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# TRANMERE TIMES NEWSLETTER

## Friday 16th September 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

#### Early Morning Procedures (Please note new whistle time)

Children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 will line up in the playground at 8.50am when the whistle is blown. This is to ensure that the children start the school day promptly. Parents are free to leave the playground at this stage. However, if parents wish to remain in the playground once the children have lined up, can we please ask you to stand back and wait until all the children have gone into school before leaving the playground. This is to encourage independence and to avoid the congestion of buggies/parents/children all using the pathways at the same time. Pupils should be on the playground for **8.50am at the very latest**.

#### Parent Governor Vacancy

Mrs Kirsten Branston, mother of Romany and Liberty, has served on our Governing Body for the last 9 years, making a great contribution to the Governors serving on the Pupil Support Sub Committee and as Vice Chair. As both girls are now at Guiseley School Mrs Branston has let me know she will need to stand down and as a result a parent governor is required to fill her place on the governing body of the school. As a parent of a child at the school you are entitled to stand as a candidate and vote in any election. If you wish to offer yourself as a candidate to become a parent governor you should contact the school to request the information for prospective governor's information, complete the slip and return it to the headteacher by **Friday 23rd September**.

Although any eligible parent can stand for election, the governing body has identified that the following skills and experience would be desirable for the governing body to improve its effectiveness:

- Human resources, personnel
- Health & safety, buildings management

Please note that you are not eligible to be a parent governor if you work at the school for more than 500 hours per year. You are also not eligible to be a governor if you fulfil any of the disqualification criteria listed on the eligibility form included in the information pack. If you become a governor you are expected to sign up to the Governors' Code of Conduct.

We would like to thank Mrs Branston for all her hard work on behalf of the school.

#### Parent Forum

Four years ago we started our Parent Forum group which has worked extremely well to feed a parent perspective into all aspects of School Development. We're looking for parents who can spare a couple of hours or so every half term. A forum meeting will take place half termly at 9.00am on a Wednesday mornings in the staff room where ideas are discussed for continually improving Tranmere Park. Ideally we would like a couple of parents from each year group to join the parents forum so we have a balance of views from Reception to Year 6. If you are interested please e-mail [victoriareeve@tranmerepark.leeds.sch.uk](mailto:victoriareeve@tranmerepark.leeds.sch.uk) expressing your interest or see Mrs Finley on the playground. Previous Parent Forum Representatives are welcome to re-apply!

Autumn term dates are Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2016/

#### Visible Classroom Project

Tranmere Park has been selected to be involved in a very exciting national research project which aims to improve student achievement outcomes by supporting teachers' professional practice development. The project aims to encourage teachers to reflect on their teaching and develop classroom practice using real-time, credible evidence. **This**

**year our year 5 and 6 pupils and staff will be working in partnership with The University of Melbourne.** The work will build upon the research of Professor John Hattie and will focus upon analysing the way in which teacher talk and feedback can impact upon pupil outcomes. We are very excited about this project but before we begin we will need all parents with a child in either year 5 or year 6 to complete the consent form sent home this evening. There is also a copy attached to this week's newsletter. **Please could we ask that all consent forms (whether opting in or out) are returned to school no later than Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Thank you!**

### **Tempest Photographs**

The school photographer will be in school next week on **Tuesday 20th September** to take individual/siblings photographs. Please note siblings will be taken together. Could you please ensure your child is dressed in the correct uniform.

### **Drop-off Zone**

We are looking to recruit some new volunteers for our Drop-off Zone. Please consider giving up 10 minutes of your day from 8.40am – 8.50am in order for this valuable service to continue.

Our drop-off zone has been an extremely successful venture in the last few years due to a team of dedicated volunteers. We currently need extra help after half term in order to maintain this service. If you feel you could help out as a volunteer on one of these mornings please see Mrs Finley or call in at the school office.

### **Dogs on the school grounds**

Could we politely ask that parents/carers do not bring dogs onto the school grounds.

### **Consultation Ilkley Grammar School**

Ilkley Grammar School are opening a consultation to seek your views on a proposed building expansion and facilities improvements programme on the existing site along with subsequent changes to their pupil admission numbers from September 2018. Please see the letter attached to tonight's Tranmere Times.

### **Healthy Tuck Shop**

In addition to the school free fruit that we receive for Reception and Key Stage 1 classes school run a fruit tuck shop at morning break for all year groups. Fresh fruit, cheeses, yogurts etc. are available at a cost of 30p per item. Reception and Key Stage 1 children may still purchase a healthy snack in addition to the Government free fruit scheme if they wish to do so.

