



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture and challenge'

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Panto

There was lots of laughter and excitement in school when we had our annual panto visit from the West Midlands Children's Theatre Group. Everyone enjoyed their performance of Sinbad the Sailor and it definitely got us into the festive spirit! Thank you to the PTA for paying for this exciting treat to get Christmas started for the children.



Pedestrian crossing

We have been made aware of a very dangerous 'near miss' incident on the pedestrian crossing outside school during the week. A driver, apparently frustrated at being stuck in traffic leaving the village, drove aggressively onto the crossing whilst there were still parents and children from our school walking across it.

We would urge anyone who experiences any unacceptable behaviour like this to report it directly to the police so that we can raise awareness of how dangerous this stretch of road can be at busy times of the day.

This crossing is designated as one that needs a crossing patrol person in the morning and at the end of the school day, but these positions are incredibly difficult to fill. If you know anyone who may be interested in this sort of position then **please contact Caroline Pegg . Tel 07773 791502.**

PTA News

The PTA Christmas Fair is next Thursday 7th December 3:30 - 5pm (we need 15 mins to set up classrooms with games after the children are dismissed).

Please can we ask you to wait outside the front entrance of school so that we can lock the gates as usual once the children are dismissed.



We are SO excited about this delightful annual event! Thank you all for your bottle donations this morning, it definitely looks like the bottle Tombola is going to be a big one next week! This is a CASH or token event please come prepared with your change or tokens to save strain on money floats!

2 Raffle tickets per child have been issued in bookbags this week with the prize list emailed out. However **Please note, you can buy as many tickets as you like, and this is open to all friends and family so the more the merrier!** Cash only please due to gambling regulations that we must comply with!

PRE SALE Additional Raffle Tickets or token dates are available on below OR at the actual fair

PM pick up: Monday 4th December -

PM pick up: Wednesday 6th December,

AM drop off: Thursday 7th December

We hope you all enjoy it! A huge amount of work goes on behind the scenes by so many different volunteers, businesses, parents etc all in their spare time. THANK YOU for everyone's support in advance and of course the support by simply attending on the day if you can.

Olio app

[What is Olio? \(olioapp.com\)](http://olioapp.com)

Olio is a sharing app for local communities, making it easy to give away the things you don't need to someone else who would value them. It can be downloaded onto phones.

Olio volunteers collect food from supermarkets / cafes that would throw food out at the end of the day due to expiry dates etc, The food is listed on the app, customers can then select which foods they want, and where to collect it from for **free**.

Customers register for free and the app will then show the nearest volunteers with the food they have.

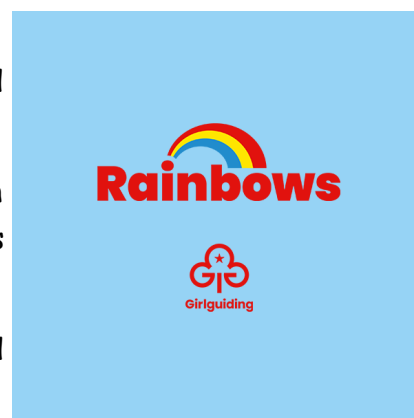
1st Barton Rainbows

Would you like to come along and take part in activities, games and make new friends?

1st Barton Rainbows have spaces for girls aged 5 or 6 to join in January 2024. We meet every Tuesday (4:20-5:30) at St James Hall in Barton during term time.

We are also looking for an adult leader 18 years or over that could commit to helping each week during unit time.

If you are interested in your child joining or would like more information on volunteering with us then please contact Gemma on **07595 641 818**



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Stars of the week

1L - Maggie, Grace, Eliza, Rose, Alice, Alyssa, Reuben, Louis, Christopher, Charlotte, Isla-Grace and Clemmie for showing confidence in Forest School

2MS - Trixie for having confidence to use a flint and steel striker to light a small fire in Forest School

2W - Gia for showing super confidence when sharing the Sikh traditions she shares with her family



Dates for your Diary

Lunch menu from Monday 3rd December will be Week 1

Thurs 7th Dec - PTA Christmas Fair 3.30 start.

Wed 20th Dec - Y1 Christmas play to parents 2.00pm

Fri 8th Dec - Christmas jumper day

Thu 21st Dec - Christmas lunch

Wed 13th Dec - Reception Christmas play to parents 2.00pm

Fri 22nd Dec - Last day of term

Thu 14th Dec - Y2 Christmas play to parents 2.00pm

Mon 8th Jan - Back to school first day of term

Mon 18th Dec - Y2 Music performance to parents 2MS at 1.30pm & 2W at 2.10pm

Tue 19th Dec - JTMAT Christmas concert



Thank you

A big thank you to Darren Elkin (DElkin Electrical) who came to our rescue earlier in the week and PAT tested our Christmas tree lights that had slipped through the net when our routine testing was done. We are very grateful to him for giving up his time.

PTA

The wreath making event was a huge success with some wonderful designs created. Thank you to everyone who came.



Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Burton and Mrs Moore