

# TRANMERE TIMES NEWSLETTER

## Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 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 Co-opted Governor Father David Pickett MBE.



I was born into a mining family in South Wales, but decided not to make a life in coal, instead joining the Royal Air Force in 1987. Over the next 23 years I saw service in Northern Ireland, Afghanistan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Germany and Cyprus, not to mention many other stations within the UK.

In 2010 I left the Royal Air Force to train as a priest at the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield, West Yorkshire. I was ordained in 2011 and served my curacy in the Diocese of Lincoln. In 2014 I was offered the role of Rector to Guiseley with Esholt, which I accepted immediately. As well as acting as rector to two churches I am also chaplain to Hawksworth Cof E Primary School, St Oswald's Cof E Junior School, the Guiseley branch of The Royal British Legion, and recently, Guiseley AFC.

I have been married to Sarah for 21 years and we have five young children. When not enjoying the fun of family life I am a passionate sportsman, reader and cultivator of Bonsai trees. I am also studying for an MA in Liturgical Studies at the University of Sheffield.

Having lived in Yorkshire twice before, I feel very blessed to be part of this community and especially this wonderful school. I look forward to sharing in its bright future, whilst helping assist its spiritual growth.

Picture: Father David Pickett dressed as St Oswald in cloak and crown to take on Yorkshire's Three Peaks to raise money for the Guiseley Church Tower Fund.

#### Mrs Richardson

We are sad to let you know that Mrs Richardson will be leaving us at the end of the summer term to start a new job nearer to her home near York. We are all very sorry to see Mrs Richardson leave Tranmere Park School but are delighted that she will have a much better work-life balance without the daily journey to Guiseley! In her 12 years at Tranmere Park, Mrs Richardson has made a much valued contribution to the effectiveness of the school and to the education of many children. She has also made a huge contribution to music at our school, in particular to the end of year concerts and the Groove Generation Project. We'd like to wish her all the very best for the future.

#### Well Done Year 6!

Our Year 6 children have completed their SAT's tests this week. As you will be aware the government have changed the tests this year, making them even more challenging and some of them were REALLY tough! We are so proud of the way our Year 6's have handled the tests this week and are sure they will have done themselves and Tranmere Park proud!

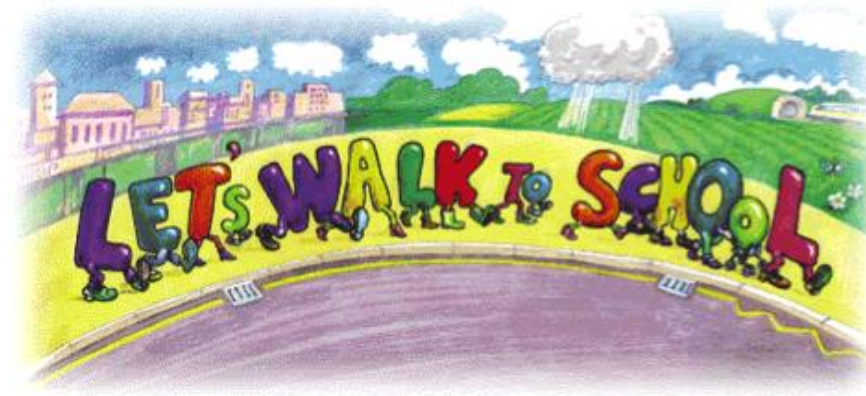
#### New classes for next year

Children will be told their new classes for next year during Transition Week which takes place week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> July and will spend time in their new classrooms with their new teachers. From September we will have some split year group classes across school as in previous years, these classes will be arranged – as always - according to the children's date

of birth. Current Reception children's parents will be told their new classes for September during the Reception to Year 1 Transition Evening on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 6.00pm.

### **Sports Day – Thursday 19th May**

Sports Day is next Thursday 19th May. Key Stage One Sports Day will take place in the morning starting at 9.30am. Key Stage Two Sports Day will take place in the afternoon starting at 1.30pm. Parents are welcome to attend and cheer their teams along. Please ensure your child has a sturdy pair of trainers; in addition please apply sun cream and a sun hat and water bottle if the weather is warm and sunny. Refreshments will be available, please see PTA section below.



### **National Walk to School Week Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

Next week is national "Walk to School Week" and we would like to encourage all pupils to take part by walking all or part of the way on as many days as possible.

### **Summer Uniform reminder**

As the weather gets warmer please make sure your child has a **sun hat in school** (labelled please!) Please put sun cream on pupils before they come to school. Eight hour creams are available which will keep them protected all day, suncream cannot be applied by staff in school. On very sunny days, pupils without a sun hat will be asked to sit in the shelter to avoid the risk of sunburn.

