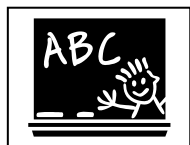


Thomas Russell Junior School

'An expectation of excellence' ofsted June 2014.



Newsletter



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Headteacher Mrs S Sharpe

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Harvest

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Harvest Celebration on Friday 21st October. Thank you so much for your kind and generous donations for the YMCA Food Bank - I know they will be very much appreciated.

Finding Pingu - sadly at Harvest Festival one of our visitors lost a little beanie penguin. Please keep your eyes open. We've had a good look in school and can't find him, so he may be hibernating somewhere!



Friends' meeting

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Friends' meeting. Please find minutes of the meeting attached to the Newsletter e-mail.

Christmas Disco - 2nd December 2016

Yrs 3 & 4 = 4.30pm till 6.30pm

Yrs 5 & 6 = 6.30pm till 8.30pm

Tickets cost £5 on ParentPay and include entry, hot-dog, sweets and drink.

Please note NO mobile phones allowed.

Christmas Jumper Sale

We are collecting second hand Christmas jumpers which we will be selling in December. Please bring donations to the school office in the next fortnight.

Children all have an opportunity to wear their Christmas jumper to the school

Carol Service at St. James' Church on Wednesday 14th December at 2pm.

Then parents are all invited back to TRJS for a Christmassy drink and mince pie.

Bags 2 School

We will be holding a Bags 2 School collection on Monday 12th December. All donations appreciated.

Parent Forum

We are really grateful to the parents who have kindly volunteered their time for our Parent Forum. This year we will be focussing on: Termly report format to parents, school catering arrangements, extra-curricular clubs, cycling to school, sports team selection & opportunities to represent the school. I'm sure parents will also bring a range of other discussion points - these are always really interesting meetings.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE think carefully about how you are driving and parking on Gilmour Lane as this is always a point for discussion - no one wants an accident.

Our meetings are:

Wednesday 23rd November '16, Wednesday 1st February '17 and Wednesday 14th June '17.

Even if you can't come along to the meeting, you are most welcome to raise an item for discussion by e-mailing '[questions@](mailto:questions@thomasrussell-junior.staffs.sch.uk)' or pass a message via one of our members for this year:

Class	Parent Representative (Child)
3M	Karen Leyland (Orla)
3P	Donna Foley (Ebony)
4S	Rebecca Hall (Finley)
4V	Rosie Whiteford (Amelia)
5D	Sam Cowgill (Monty)
5E	
6M	Sharon Wright (Ruby)
6P	Stuart Bavester (Jed)

We normally have two representatives per class but anyone is welcome.

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I hope all parents enjoyed our Roald Dahl Newsletter from Miss Murfin at the end of last half term. It is available on the website or from the school office if you missed it.

There was some exciting news on it ... In celebration of Roald Dahl Day and as a special 'thank you' to the parents of TRJS children for their continued support, the Red Carpet Cinema have kindly invited the school to a free screening of 'The BFG'.

Y5&6 on Thursday 10th November

Y3&4 on Thursday 17th November.

We have asked if there are any parents willing to walk over to the cinema with us, or even stay for the screening. We would be most grateful for your support. Please let us know with a message via your child or 'questions@'.

Thank you in anticipation.

Mellors - new menu

Please find attached a new menu which will start next week (on Week 2). The winter menu has been re-designed taking feedback from the children about their choices and includes some of the old favourites too. We continue to be really happy with the quality of food the children are experiencing following our move to Mellors - dinner numbers have risen steadily from mid 70s at their lowest to now 140 children having a dinner today. Portion sizes are now much more appropriate and it is just great to see children enjoying their food again.

Mellors chefs will be visiting us on 1st December to run their bread making workshop for Y6 children. It was incredibly popular when they did it in Y3 last year, so we're very excited about that visit.

Y2-3 Transition Questionnaire

Feedback from parents about 'what went well' and 'even better if...' is really helpful as we aim to continuously improve in school.

Today Y3 parents will receive a pink questionnaire about our transition process. We would really appreciate your feedback - please return completed questionnaires to us by Friday 18th November. Thank you.

Remembrance Day - 11th November

Next Friday I will be accompanying House Captains to lay a wreath at the War Memorial in Barton. Children in school will mark the occasion with an assembly and observation of the silence. Vice Captains will be selling poppies and other items each day next week.

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Barton Library Visit



On Wednesday 12th October, five Year 6 children: Tilly, Dom, Mollie, Jasmine and Ruby, attended the Barton Community Managed Library 'Official Launch'.

The event was to celebrate the official launch of the Community Managed Library by South Staffordshire Shropshire Foundation Trust and Staffordshire County Council. Our children and members of the public were able to meet the invaluable volunteers and view displays promoting the wide range of community groups who use Barton Library and the great facilities that the library has to offer.

Children in Need - Friday 18th Nov.

We will be holding a non-uniform day raising money for Children in Need. Children are invited to wear spots & stripes, or any non-uniform on that day.

Best wishes, Mrs S Sharpe