

TRANMERE TIMES NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th October 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



A huge thank you to everyone who sent in items for the Harvest Festival Collection, the response was fantastic once again! Our collection was displayed during our special Harvest assembly this morning.

The Fair Trade Council and Year 6 pupils helped to pack up all the donations for Bradford North food bank to collect. The food bank will weigh all of our donations and work out how many adults, children and families we have helped. Thank you so much for your generosity.

WELL DONE TEAM TRANMERE!



Tempest Photographs

Your child's photograph proof has been sent home in book bags tonight. The deadline to order photographs is **Friday 3rd November**. Please follow the order instructions on the form provided. Please ensure cheques are made payable to 'Tempest Photography'. Late orders cannot be accepted by school but may be placed with Tempest direct.

Aprons needed in school for art/craft activities

We have noticed that a number of pupils do not have an apron in school to protect their uniform during messy craft activities. Pupils do not have to have a plastic apron (like the ones used by EYFS / Key Stage One) but do need something to keep in school (an old shirt or large t-shirt are ideal) that will cover their uniform during these activities. Key Stage Two pupils will be working with clay next week therefore please send something to cover your child's school uniform.

EYFS class photographs in the YEP

We would like to inform parents of children in EYFS that a class photograph will appear in next Thursday (19th) Yorkshire Evening Post under the new school starters section.

School Attendance Policy

It has been brought to our attention that there is some confusion among EYFS parents regarding authorised/unauthorised absences.

Some parents are under the impression that if their child is still only 4 years old they are permitted to take time off school for holidays without it being classed as an unauthorised absence. This is incorrect, exceptional circumstances might be authorised but any holidays requests will be unauthorised as they are with any other pupil in other year groups..

The schools Attendance Policy can be viewed on our school website. Search under the 'School' tab and then the 'Policies' tab.

Packed Lunches Policy

Can we politely remind parents that hot food in flasks (ie soup, spaghetti etc) is not permitted at lunchtimes for Health and Safety reasons. Children often struggle to open the flasks and this has resulted in spillages of very hot contents in the past. As a school we cannot be sure that the temperature of the food would not scald a child. We would also like to remind parents about our NO NUT (or nut related products ie Nutella) policy. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

New First World War Memorial at Nunroyd Park



On Monday ten children from Year 6 attended the civic opening ceremony for the new First World War Memorial Gardens. They represented the school brilliantly at an event that was attended by the Lord Mayor of Leeds, Cllr Jane Dowson. The children were disappointed that they had to head back to school after the ceremony and were not able to join the dignitaries at the bun fight afterwards!

OPEN DAYS

Tranmere Park will be holding two open meetings for prospective parents in November. The first will take place on Tuesday **7th November at 9.30am**. The second will take place on **Thursday 9th November at 1.30pm**. Both meetings will last approximately an hour and a half.

Years 3, 4 and 5 Residentials

Letters have been sent home this week to pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 about the forthcoming residential to Malham and Ingleborough Hall.

School Council Members

Elections took place this week with pupils voting for a member of their class to be their representative at School Council Meetings. The successful pupils are listed below, we hope that they enjoy their time as council members.

Class	School Council Member
Eagles	Luke Shepherd
Skylarks	Wes Knight
Hérons	Natasha Smith
Red Kites	Evie Walker
Woodpeckers	Isla Worsman
Wrens	Esther Dooling
Falcons	Amelie Knight
Puffins	Suzie Stevenson
Kingfishers	Harvey Crompton
Doves	Sonny Shambhag

Parent Forum

Our Parent Forum group 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 Thursday 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 parent's 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 expressing your interest or see Mrs Finley or Mrs Hodgson on the playground. Previous Parent Forum Representatives are welcome to re-apply! Thank you to those who have volunteered so far.

The first two dates have been scheduled for **Thursday 23rd November 2017** and **Thursday 25th January 2018 at 9am.**

Parent Forum Group Contact details

Class	Parent	Child's name	Email addresses
Robins	2 vacancies		
Bluebirds	2 vacancies		
Eagles	Alison Bull 1 vacancy	Lexi	alibull@btinternet.com
Skylarks	David Wright 1 vacancy	Ben	d.s.wright@sky.com
Hérons	2 vacancies		
Red Kites	2 vacancies		
Woodpeckers	Julie White 1 vacancy	Isobel	Juls_white@hotmail.co.uk
Wrens	Sophie Morley 1 vacancy	Will	peterandsophiemorley@btinternet.com
Falcons	2 vacancies		
Puffins	2 vacancies		
Kingfishers	Joanne Shepherd 1 vacancy	Ava	Jo.shepherd@yahoo.co.uk
Doves	2 vacancies		

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.

Parent Volunteers

If any parent would like to volunteer in school for a morning or afternoon session please collect an application form from the school office.

Parents need to commit for a 12 month period as there is a cost to school to complete a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Form. Any queries please see Mrs Sanderson or Mrs Gibson. Thank You.

Necklace Found

A necklace has been found on the school playground with a ring attached to it. If you think it may be yours please call at the school office.

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**.

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Forthcoming Dates

2017		
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 9th – 13th October.

ROBINS	98.2%	WOODPECKERS	99.4%
BLUEBIRDS	99.1%	WRENS	98.3%
EAGLES	97.7%	FALCONS	98.1%
SKYLARKS	98.7%	PUFFINS	99.7%
HERONS	99.3%	KINGFISHERS	96.9%
RED KITES	100%	DOVES	98.2%

Well done Red Kites!

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

Congratulations to Evie Hodgson of Falcons class who has just received her Arts Award Explore (Entry 3) awarded by Trinity College London. This is her first art award through Youngs Masters visual arts school. She will eventually work towards bronze and silver levels which are pre GCSE level awards. Well done Evie!

There was no Special Mention Assembly this week due to school photographs taking place in the hall on Thursday and the Harvest Festival taking place today.

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Monday 6th November 2017 - Bonfire Bake
 Monday 20th November 2017 - EYFS/KS1 Movie Night 3.15pm – 4.45pm approx
 Monday 27th November 2017 - KS2 Movie Night 3.15pm – 4.45pm approx
 Saturday 2nd December 2017 - Christmas Fair 12.00pm – 2.30pm

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