Girl's may wish to wear a school dress in summer - this must be **red and white** check or stripe. Boys may wear **smart navy** school shorts, casual board shorts are not allowed.

Please also ensure your child has a waterproof jacket with them each day as our weather is very changeable!

### **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).

### **Let's Celebrate/Battle of the Acts Event**

Tranmere Park School are entering an act in this year's Let's Celebrate/Battle of the Acts Event on 9th June 2016. This year the event will be taking place at locally recognised heritage hotspot, Guiseley Theatre. The event is being generously supported by the Community Committee's Youth Activity Fund as well as Aireborough Children's Services to keep ticket prices as low as possible with seats at £4 per adult and £2 per child (U18). This year promises to professionally showcase bright and fresh talent on the stage both from your own and other participating schools, possibly your own children will be up there to perform and play in front of the 300 strong crowd!

Look out for flyers in schools and information about ticket sales to be released from May 2016 with links on the Community Committee Facebook page. Book early to avoid disappointment.

### **Parent Forum**

The next Parent Forum meeting will take on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May** at 9am in school.

Please contact your class representative if you wish to raise any concerns or feedback upon things that have gone well. Please note issues regarding individual children are to be raised with the class teacher in the first instance.

**Parent Forum Group  
Contact details**

| Class       | Parent                            | Child's name    | Email addresses  |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Robins      | Alex Laine-Toner<br>Clare Wright  | Isla<br>Ben     | <a href="mailto:alexrbrown@btinternet.com">alexrbrown@btinternet.com</a><br><a href="mailto:clarehelenwright@hotmail.com">clarehelenwright@hotmail.com</a> |
| Bluebirds   | Claire Warman<br>1 vacancy        | Barnaby         | <a href="mailto:clairewarman@hotmail.co.uk">clairewarman@hotmail.co.uk</a>   |
| Kestrels    | Liz Worley<br>1 vacancy           | Lucy            | <a href="mailto:liztomo@hotmail.com">liztomo@hotmail.com</a>   |
| Eagles      | Rachel Smith<br>Emma Delaney      | Harry<br>Oliver | <a href="mailto:rachelmlsmith@yahoo.co.uk">rachelmlsmith@yahoo.co.uk</a><br><a href="mailto:edrcom3@gmail.com">edrcom3@gmail.com</a>                       |
| Skylarks    | Temeena Hussain<br>Louise Hodgson | Haris<br>Evie   | <a href="mailto:temeena@yahoo.com">temeena@yahoo.com</a><br><a href="mailto:loulouh1973@yahoo.co.uk">loulouh1973@yahoo.co.uk</a>                           |
| Hérons      | Tina Hutchinson<br>1 vacancy      | Darcey          | <a href="mailto:Tina.ruddy@gmail.com">Tina.ruddy@gmail.com</a>   |
| Red Kites   | Jo Perkins<br>1 vacancy           | Ollie           | <a href="mailto:joperkinsresearch@gmail.com">joperkinsresearch@gmail.com</a>   |
| Woodpeckers | Ruth Bowman<br>1 vacancy          | Evie            | <a href="mailto:rubystockers@gmail.com">rubystockers@gmail.com</a>   |
| Wrens       | Kim McDonnell<br>Eleanor Thomson  | Amelia<br>Lizzy | <a href="mailto:kimmcd@me.com">kimmcd@me.com</a><br><a href="mailto:eleanor715@btinternet.com">eleanor715@btinternet.com</a>                               |
| Falcons     | Beth Bradley<br>1 vacancy         | Christopher     | <a href="mailto:brbradley@icloud.com">brbradley@icloud.com</a>   |
| Puffins     | Jacky Cooper<br>1 vacancy         | Niamh           | <a href="mailto:jacky@spoc.co.uk">jacky@spoc.co.uk</a>   |
| Kingfishers | Natalie Bottomley<br>1 vacancy    | Taylor          | <a href="mailto:Natalie.slater@btinternet.com">Natalie.slater@btinternet.com</a>   |
| Doves       | Kaneez Kishver<br>1 vacancy       | Haashim         | <a href="mailto:kaneezekishver@hotmail.com">kaneezekishver@hotmail.com</a>   |

**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 17th May. On Monday 23rd 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

**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**.

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|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>20.05.15</b> | <b>WOODPECKERS</b> | <b>24.06.16</b> | <b>RED KITES</b>            |
| <b>27.05.16</b> | <b>KESTRELS</b>    | <b>01.07.16</b> | <b>EAGLES</b>               |
| <b>10.06.16</b> | <b>BLUEBIRDS</b>   | <b>08.07.16</b> | <b>PERFORMANCE ASSEMBLY</b> |
| <b>17.06.16</b> | <b>PUFFINS</b>     | <b>15.07.16</b> | <b>ROBINS</b>               |

