



Thomas Russell Infants' School

'Our children blossom through nurture and challenge'

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The Coronation of King Charles III

The children have been very excited this week as we lead up to the Coronation of King Charles III. We have been sharing books in school and making crowns to wear ready for the big day tomorrow.

It is never easy making decisions about school events based on the weather—the forecast seems to change every time you refresh the screen! Hopefully parents understand this and that we always make decisions based on the needs of our children who come first.



To mark the Coronation, the children have been given a badge by Barton Parish Council which they will be bringing home with them. The PTA have also very kindly provided a card which when soaked in water can be planted to grow wildflowers. They chose this gift because of the King's love of gardening and nature. A huge thank you to the PTA for all of their hard work putting together the afternoon tea boxes and to Pom's Kitchen and Bakery at Barton Marina for all of their support with making this possible.

Barton Parish Council have events running on Sunday afternoon in the village square (by the war memorial) that everyone is welcome to join in with. Our country dancers will be performing at 2.30pm and we look forward to seeing everyone there.

We hope you all have an enjoyable long weekend whatever you choose to do.



National Gardening Week 2023

The theme for National Gardening Week in 2023 is 'create your coronation container' to celebrate His Majesty King Charles III and his love of horticulture. The King is known as a champion of the environment and a supporter of the nation's passion for gardening. We thought that it would be lovely if our children planted a recycled container to mark the beginning of his reign. We could then display these around our school grounds to brighten it up for the Summer term.



INVENTOR AND MAKER OF THE WEEK- CONSTANCE SPRY

Inventor of Coronation Chicken!

Constance was born in Derby in 1886. She worked in lots of different jobs in her life, including as a nurse during the First World War.

After the war, she became the headmistress at a school in east London where she taught teenage factory workers about cookery, dressmaking, and flower arranging.

In 1928 she gave up teaching and opened her own flower shop. She created some famous window displays in London. She wrote a book on flower arranging and arranged flowers at royal weddings.

After the Second World War she opened a cookery school with her friend Rosemary Hume.

In 1953 she was asked to arrange the flowers in Westminster Abbey and along the route for Queen Elizabeth's coronation. The students at her cookery school were also asked to cater a lunch for foreign guests at the coronation. Constance and Rosemary came up with a brand new dish for the event

- the now famous Coronation Chicken



Reminder—Get your DT thinking caps on and become a designer of the future!

As part of JTMAT Design Technology subject excellence, an exciting competition has been launched, giving your child the opportunity to get creative and design a product to 'make the world a better place', judged by the London Spy Studios Design Company. This idea can be as weird and wonderful as they wish, let your child's minds get creative!

Take a look at some of the examples below of 'blue sky thinking' products.

The can opener has been designed to help people with arthritis, it allows them to go about simple daily tasks like opening a can with ease. They would not be able to do this without this product being designed. [Weblink](#).



No power, no problem. Pull the cord. Generate electricity. Never run out of power. NowLight turns your effort into electricity. A minute of pulling will generate up to 2 hours of light or enough power for a 15-minute phone call. NowLight can also be charged from USB power sources or using a solar panel. [Weblink](#).



Adiff. A "jacket that can turn into a tent" (a.k.a. the trench & bomber), one of our first solution-based items designed to provide assistance to homeless and refugee populations. [Weblink](#).



Biscuit Pocket: The Cup That Holds Your Cookies. Perfect place to keep your biscuits safe and makes it easier to carry your cup of tea and biscuits to the sofa where you can relax.



Products can be drawn, modelled from junk, Lego or any other materials. All your child needs to do is submit their entry to tri-office@tri.jtmat.co.uk by **Friday 12th May 2023**.

Entries need to be on an A4 PowerPoint Slide saved as a PDF with your full name and school as the file name e.g. joe.smith_ThomasRussellInfantsSchool.

Make sure you answer the 3 questions fully. No more than 100 words per question.

- Who does your product help?
- How does it help them?
- Why is the product needed?

Include a visual representation of your idea (Maximum 3 images). These could be drawings or photographs of 3D models that you have made.

Have fun getting creative! Let your minds run wild!

Burton Library

[The Nosy Little Troll Family Show Tickets, Sat 27 May 2023 at 11:00 | Eventbrite](#)

We have a lovely FREE puppet show from Garlic Theatre for families coming up at Burton Library on Saturday 27th May at 11am

The show is suitable for ages 3-8 but older and younger children are welcome too!

Book your tickets using the link above.



Country dancing

This year we have had a fabulous team of country dancers who have kept the Thomas Russell tradition going. It has been our biggest team of children in a very long time with 32 children taking part each week. They have learnt a range of different traditional dances and lots of tricky moves. The team are looking forward to taking part in the village Coronation celebrations on Sunday and we hope to share some photos with you next week.

Country dancing club has now finished for this year so thank you to everyone who has joined in.

Dates for your Diary

Lunch menu from Tuesday 9th of May is Week 3

Mon 8 May - Bank holiday

Wed 24 May - Reception parents Forest school

Thu 25 May—Break up for half term

Fri 26 May - Inset Day school closed to children

Mon 5 Jun—Back to school

Thu 8 June - Sports Day 1pm

Thu 22 June - Reserve Sports Day 1pm

Thu 29 June - Y2 visit to Tamworth Castle

Fri 7 July - Inset Day School closed to children

(Staff JTMAT Training Day)

Tue 11 July - Y2 music performance pm

Wed 19 July - Y2 Leavers assembly to parents

Thu 20 July - Leavers party

Fri 21st July - Last Day of term

Have an enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend

Mrs Burton and Mrs Moore