



TRANMERE TIMES NEWSLETTER

Friday 29th September 2017

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

POLITE REMINDER

This year we have a pupil within our setting who is extremely poorly and as a result of this has a weakened immune system. The pupil is therefore highly susceptible to further illness (which could ultimately become life-threatening). It is therefore VITAL that you let school know if your child is unwell and that you do not send them to school before they have fully recovered from any illness.

In the case of sickness/diarrhoea can we remind parents/carers that children should be kept off school for a full 48 hours after the last bout of sickness.

Thank you for your cooperation in this very important matter.

School Development Work

This year our priorities are:

- Consolidating the work on whole class reading introduced in 2015/2016
- Introducing the 'Concrete-Pictorial-Abstract approach' in maths
- Introducing a whole school editing policy – 'Tranmere Track' aiming to specifically teach children the skills to edit their work
- Extending the 'Learning behaviours' focus from Pupil Mentoring folders to become part of usual classroom practice
- Replacing class bulletins with knowledge organisers
- Introducing our new school ethos each week. We'll tell you about an aspect of this work in detail

This Week: **Introducing a whole school editing policy 'TranmereTRACK':**

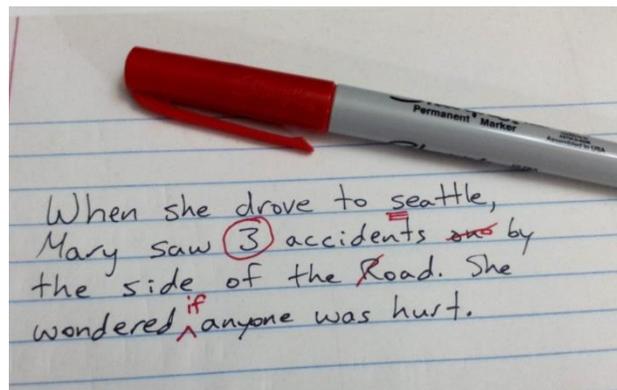
We identified a need to increase the independent accuracy of the children's writing across the school. Errors in capitalisation, basic and year-group appropriate punctuation, spelling and general coherence were holding the children back from higher standards of writing.

So, what we've done, is to develop an incredibly clever acronym to fit the following areas of self-checking in writing:

- T**rack every word;
- R**ead for sense;
- A**ccurate spellings;
- C**heck punctuation;
- K**ey features.

This is essentially a school-wide system of cumulative re-reading, whereby at regular intervals during a piece of written work, children stop and 'TRACK' their output so far, checking for the five criteria detailed in the strategy name.

The aim is to culture the children into editing their writing comprehensively before it is seen by an adult, therefore cutting out basic secretarial marking and ensuring that the non-negotiables of the previous year's learning are adhered to. The punctuation and spelling elements will be directly taken from the child's previous end-of-year expectations, while spellings linked to current learning will be also provided for the children.



How this system is implemented in each year group will vary depending on age, but it is expected that by Year 6, the children will be completely consistent and independent in the completion of this process.

We are already seeing improvements in the children's first-drafts; as you'd expect, given the time and focus to purposefully check their work for basic errors, the results are positive.

Children arriving at school late in the morning

Can we remind parents to ensure they deliver their child to the office if their class have already gone into the building on a morning? We've had reports of parents beckoning other children in their child's class to open the fire-doors/exterior doors to let their child into school, rather than getting the late-mark. This is confusing for the children in the class and a potential safeguarding issue.

Health Care Forms

We are still awaiting the return of a number of Health Care Forms. Can we remind parents that we need all Health Care Forms returned to school even if your child has no known medical conditions or allergy. Thank you.

Influenza vaccination Campaign Rec – Yr 4

Consent forms need to be returned **no later than 9am on Wednesday 4th October** PLEASE NOTE IF THE CONSENT FORM IS RETURNED AFTER THIS DATE YOUR CHILD MAY NOT BE ABLE TO HAVE THE VACCINE AS PLANNED.

The actual vaccinations (via a nasal spray) will take place in school on **Wednesday 18th October 2017**.

