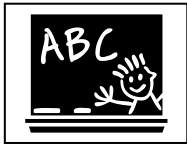


# Thomas Russell Junior School

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## Newsletter

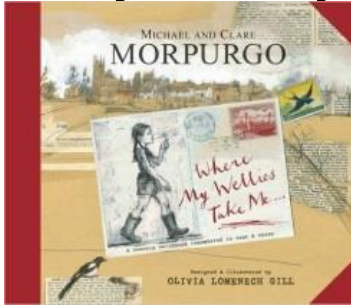


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### World Book Day - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March



#### Where My Wellies Take Me...

This year we are basing our World Book Day activities around the text, 'Where My Wellies Take Me ...' by Clare and Michael Morpurgo.

#### Book Blurb:

Pippa loves staying with her Auntie Peggy. She loves going for walks, whether it's sunny or cold - long, wandering walks where her wellies take her. Follow Pippa into the beautiful countryside as her day unfolds, and the wildlife, animals and people she encounters are complemented by relevant poems from some of our greatest authors, personally chosen by Clare and Michael Morpurgo.

Part poetry anthology, part child's scrapbook, this is a truly lavish project designed to instil a love of language in young children.

This year World Book Day falls on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Children will be embarking on a range of activities linked to the text throughout the week, then celebrate WBD on the Thursday by coming to school in their wellies!

There is great potential for art work and creative poetry, but also links to Geography on the local area, so we are really excited about this project that Mrs Vardy has put together.

#### Celebration of work

On Thursday afternoon each class will buddy up with another class in a different year group to share examples of the work we have been doing, whilst wearing our wellies of course!

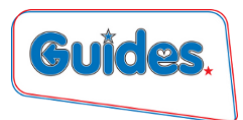
On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March, children then have the option to dress as a book character for the day. Please note this is not a non-uniform day - those not wishing to dress as a book character should just wear normal uniform.

Year 5 will be on residential at Laches Wood during WBD week. They will complete their activities the following week. On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 2:30 they will lead an assembly: 'My Wellies Took Me to Laches Wood!' Parents of Y5 children are warmly invited to join us for this.

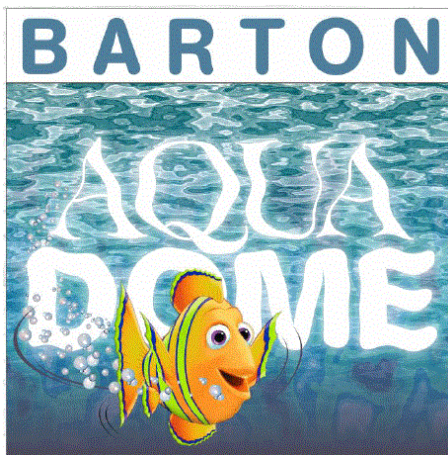
YMCA Collection - Don't forget our collection on the morning of Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February.



Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February is Founder's / Thinking Day which is a day where Scouts / Guides all over the world remember Lord Baden Powell's birthday. On this day, any members of the scouting and guiding movements are invited to wear their uniform jumper to school for the day.



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### Public Swimming Sessions

The swimming pool will be open for public sessions on Monday - Friday morning from 10:30 – 12 every day.

There will be an Under 5s only session 9:00 – 10:00 on Thursday.

The pool is available for Private Hire every afternoon at £35 per hour.

Public Sessions - £1.50 per person

Under 5 Sessions - £2 with 1 child, £2.50 with 2

\*Maximum of 35 people in the pool at one time

\*Swim hats must be worn

\*Children under 8 years must be accompanied in the water by an adult

\*Under 3 years old need one adult per child



### February Half Term

We break up from school today and return on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

Dinner money for the next half term is £2.10 per day or £50.40 for the half term.

Breakfast Club costs £2.50 per session, or £48 if you book and pay for the whole half term.

Costs are reduced for Y5 due to Laches Wood residential – Dinner Money £39.90 and Breakfast Club £38.00.

**Spring Term 2 – 22<sup>nd</sup> February – 24<sup>th</sup> March inc.**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Y4 Cycling Proficiency.**

**Look out for permission slips early next half term.**

### Vacancies

#### Two Temporary Teaching Assistants

(15 hours)

Starting as soon as possible to August 2016

We are looking to appoint two **enthusiastic** and **highly motivated** teaching assistants to join our school on a temporary basis. These posts are temporary due to fluctuations in numbers of SEN children in school and the availability of funding.

The successful applicants will work alongside a knowledgeable and committed team, supporting children with additional learning needs of all abilities. Experience of implementation of wave 2 and 3 intervention strategies would be welcome, but is by no means essential.

Common sense and a high level of subject knowledge in both English (Reading, Writing and SPAG) and Maths is an absolute necessity. Subject knowledge will be tested during a skills test at interview.

Applications are welcome from all good or outstanding teaching assistants, regardless of qualification. Flexibility, an ability to use initiative and a shared commitment to supporting our children to achieve their full potential are essential. Training will be available for the successful applicant.

Primarily we are looking for TAs to work during morning lesson time, but there may be a necessity either now or in the future for TAs to support in the provision of cover (either 1-2-1, medical or general) during breaks and lunchtimes.

For more information please visit our website:  
[About Our School > Vacancies at TRJS](#)

If you know of anyone who may be interested in applying for one of these posts, please forward the information to them.

*Best wishes,  
Mrs S Sharpe*

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