### **Parent Volunteers**

If you would like to volunteer to work in one of the classrooms in school there will be a meeting for volunteers shortly (date to be confirmed) with Mrs Gibson (Eagles) and Mrs Sanderson (SBM). We require volunteers to complete a short application form in-line with safeguarding procedures. A 'Disclosure and Barring Service' form will also be required.

### **Cross Country**

Cross country started last Tuesday, the first 4 sessions are for everyone in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 who would like to try cross country. If children are interested in trying the club please come to Woodpeckers classroom at 3.15 on Tuesday 13th September. When the session is finished please can the children be collected from outside Woodpeckers at 3.50pm. Outdoor trainers are essential to take part. Many Thanks, Mr Joynson and Mr Housden.

## **Important Information**

### **School Dinner Money**

From September school meal prices have increased to £2.35 per meal £11.75 per week. Please be reminded that meals must be purchased for the full week ahead. The cost for school meals for this half term (6<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016) is £79.90

Current Year 2 children will no longer qualify for Universal Free School Meals in September. A letter was sent home on Tuesday this week to parents of year 3 pupils with information on how to pay using the online system.

### **Assemblies**

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

Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	School Council
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Falcons
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Doves
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Wrens

### Forthcoming Dates

<b>2016</b>		
Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup> September	Tempest photographer in school (individual/sibling photos)
Thursday	29 <sup>th</sup> September	Social Evening for all <u>new</u> parents 6.00pm
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival
Monday	17 <sup>th</sup> October	Pupil Mentoring Week
<b>Friday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSERS FOR HALF TERM HOLIDAYS at 3.15pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>AUTUMN HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>SCHOOL RE-OPENS TO YEARS 1 - 6</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>EYFS TRAINING DAY – School closed to Reception classes only</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 [victoriareeve@tranmerepark.leeds.sch.uk](mailto:victoriareeve@tranmerepark.leeds.sch.uk)

**Below are the children who received a Special Mention this week in Special Mention Assembly**

Reeve Burton, Freddie Eccles (Wrens) and Anna Redman (Woodpeckers) have all achieved their ASA bronze swimming badges which included a 400m swim) Well done!

CLASS	ATTAINMENT	ATTITUDE
EAGLES	Dylan Duckmanton & Barnaby Warman	
SKYLARKS	Jennah Cahn, Isaac Dey & Fraser Kempton	
HERONS	Amelie Ross	Alfie Wilson
RED KITES	Jude Hudson	Jamie Careford
WOODPECKERS	Isabelle Charnock & Jack Hawksworth	
WRENS	Evie Gallant-Lester	Libby Dickinson
FALCONS	Mia Tam	Sam Worley
PUFFINS	Owen Morgan & Lizzy Thomson	
KINGFISHERS	Layla Cahn & Dylan Thomas	
DOVES	Ruben Fernandez	Sophia Lawlor

Mrs Martin also gave a special mention to Abi Samways who is wearing the correct type of earrings (small plain studs) and Sophia Lawlor who has hidden her braid in her tied back hair!

## Extended Services

**Aireborough Leisure Centre – Extended Services** As you may be aware Sport England's 'Towards an Active Nation' strategy 2016 – 2021 puts particular emphasis on encouraging children and young people from the age of five to build positive attitudes to sport and activity as the foundations of an active life, in addition to an increased emphasis on partnership working. Attached are details of some of the activities that are taking place this autumn term at Aireborough Leisure Centre.

Attached please find the Autumn 1 Terms Extended Services Programme for school.

**Language Learners French & Spanish Classes** Would you like your child to excel in languages? September is a great time to join us! Our classes have been established at Tranmere Park for many years. French and Spanish classes take place each week for all year groups. Our classes are small, fun, interactive and structured. We follow the Award Winning La Jolie Ronde structured programme. For further information please contact Zoë Dooley on 0113 2500809/07946577545 [zoe@languagelearners.co.uk](mailto:zoe@languagelearners.co.uk). [www.languagelearners.co.uk](http://www.languagelearners.co.uk) [www.lajolieronde.co.uk](http://www.lajolieronde.co.uk)

## 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 12th – 16th September.

ROBINS	100%	WOODPECKERS	99.4%
BLUEBIRDS	100%	WRENS	100%
EAGLES	100%	FALCONS	96.1%
SKYLARKS	100%	PUFFINS	98.0%
HERONS	100%	KINGFISHERS	99.4%
RED KITES	97.5%	DOVES	98.8%

Well done to Robins, Bluebirds, Eagles, Skylarks, Herons and Wrens Classes.

*Kirsten Finley*  
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Headteacher



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