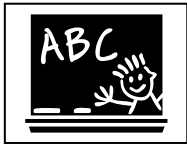


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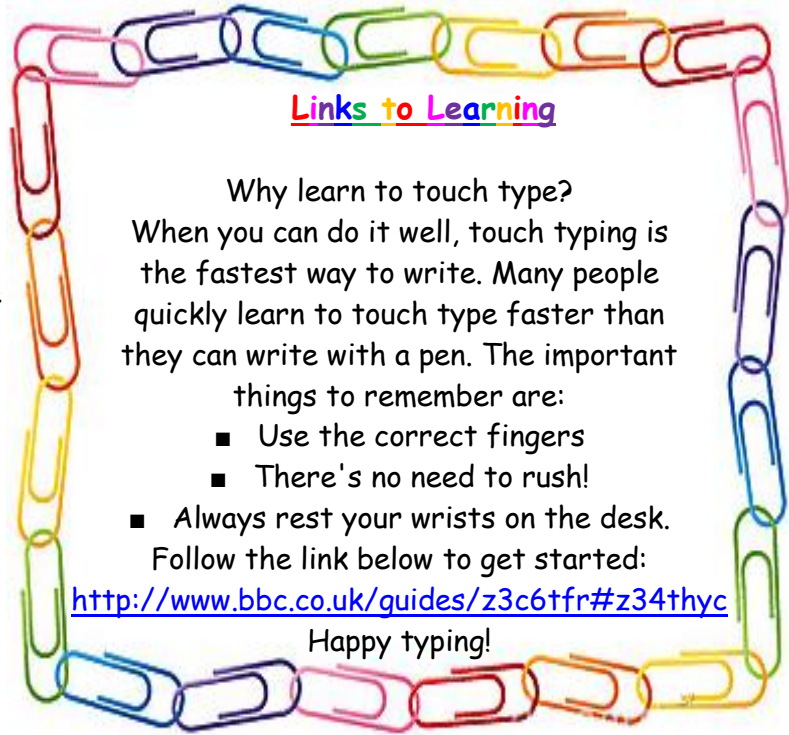
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Duathlon - Wednesday 13th July

Postponed Raffle - we have some fabulous raffle prizes available to win at the Duathlon - Wednesday 13th July. Please return your raffle squares and money to the school in an envelope marked raffle. If you have misplaced your raffle tickets they are attached with newsletter 33 (17.6.16) for you to print at home. 50p a ticket for a chance to win some of these great prizes. If you are not able to attend on the night any prize won will be kept for you.

- * £100 'One for All' gift card
- * £50 'One for All' gift card
- * Meal and Film for two at Red Carpet Cinema
- * Adventure Farm family pass
- * Little India Voucher
- * Conkers Family day pass
- * Waterworld Family day pass
- * Pass for the National Brewery Centre plus tasting tokens
- * Mug Tug voucher for two
- * Rollerworld voucher for two
- * £10 Voucher from Michelle's Laundry service
- * Poppies Salon - 2 x Kids haircut
- * Dance class voucher
- * 2 x Bottles of Baileys
- * Various bottles of wine etc
- * 2 x Google play voucher
- * Maltesers Bouquet
- * Cadburys Bouquet
- * Fuchsia Hanging Basket

If you are able to help for an hour at the Duathlon on Wednesday 13th July between 4:30-5:30, 5:30-6:30 or 6:30-7:15pm, please do get in touch with Steph or Jayne direct or email friends@tr.js.co.uk Any help running a stall is really appreciated. I do have some simple stall ideas that some year 5, 6 or JTHS children might like to do in pairs for an hour? Let's all hope for a lovely dry evening now.....



Links to Learning

Why learn to touch type?

When you can do it well, touch typing is the fastest way to write. Many people quickly learn to touch type faster than they can write with a pen. The important things to remember are:

- Use the correct fingers
- There's no need to rush!
- Always rest your wrists on the desk.

Follow the link below to get started:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3c6tfr#z34thyc>

Happy typing!

Barton Churches Together

We have our monthly meeting, 'The Light Factory' for 5 - 10 year olds on the first Friday of each month (exceptions may be August and January - check first).

All children within this age range are welcome to attend for a session of fun, friendship, faith, and lots of laughter.

Where: Barton Methodist Church

Time: 6 pm to 7.30 pm

Cost: 50p per session.

Come when you can; just turn up with an adult to book child in - over 10s welcome as Junior Helpers. Next meeting July 1st.

Further information from
Jill 712809 & Meg 711051

Receive Newsletters by e-mail, or ask a question: questions@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk

This week we have sent home a number of documents which require reply slips returning to school.

Choir Performances

For choir, to book seats for assembly, help walk to Infants' and give permission for JTHS Concert. By Monday 4th July please.



Parent Questionnaire
(yellow) For Y3-6
By Monday 12th July please.

Breakfast and After School Club

Booking Form (bright pink) for Y2-5
By Friday 15th July to guarantee your place for September.

Specialist Music Tuition

Peripatetic lessons (white)
By Thursday 14th July for Y2-5
If your child would like to begin / continue peripatetic lessons.



NUT Industrial Action

As I'm sure you'll be aware, the National Union of Teachers is planning to take industrial action on Tuesday 5th July 2016 over the impact of funding cuts on teacher contracts, workload and children's education. This is a dispute between NUT members and the government; it is not a dispute with the school.

The action (a one day strike) will result in class or whole school closures across the country.

The decision to close the school, either fully or partially, is never taken lightly. We know that class / school closures inconvenience parents and carers.

At TRJS staff have elected to take lawful industrial action, however we have taken appropriate steps to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of all pupils. I am writing to give you advance notice that if the action does go ahead, the school will remain fully open.

We hope parents appreciate this decision has been taken to minimise the impact of strike action on our children's education.

Diary Dates

<i>Fri 1st, Mon 4th & Tues 5th July</i>	<i>Y6 to JTHS Transition Days</i>
<i>Mon 4th July</i>	<i>Y2 visiting for the day Y2 parents please drop off and pick up at Infants' School.</i>
<i>Wed 6th – Fri 8th July</i>	<i>Y6 to PGL</i>
<i>Mon 11th July</i>	<i>Choir and Peripatetic string performance in assembly - 9am</i>
<i>Tues 12th July</i>	<i>Y6 Transition Evening at JTHS</i>
<i>Wed 13th July</i>	<i>Duathlon – FULL Personal race information as previously circulated.</i>
<i>Fri 15th July</i>	<i>Summer Term Reports</i>
<i>Mon 18th July</i>	<i>Move up Morning</i>
	<i>Dove Valley Cricket</i>
<i>Tues 19th July</i>	<i>Music Concert at JTHS Selected choir and Y6 musicians</i>
<i>Thurs 21st July</i>	<i>Y6 Leaver's Disco Helpers required: friends@trjs.co.uk</i>
<i>Fri 22nd July</i>	<i>10:00am – Leavers' Assembly</i>
	<i>3:15pm – Leavers' Parade Break up for Summer</i>
<i>Tues 6th Sept</i>	<i>Back to School</i>

Visitors

Over the past four weeks we have been delighted to welcome a past pupil, Miss Downes, back to the school for her University Placement. She has thrown herself into life at TRJS, offering so much of her time and going above and beyond expectations. She tells us that she has thoroughly enjoyed working at TRJS. The children work so well and the staff are a pleasure to work with. We wish her every success.

Best wishes, Mrs S Sharpe