



# TRANMERE TIMES NEWSLETTER

## Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

#### Tempest Photographs

Your child's photograph proof has been sent home this week. The deadline to order photographs is **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October**. Please follow the order instructions on the form provided. Please ensure checks are made payable to 'Tempest Photography'. Late orders cannot be accepted by school but may be placed with Tempest direct.

#### Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a new school governor. 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.

#### School Council

Elections for Team Captains and Vice-Captains have taken place and the results are as follows:

Team	Captains	Vice-Captains
Red Team (Rievaulx)	Phoebe Walsh & James Cooper	Amy Sykes & Marc Ainsworth
Blue Team (Bolton)	Poppy Phillips & Daniel Bowden	Layla Cahn & George Nicholson
Yellow Team (Fountains)	Sofia Christanthou & Max Firbank	Jasmine Moore & Matthew Cragg
Green Team (Kirkstall)	Bella Gudgeon & Dylan Thomas	Amelia McDonnell & Sam Casey

All pupils voted for Team Captains and Vice-Captains. Well done to all of you, the other children obviously have confidence in your abilities!

#### Book Amnesty

Please return any school library books; we have a number missing, particularly from last years Reception/KS1 classes. Please have a look at home and return them to school next week. Thank you.

#### Parent Forum

Thank you to those people who have already volunteered to join the Parent Forum. Ideally we would like a couple of parents from each year group to join the Parent Forum so we have a balance of views from Reception to Year 6. Previous Parent Forum Representatives are also very welcome to re-apply. 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.

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

**Parent Forum Group  
Contact details**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Parent</b>	<b>Child's name</b>	<b>Email addresses</b>
Robins	Sara Jacklin 1 vacancy	Jude	
Bluebirds	2 vacancies		
Eagles	Clare Wright 1 vacancy	Ben	
Skylarks	2 vacancies		
Hérons	2 vacancies		
Red Kites	2 vacancies		
Woodpeckers	Sophie Morley 1 vacancy	William	
Wrens	Claire Warman Catherine Jackson	Harry Amelie	
Falcons	2 vacancies		
Puffins	2 vacancies		
Kingfishers	Natalie Bottomley 1 vacancy	Georgia	
Doves	2 vacancies		

**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.

**OPEN DAYS**

Tranmere Park will be holding two open meetings for prospective parents in November. The first will take place on Tuesday 8th November at 9.30am. The second will take place on Thursday 10th November at 1.30pm. Both meetings will last approximately an hour and a half.

**Influenza vaccination Campaign – Advance Notice**

NHS England commissioned Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust to deliver Influenza vaccinations in all Leeds primary schools.

We have now been informed that the Influenza Campaign will be rolled out in Years 1,2 & 3 across all Leeds Primary Schools. Consent letters will be sent out to parents will be sent out on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September (we have been informed they cannot be sent out before) and the actual vaccinations (via a nasal spray) will take place in school on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

Please note the consent form will need to be returned by **9am on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October** PLEASE NOTE IF THE CONSENT FORM IS RETURNED AFTER THIS DATE YOUR CHILD MAY NOT BE ABLE TO HAVE THE VACCINE AS PLANNED.

**Parent Volunteers**

If you would like to volunteer to work in one of the classrooms in school there will be a meeting for volunteers on **3<sup>rd</sup> Monday October at 9.10am** 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.

**Social Night for Reception Mums**

Message from a Reception Parent: Tonight quite a few of the mums with children in this year's Reception classes are meeting down at the White Cross to celebrate the first full week in Reception. Any time from around 8pm - the more the merrier to please come along!

### **Respect Poster**

As part of 'Child Friendly Leeds' within Leeds City Council we have been asked to display a 'Respect notice in school' which is now displayed in classrooms and at the main school office. This notice is similar to the one displayed within the NHS service in hospitals and Doctors surgeries. A copy of the notice is attached.

## **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**.

<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Falcons</b>
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Doves</b>
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Harvest Festival</b>
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>Wrens</b>

### **Forthcoming Dates**

<b>2016</b>		
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 CLOSSES 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)

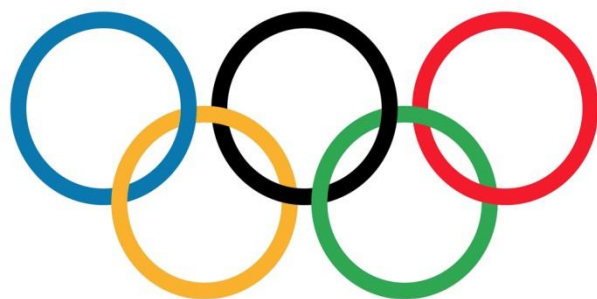
**Below are the children who received a Special Mention this week in Special Mention Assembly**

Morgan (Puffins) and Isla Duffey (Red Kites) completed a 12 mile walk around Leyburn in North Yorkshire last weekend (others completed a 61 mile bike ride). It was in memory of a colleague at their fathers work who passed away recently from cancer. Their efforts contributed to the group raising over £5,000 for Cancer Research. Well Done.

There was no Special Mention assembly this week due to the School Council Election Results taking place.

## Extended Services

### Yorkshire Rio Heroes - Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 5.15pm



There will be an Homecoming Parade in Leeds city centre to welcome back our Rio Heroes! Line the route from 5.15pm. Celebrate the achievements of Yorkshire's Olympians and Paralympians. For route details and more information go to [Yorkshire.com/rio](http://Yorkshire.com/rio).

**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 Zoe 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)

### Skelton Grange Open Day - Saturday, 8th October 2016

**The Conservation Volunteers in Leeds have been very busy of late, working with a brilliant bunch of volunteers to create a new vegetable garden, a bare foot trail, new meadows, installing bee hives and bird boxes and generally having a fantastic time.**

They plan to celebrate these achievements by flinging open the doors at Skelton Grange and inviting the people of Leeds and Yorkshire for an Open Day on **Saturday, 8th October 2016** as part of The Conservation Volunteers 'Big Green Weekend'.

This special open day is a great opportunity for the people of Leeds to find out what Skelton Grange has to offer and to get close to nature through a huge range of activities. There'll be green woodworking, bushcraft skills, campfire cooking, spoon carving, bike maintenance workshops, circus skills, fête games, locally brewed beer, dragon fired pizzas, homemade cakes, tea & coffee, music, art, craft activities, bee keeping, badminton, table tennis, pond dipping, minibeast hunting plus more activities to be confirmed!

The Skelton Grange Open Day will run from 11am until 4pm. Like us on Facebook to keep updated: [www.facebook.com/SkeltonGrangeEnvironmentCentre](http://www.facebook.com/SkeltonGrangeEnvironmentCentre).

## 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 19th – 23rd September.

ROBINS	99.6%	WOODPECKERS	100%
BLUEBIRDS	98.6%	WRENS	97.7%
EAGLES	97.0%	FALCONS	100%
SKYLARKS	96.7%	PUFFINS	100%
HERONS	98.7%	KINGFISHERS	98.1%
RED KITES	99.1%	DOVES	99.1%

Well done to Woodpeckers, Falcons and Puffins!

Kirsten Finley  
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Headteacher



INVESTORS IN PUPILS

