphere for everyone. Children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers with their uniform.

Christmas Dinner: Turkey, pigs in blankets, stuffing, roast potato, mashed potato, carrots, peas and gravy.

Vegetarian: Quorn fillet, stuffing, roast and mashed potato, carrots, peas and gravy.

Pudding: Christmas tree biscuits

Sandwiches: From home

If your child does not usually have dinners, please email your choices to office@ email by **WEDNESDAY 6th DECEMBER**, so that we can plan ahead. Thank you. Ho! Ho! Ho!

Red Carpet Cinema Trip

On the last Friday of term, 22nd 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 bring 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.



Young Artists' Summer Show 2024

We are registering the school for this Art Show. [Young Artists' Summer Show | Royal Academy](#)

Get your submission ready for the new year! Why not use the winter holidays as a time to get creative in anticipation of submitting to the Young Artists' Summer Show 2024? The Young Artists' Summer Show is an exciting opportunity for students aged 4–19 to exhibit their artwork online and at the Royal Academy of Arts. Submissions open 8 January 2024. These artworks are then judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts.

Go on, have a go!



Athletics Fun!

On Wednesday, a team of year 5 and 6 pupils went to John Taylor High School to compete in an athletics tournament that was hosted by their Young Ambassadors. We did very well and won nearly every race! It was really fun; we all had a good time and hope to do it again. By Freya C and Lex B.



Headlice

There have been a few cases of headlice in school, so parents may be advised to check your child's hair and treat if necessary. Thank you.

Water Safety

We have reminded all children in assembly about the dangers of ice on the surface of ponds, canals or lakes. The water at this time of year is very cold. The ice is very thin. If any child played on the ice and then fell through the ice, the cold would cause them to go into shock and they would be in serious trouble. Please, please remind your children not to walk or slide on the ice. Let's keep everyone safe!



Wrap up Warm!

May we remind everyone to wrap up warm during the cold winter weather. It is great to see children in warm coats, scarves, gloves and hats. They are often outside at lunchtime for 45 minutes, so let's wrap up!



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 a meeting on 7 December or 14 December. For children in Y5/6, the meetings are next Thursday. Thank you for your support.

Dates for the Diary:

Monday 4th December – Year 3 Visit to Barton Library; Book Fair in school 3.30-4.30

Friday 8 December – Year 4 Bikeability

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 😊

Wishing everyone a cold and frosty weekend!

J Emery



TRJS Christmas Service

St James Church

Wednesday 20th December 2pm

Places are limited to one adult per child, please scan the QR code below or visit www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using the code cu6k6 to confirm your place.



The attending parent may collect their child at the end of the performance and go straight home. The performance is likely to finish at 3pm.