



# TRANMERE TIMES NEWSLETTER

## Friday 29th April 2016

### General School Information/Dates

Please visit the [Headteacher's Blog](#) on the school website for more information on what's been happening in school recently



Following the changes within our Governing Body we want you to be aware of who are Governors are! For the next few weeks we are sharing a pen portrait of one of our Governors each week. This week is Parent Governor Claire Wright.

I am Clare; the proud mum of Ben and Kate. Only Ben is currently old enough to start at Tranmere Park Primary School. I became a Governor in February 2016 and chair the Finance and Resource subcommittee.

I am a qualified Chartered Project Management Surveyor with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. I have over 17 years experience in regeneration and construction, managing residential, education and commercial projects.

I have opted to take a career break while my little ones are still little so have time to enjoy and fulfil the role of parent Governor.

#### Announcement from Mrs Finley

We made an announcement last term about how thrilled we were to have been designated as a Teaching School. Teaching Schools status is very difficult to get and applications are rigorously assessed so it is a real honour to have been awarded this status. We have been part of a Teaching School Alliance – Noctua – for a number of years, but up until now Bramhope Primary School have been the designated Teaching School leading the Alliance. From September, Tranmere Park will be the lead school and to facilitate this, I will be working for Noctua one or two days in the new school year. In my absence, Mrs Hodgson will be acting head. During my time as Head here at Tranmere, I have undertaken a number of secondments and the school has always run smoothly in my absence. I have no doubt that this will continue to be the case, and Tranmere Park will also benefit financially as Noctua will pay school for my time. I'm looking forward to my new challenge!



#### Training Day

Please note there will be a Training Day on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** following on from Bank Holiday Monday. School will be closed to all children on Tuesday.

In readiness for May Day on Monday we were treated to a display of May Pole dancing by Eagles class this morning. Well done Eagles class and especially Mrs Gibson who organised them all so well!

#### Health Week June 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>

We are planning a series of activities related to the benefits of exercise and healthy eating for all pupils during the above week. If any parents are able to offer any time and/or expertise to help (e.g. leading an exercise class or cooking activity) it would be

greatly appreciated.

If you are able to help please contact either Mrs Tate (Puffins) or Miss Bell (Skylarks).

### **Tranmere Park School wins award for exceptional 2015 results**

Tranmere Park School has been nationally recognised for its exceptional 2015 performance by the Schools, Students and Teachers network (SSAT). Educational Outcomes data analysis from SSAT has shown that the school has enabled children to make progress in Reading, Writing and Maths which is significantly higher than the national average at Key Stage 2, and is among the top 10% across all schools nationally.

Sue Williamson, Chief Executive of SSAT said in a letter to congratulate the school,

'It's my great pleasure to commend Tranmere Park School on their excellent 2015 performance, and to have the opportunity to highlight and share their great work at the SSAT Educational Outcomes celebration event. I have the privilege of visiting a lot of schools and I am always impressed by the creativity of teachers in engaging and inspiring their students.

I hope that SSAT's Educational Outcomes award will highlight the professionalism, commitment and hard work of the leaders, teachers and students at Tranmere Park School. Recognising and sharing successes like this is at the heart of SSAT's mission, so I'm delighted to congratulate Tranmere Park School on their achievement.'

A copy of the letter is attached to tonight's Tranmere Times.

### **Snow clearance**

We would like to say thank you to Mr Joynson and Mrs Lee for clearing all the paths around school this morning in the absence of a school caretaker.

### **Children's behaviour in the playground at the beginning and the end of the school day**

May we politely remind parents/carers that they are responsible for the behaviour of their child on the playground until the whistle is blown at 8.55am and at the end of the school day.

Can we also remind parents that use of the school apparatus in the playgrounds (including the EYFS play area) is not permitted before or after school. This is due to Health and Safety issues. Additionally, at the end of the school day, use of the school grounds is open to the Out of School Club and after school clubs that have been organised through a letting. These clubs pay for the use of the grounds and this is a valuable source of income to the school. Therefore, can we please ask parents, carers and child minders to vacate the school premises by 3.35pm. Can you please ensure your child minder is also aware of this message. Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation in this matter.

### **PGL Meeting - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

As previously notified there is a PGL meeting for the current Year 6 pupils parents to discuss final arrangements for this year's trip (6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> June). **Please bring your child's passport and EHIC card so that they can be photocopied on the evening.**

### **Music for Schools Foundation**

The Music Man from Music for Schools Foundation will be in school playing for the children and trying to encourage them to learn a wind instrument on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May. On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, at 3.30pm, there will be a meeting in the hall for parents of children in current Years 2 - 5 interested in taking up an instrument in September. Attendance at the meeting is advised but not essential - the information given will be available to you on a leaflet and through [www.mfsf.org.uk](http://www.mfsf.org.uk).