URGENT - Drop-off Zone

We are looking to recruit 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 in order to maintain this service. If you feel you could help out as a volunteer please see Mr Winters or call in at the school office.

School Council

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

Team Colour	Team Name	Team Captains
Red Team	Pegasus	Amy Sykes & Oliver Houghton
Yellow Team	Minotaur	Jasmine Moore & Jack Woodhouse
Green Team	Hydra	Lauren Hall & Seb Murphy
Blue Team	Phoenix	Layla Cahn & Owen Morgan

Next week pupils will vote for Vice-Captains.

TK Maxx Give Up Clothes for Good September 2017 - Children's Cancer Research

Thank you to everyone who has supported this worthy cause.

Harvest Festival

This year as part of our Harvest Festival celebrations in school we will be supporting our local food bank, Bradford North.

We would like to ask parents for donations of non-perishable foods and basic toiletries e.g. rice, pasta tinned goods jars – tea, coffee, sugar, cereals, biscuits, toothpaste, soap etc. The food bank have particularly requested tinned meat or fish products (tinned steak/tuna) etc. Please ensure all goods are in date. Donations will be very much appreciated in school from week commencing Monday 9th October to Friday 13th October. A poster is attached to tonight's Tranmere Times giving further information. Thank you in anticipation of your continued support.



Important Information

School Dinner Money

From September school meal prices have increased to £2.40 per meal £12.00 per week. Please be reminded that meals must be purchased for the full week ahead.

Dinner Money for Years 3-6 for the first half term of the new academic year (Wednesday 6th September to Friday 20th October (33 days) is £79.20.

Assemblies

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

6 th October	Doves	Assembly
13 th October	Harvest Festival	Assembly
20 th October	Hérons	Drop-in

Forthcoming Dates

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Thursday	12 th October	Tempest photographer in school (individual/sibling photos)
Friday	13 th October	Harvest Festival
Friday	20th October	SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HALF TERM HOLIDAYS at 3.15pm
Monday	16 th October	Pupil Mentoring Week
Monday	23rd October	AUTUMN HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday	30th October	TRAINING DAY
Tuesday	31st October	EYFS TRAINING DAY
Tuesday	31st October	SCHOOL RE-OPENS TO YEARS 1 - 6
Monday	6 th November	Themed Week in School
Tuesday	7 th November	Open Day for Prospective Parents 9.30 am
Thursday	9 th November	Open Day for Prospective Parents 1.30 pm
Tuesday	14 th November	Parent/Teacher Consultation Evening 3.30pm – 7pm
Thursday	16 th November	Parent/Teacher Consultation Evening 3.30pm – 5pm

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 25th – 29th September.

ROBINS	94.1%	WOODPECKERS	96.5%
BLUEBIRDS	99.6%	WRENS	98.3%
EAGLES	98.3%	FALCONS	98.1%
SKYLARKS	98.3%	PUFFINS	97.3%
HERONS	98.7%	KINGFISHERS	100%
RED KITES	99.4%	DOVES	98.2%

Well done Kingfishers!



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

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

CLASS	ATTAINMENT	SELF MANAGER
EAGLES	Aiden Smith	Neeve McCaul
SKYLARKS	Wes Knight	Flo Ross
HERONS	Deen Malik & Thomas Marquand	Barnaby Warman
RED KITES	Sam Harrison	Oliver Lovedale
WOODPECKERS	Jack Allgar	Rebecca James
WRENS	Shreeya Mistry	Amelia Robinson
FALCONS	Anna Redman	Freya Conway
PUFFINS	Seren Young	Matty Paxton
KINGFISHERS	James Piotrowski	Owen Leighton
DOVES	Caitlin Marshall	Layla Cahn & Ima Gin

Extended Services

Attached to tonight's Tranmere Times is the October half term holiday programme for [Aireborough Leisure Centre](#) and [Inspiration Tree](#).

Attached to tonight's Tranmere Times is a post from Leeds Basket Ball Club with information on basketball for 5-11 year olds and 12-16 year olds.

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INVESTORS IN PUPILS



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