



Newsletter



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Staffordshire County Council

HERE EVERY DAY READY ON TIME

Little Heroes Assemble

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W/B	25/11/2024
Year 3	95%
Year 4	95.9%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	95.9%
TRJS Overall	95.7%

W/B	02/12/24
Year 3	97.7%
Year 4	97.3%
Year 5	98.2%
Year 6	98%
TRJS Overall	97.8%

HOT CHOCOLATE WITH MR EMERY

Congratulations to everyone who has received the **TRJS Weekly Values Award** over the last two weeks and had hot chocolate and biscuits with Mr Emery. Don't forget to be ready to tell us all about your hobbies and interests out of school. Oh, and jokes are always good!

Year 3	Jacob A, Violette O, Finley D, Thomas P
Year 4	Qasim H, Berivan M, Sam M, Charlotte E
Year 5	Ryan A-J, Jack S, Eris G, Lola B
Year 6	Ava B, Rocco W Everyone for excellent writing during the Ofsted visit!

Christmas Post

The Christmas Post boxes are in operation in school. So, if your child would like to send some Christmas cards to friends in school, please bring them in. Please remember to write the child's FULL NAME and CLASS on the envelope so the card reaches the correct recipient. Thank you.



PE Shorts

There are a number of girls who are wearing very short shorts. May we ask that PE shorts are of an appropriate length. Thank you.

Last week, we were delighted to be issued with a Wellbeing Pioneer Badge, in addition to a Silver moniker! This was a year in the making and involved our whole school community in one way or another. The Feedback from the extensive evidence that we supplied said:

The Needs Analysis process has captured the all-round strengths of the Thomas Russell School community, which clearly and demonstrably prioritises the mental health and wellbeing of students and staff. There is a clear vision (emotional wellbeing is foundational to academic and personal success), outstanding leadership, and a will to learn more.

We are very happy to be able to validate the school's existing strengths in terms of wellbeing leadership, management and provision. The evidence submitted was simply outstanding, comprehensive, well organised, and of the highest quality. Thank you!

A huge thank you to Mrs Kerr-Delworth for her passion for going above and beyond to support the wellbeing of all our pupils and staff. Thank you also to all the staff who show genuine care for the pupils each and every day. This is a wonderful achievement which reflects the positive environment at TRJS.



MUD!

It is great to see the number of children using their outdoor shoes and playing on the school field at lunchtimes. However, some children are over-exuberant and, on occasions, have been covered in mud. Therefore, we ask that any child playing football on the field brings a pair of “over-trousers” or joggers to wear over their school uniform. If they do not have the over trousers, they will not be allowed to play

football. Also, there are a few children doing deliberate slide tackles. We remind children that anyone not following the OPAL rules or not having the correct outdoor shoes/wellies will not be allowed to play on the field. Our approach to free play and active lunchtimes also comes with the responsibility to look after our school environment by following the rules. Thank you for your support.

Utilita Cup

On Friday 29th November, TRJS took part in the Utilita Cup. This is a national competition with local and regional tournaments culminating in a national final held at Wembley Stadium during the League One Play Off Final. TRJS took part in the local competition, with the opportunity to represent Burton Albion in the northern regionals in the spring. During the hard-fought matches, TRJS were victorious, working well as a team to both defend and score a lot of goals! TRJS won the competition and will now go on to represent Burton Albion against a range of clubs in the northern league. Well done TRJS!





Lionesses At St George's Park

On Tuesday 26th November, 20 children from Y4, Y5 and Y6 went to St George's Park to watch the England Lionesses train. We arrived and were greeted with hot chocolate before being taken to the stands to watch the training session. It was incredibly interesting to watch some of the drills that the Lionesses go through to prepare for the match; we loved it when they played a mini match at the end. After the session, the children had the opportunity to meet the players and get autographs. It was such a wonderful opportunity to watch elite sportswomen in action and we thank Mrs Allen and St Georges for the opportunity. It was an amazing experience.



Christmas Choir

Thank you to all those choir volunteers who represented the school brilliantly to lead the local community in singing carols and songs as the Christmas Lights were switched on. A further group of 25 willing volunteers from Y4-6 entertained Rev Andy and the Tea and Chat community on Monday 2 December. You sang beautifully! We are VERY proud of you. Music brings a smile to everyone's faces and it is great to be able to celebrate the joy of music in the village. AND, we had a surprise visit from Santa on both occasions!



Christmas Lunch

Mrs Brammer and the team will once again provide a wonderful Christmas lunch for everyone on Wednesday 11 December.

Elf Day

As we know, the School Council have organised an **ELF DAY** on **Friday 13 December**. Aurelia has created a lovely powerpoint which they will deliver in assembly to tell the children all about the day. Elf colouring competitions will be available from Monday 9 December for 50p. On the day, the School Council have asked for a £1 donation for wearing red/green (like an Elf!). Children will also be able to buy an Elf biscuit for 50p and have a go at the Elf Name Generator for 50p. Well done to Alfie and the school council!

Christmas Performance in Church

Rev Andy has informed us that they now have a limit on numbers in the church. Therefore, we will need to do 2 performances on **Tuesday 17 December at St James Church**. The details are as follows:

10am Anson and Bassett

11am Clinton and Jervis

I really do apologise about the change in the time and arrangements for this, but it is something that was out of our control. Thank you to all those who have volunteered as parent helpers to walk children up to the Church at 9.15 in the morning and then walk them back at about 11.45. We will be in touch to confirm the details. Tickets for the family of each child will be a maximum of 2 per family). We need to have tickets to ensure we can limit numbers to adhere to the Church risk assessment and keep everyone safe.

Paddington In Peru



We are taking all children to the Red Carpet Cinema on Friday 20 December to watch "Paddington in Peru". This is a PG film and all parents need to give consent via the Christmas Microsoft Form and a small contribution (£5) towards the cost of the trip via ParentPay. This is the last day of term and is also a Christmas Jumper/ "Wear Something Christmassy" Day.



Night Owls

Please note there is **NO Night Owls on Friday 20 December**. The code for booking Early Birds or Night Owls for the Spring Term will be sent out on the next newsletter.



Dancing Queen!

At the weekend Lucy and many of her friends took part in the CDA dance show. A dress rehearsal and three shows later they smashed it! Well done everyone. Keep dancing! 😊

Disco

Thank you to the small group of parents who helped out at the disco last week. Over 95% of our children came along and everyone seemed to have a great time. Thank you to all the staff who helped out and to Mrs Brammer in the kitchen for making 250 hot dogs in her own time. This event will have raised over £1000 for school fund and the children had great fun in the process!



Please see the Barton Library Reading Challenge below.

Why not have a go?

Stranger Danger

As we have many children who walk to or from school with their friends or on their own, we have reminded children in assembly about not speaking to strangers. We also talked about what to do if a stranger offered a child any sweets or asked them to get into a vehicle. Stranger danger is particularly important during these dark winter nights.

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 11 December – Christmas Dinner day

Friday 13 December – ELF DAY

Tuesday 17 December – Concert in Church 10am or 11am

Friday 20 December – Paddington in Peru. No Night Owls that night.

J Emery



Barton Community Library invites you to...

Curl up with a good book this Winter
(January 1st-March 31st) and join in our
Reading Challenge!

It's simple:

- Read 6 books
- Complete the table below
- Return it to the library before March 31st.



BOOK TITLE/AUTHOR:	COMMENTS:
<u>1</u>	
<u>2</u>	
<u>3</u>	
<u>4</u>	
<u>5</u>	
<u>6</u>	

NAME:



Entries received by March 31st will be entered into a Prize Draw.