**Sainsbury's Active Kids 2016** We are once again collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. Please ask family and friends to help us collect as many vouchers as possible. We use these vouchers to buy play equipment for the children to use in the playground.



## Important Information

### School Dinner Money

School lunches for all KS2 pupils will be charged at cost, £2.32 per meal (£11.60 per week). Please be reminded that school lunches can be paid for using the on-line system. This is now the preferred method of payment. Currently we still accept cash or payment by cheque (payable to *Leeds City Council*).

To pay for the next half term - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May (34 days) = £78.88  
Please deduct 2 days for Year 4 pupils going on the Malham Residential = £74.24

### Assemblies

Parents are most welcome to attend their child's class assembly at **9.10am**.

**20.05.15**      **WOODPECKERS**

**27.05.16**      **KESTRELS**

### Residential Payments

**Year 6 PGL France Residential** – The final payment of £45 is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016.

Please make cheques payable to *Tranmere Park Primary School Fund Account* for all residential.

**Please ensure you are up to date with all your payments – please check with the school office if you are unsure.** Thank you.

### Forthcoming Dates

Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	MAY DAY (BANK HOLIDAY) - SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup> May	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup> May	PGL Parent's Information Evening 6-7pm
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS all week (please do not book holidays during this week)
Thursday – Friday	12 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4 Malham 2-day residential
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup> May	Sports Day – EYFS/KS1 9.30-11.30am KS2 1.30-3.00pm
Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Pupil Mentoring Week
Friday	27 <sup>th</sup> May	SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3.15 PM
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup> June	SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR SUMMER 2 TERM

## Special Mention

On Thursday morning we hold a Special Mention Assembly to celebrate achievements within school. If your child has achieved something really special outside of school we would be pleased to announce this on Tranmere Times. Please e-mail Mrs Reeve on [victoriareeve@tranmerepark.leeds.sch.uk](mailto:victoriareeve@tranmerepark.leeds.sch.uk)

There was no special mention this week due to the hall being used for Class photographs

## Extended Services

**Tranmere Park Tennis Club** will be holding junior tennis coaching for 6 years and up starting May 5<sup>th</sup>. The cost of the 10 week coaching is just £25 plus junior membership is £20 for year (with a reduced fee of £15 for siblings). If you are interested in coaching or joining the family friendly club, please contact Mandy Jones on 07753 606456 or email me on [mandy@mezmerc.co.uk](mailto:mandy@mezmerc.co.uk).

### Over the Odda – 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016

The adult 10K race is oversubscribed but there are still a few places left for the Junior Race. The race starts from Hawksworth C of E School at 9.30am. Please see the attached leaflet for further information.

### Otley Courthouse Events

Otley Courthouse is very pleased to announce another two great shows coming along in next week – “How the Koala Learnt to Hug”, and “Dinosaur Park”.

Please find attached details on both of these events suitable for Primary School aged children. “How the Koala Learnt to Hug” is also suitable for children aged 3+

## Attendance

Our school target for attendance set by the Leeds City Council Attendance Strategy Team is 97%. The class averages for the week from the 25<sup>th</sup> – 29th April, 2016.

ROBINS	95.7%	RED KITES	97.3%
BLUEBIRDS	100%	WOODPECKERS	98%
EAGLES	97.4%	WRENS	93.9%
KESTRELS	99.5%	FALCONS	98.4%
SKYLARKS	99.7%	PUFFINS	99.4%
HERONS	98.4%	KINGFISHERS	98.8%
		DOVES	98.1%

Well done Bluebirds!

## P.T.A.



### May Bake

Just a reminder that the May Bake is on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May** straight after school. Children have been given a paper plate tonight and if possible we would like them to bring it back on Wednesday morning filled with delicious cakes, buns or biscuits! If you do not have time to bake, please could you attach a coin to it instead.

We had a magnificent response to our Bonfire Bake and would like to be as successful again. Thank you very much in advance for your support.

### Sponsored Bounce – Thank You

Thank you to all the parents and the children for taking part in the assault course/bounce on Friday, we have raised £700 so far and there is still some sponsorship money to come. We had a great day and were so happy to see

so many children taking part.

If you still have sponsorship money to hand in could you please do so by the end of next week. Thank you.

Kirsten Finley  
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Headteacher