## Forthcoming Dates

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|-----------------|---|--|
| Thursday        | 19 <sup>th</sup> May                    | Sports Day – EYFS/KS1 9.30-11.30am<br>KS2 1.30-3.00pm          |
| Monday          | 23 <sup>rd</sup> May                    | Pupil Mentoring Week   |
| <b>Friday</b>   | <b>27<sup>th</sup> May</b>              | <b>SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3.15 PM</b>                               |
| <b>Monday</b>   | <b>6<sup>th</sup> June</b>              | <b>SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR SUMMER 2 TERM</b>                       |
| Monday – Friday | 6 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> June | Y6 PGL Residential to France                                   |
| Thursday        | 16 <sup>th</sup> June                   | New Entrants Parent's Meeting 6.00-7.00pm <b>TBC</b>           |
| Thursday        | 23 <sup>rd</sup> June                   | Reception to Year 1 transition Evening for parents 6.00-6.45pm |
| Tuesday         | 28 <sup>th</sup> June                   | Year 2 to Year 3 Transition Evening for parents 6.00-6.45 pm   |
| Thursday        | 30 <sup>th</sup> June                   | New Entrants Parent's Meeting 6pm–7pm                          |
| Saturday        | 9 <sup>th</sup> July                    | PTA Summer Fair  |
| Monday          | 11 <sup>th</sup> July                   | Y5+Y6 End of year production Dress Rehearsal 1.45pm            |
| Tuesday         | 12 <sup>th</sup> July                   | Y5+Y6 End of Year Concert 6pm                                  |
| Wednesday       | 13 <sup>th</sup> July                   | Y5+Y6 End of Year Concert 6pm                                  |
| Friday          | 15 <sup>th</sup> July                   | Pupil Reports to Parents                                       |
| Monday          | 18 <sup>th</sup> July                   | Y6 Leaver's Event (during school hours)                        |
| Friday          | 22 <sup>nd</sup> July                   | Y6 Leaver's assembly 10.00am                                   |
| <b>Monday</b>   | <b>25<sup>th</sup> July</b>             | <b>TRAINING DAY</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>  | <b>26<sup>th</sup> July</b>             | <b>TRAINING DAY</b>  |

## 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 [victoriaeve@tranmerepark.leeds.sch.uk](mailto:victoriaeve@tranmerepark.leeds.sch.uk)

There was No Special mention Assembly this week due to SAT's taking place in the hall.

## Extended Services

Attached to tonight's Tranmere Times is the Spring Bank Holiday programme for Inspiration Tree.

### **Turn up the Talent – Pop Stars** **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

Please see the attached poster for further information on joining this 3 day course which is open to children aged 4-13 years old.

## 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 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.

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|-----------|-------|-------------|-------|
| ROBINS    | 100%  | RED KITES   | 97.7% |
| BLUEBIRDS | 99.1% | WOODPECKERS | 99.7% |
| EAGLES    | 87.4% | WRENS       | 99.1% |
| KESTRELS  | 97.7% | FALCONS     | 99.6% |
| SKYLARKS  | 99.7% | PUFFINS     | 99.4% |
| HERONS    | 99.4% | KINGFISHERS | 100%  |
|           |       | DOVES       | 100%  |

Well done to Robins, Kingfishers and Doves.

# P.T.A.



**THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MAY – SPORTS DAY** - From 9 am on Thursday the PTA will be selling bacon sandwiches, hot and cold drinks and cakes outside the doors to School reception, throughout the KS1 sports day. Even if you are not stopping for sports day, come along and grab some breakfast!

In the afternoon we will be selling hot and cold drinks and cakes for KS2 sports day. Please come along and treat yourselves to a drink and snack you haven't had to make yourselves!

**YEAR 6 LEAVERS HOODIES** – if you would like to order a hoodie please return the order form and money to school reception by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you.



## Date for your diary

### Summer Party – Saturday 16th July 7.30pm

We are pleased to announce that the Tranmere Park Summer Party will take place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July at Bradford Golf Club. This promises to be a great night out – a brilliant DJ, stunning venue and good food too. This is a fabulous excuse for the ladies to get dressed up and the men too! Tickets cost £20 each and will be on sale soon. For enquiries please contact Gaynor Hammond on 07714 660464 or email [gaynorahammond@btinternet.com](mailto:gaynorahammond@btinternet.com)

## Sponsored Bounce

The final amount raised on the Sponsored Bounce was a fantastic £1268.05 and the May Bake £366.71

Once again thank you to everybody who contributed in any way towards the success of these events, it is greatly appreciated.

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