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TRANMERE TIMES NEWSLETTER

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General School Information/Dates

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Meet the Governors

It is a while since we introduced our Governors to parents on Tranmere Times so we thought it was time to re-introduce them for the benefit of our newer parents. For the next few weeks we will share a pen portrait of all our Governors. This week we are introducing Mrs Stout our Chair of Governors and Mrs Burke our Vice-Chair.



My name is Marie Stout and I am the Chair of Governors. I have Daniel and Samuel at the school. I sit on the Pupil Support and Pay sub-committees and have been Chair since 2015. I am also the Safeguarding Governor. Over the last three years, I have particularly enjoyed being part of the team that recruits and supports members of staff, and now focuses on policies for pupil support. We have a fantastic staff team at our school and watching them and the children producing fantastic results year after year is very satisfying. I am also lucky enough to make frequent visits to school and spend time with the pupils. They never fail to surprise me with their marvellous manners and intelligent observations, whatever the task in hand! I am looking forward to at least the next year in my role, during this period of change as we work with the other schools in our Trust and develop the Noctua project. As Governors, we will continue to support and challenge wherever we feel our input is useful.



I am Barbara Burke and I am the Vice Chair of Governors having been co-opted onto the Governing Body in March 2014. I am a retired GP. Two of my grandchildren have attended Tranmere Park school. I have been involved with the gardens and with the Food for Life project. I attend school regularly, especially in the spring and summer, to supervise gardening at lunchtime. I therefore have regular contact with both the children and staff, which I enjoy – and I hope they do too!

Tempest Photographs

Individual and sibling photographs were sent home this week. We have had a few parent queries that there are no mounts for the photographs in their packs. We have been informed by Tempest that they do not automatically include mounts anymore and that parents needed to indicate they required them on the order form. If you omitted to do this and would like to order a mount you can go to the following link and order them Free of Charge. Link code <http://htmp.st/mounts>.

Letter regarding Co-Headship

A letter was sent home on the 10th November regarding the new Co-Headship arrangement between Mrs Finley and Mrs Hodgson. To help ensure all parents/carers are aware of this new arrangement a copy of the letter is attached to tonight's Tranmere Times.

Letter regarding Leeds City Council's Parking enforcement vehicle.

We have received a letter from Leeds City Council about their investment in a new parking enforcement vehicle. Please be aware that the vehicle may be in our area soon! We would like to encourage all our parents to walk their child to and from school or if they must travel by car to park and stride wherever possible.

Safeguarding at the end of the school day

The school gates will start to be unlocked at 3pm. The top gate will be opened first, followed by the side gate and finally the bottom gate by the ginnel. This procedure is to ensure the safety of children on the school premises towards the end of the day.

Chickenpox and Threadworms

We have had reported cases of Threadworms in EYFS. Please check and treat for worms if necessary. We have also had a reported case of Chickpox.

Important Information

Residential

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| Year 6 PGL | £55.00 is due on 4 th December |
| Year 5 Ingleborough | £55.00 is due by the 27 th November |

School Dinner Money

Meal prices are £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 second half term of the academic year (Tuesday 31st October to Wednesday 20th December (37 days) is £88.80

Assemblies

Parents are most welcome to attend their child's class assembly/drop-in session at **9.10am**.

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| 24 th November | Skylarks | Assembly |
| 1 st December | Kingfishers | Drop-in |

Forthcoming Dates

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| Saturday | 2 nd December | PTA Christmas Fair – 12.00 - 2.30 pm |
| Monday | 4 th December | Y3/4 Dress Rehearsal (Christmas Concert) 9.45 am |
| Tuesday | 5 th December | Y3/4 Christmas Concert – 1.45pm |
| Wednesday | 6 th December | EYFS Dress Rehearsal (Christmas Concert) 9.45am (in school) Y3/4 Christmas Concert – 1.45pm |
| Thursday | 7 th December | EYFS Christmas Concert 1.45pm |
| Monday | 11 th December | Y5/6 Dress Rehearsal (Christmas Concert) 9.30am (in school) |
| Tuesday | 12 th December | KS1 Dress Rehearsal (Christmas Concert) 9.45am EYFS Christmas Party in School after lunch |
| Wednesday | 13 th December | Y5/6 Dress Rehearsal (Christmas Concert) 9.45am (in church) KS1 Christmas Concert 1.45pm Year 5/6 Christmas Concert 6pm St Oswald's Church – Now confirmed |
| Thursday | 14 th December | Christmas Lunch |
| Friday | 15 th December | KS1 Christmas Party in school |
| Monday | 18 th December | Years 3 and 4 Christmas Party in school after lunch |
| Tuesday | 19 th December | Years 5 and 6 Christmas Party in school after lunch |
| Wednesday | 20 th December | Christmas Panto 9.30 am |
| Wednesday | 20th December | SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS at 3.15pm and reopens on 4th January 2018 |

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 20th – 24th November.

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| ROBINS | 95.9% | WOODPECKERS | 98.7% |
| BLUEBIRDS | 95.2% | WRENS | 99.0% |
| EAGLES | 95.7% | FALCONS | 99.7% |
| SKYLARKS | 95.7% | PUFFINS | 99.0% |
| HERONS | 96.7% | KINGFISHERS | 99.1% |
| RED KITES | 100% | DOVES | 95.9% |

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

A huge thank you to Mr Robinson, grandfather of Morgan (Kingfishers) and Isla Duffey (Woodpeckers) and his group of volunteers (Mrs Thomson with Lizzy, Mr and Mrs Owen with Anna and Mrs Reeve) for clearing the ginnel on Saturday. It has made a huge difference to the safety of the ginnel for all families that use this route to school.

There was no Special Mention Assembly on Thursday due to an event taking place in the hall.

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Forthcoming Dates

Monday 27th November 2017

KS2 Movie Night 3.15pm – 5.00pm.

Cost £3.00

(includes a drink and popcorn)



Gift Grotto – Friday 1st December

“Don’t let your child miss out when the elves come to collect them for their magical Grotto experience!”

Father Christmas is coming early to Tranmere Park! The PTA Elves will be running a Gift Grotto on **Friday 1st December** where children can buy a surprise gift for mums, dads, grandmas, grandads – or any other important grown-ups! **All orders need to be received by this Monday 27th November** in order for the elves to get the gifts ready. “Don’t let your child miss out when the elves come to collect them for their magical Grotto experience!”

Please make cheques payable to Tranmere Park PTA and mark envelopes Gift Grotto. Thank you for your continued support.



Radio Aire’s Mission Christmas campaign

The PTA have agreed to take part in Radio Aire’s Mission Christmas campaign which aims to make sure that every child in Leeds and West Yorkshire wakes up to a present on Christmas morning. It’s hard to understand that thousands of local children live in real deprivation and are at risk of waking up on Christmas morning to nothing! Applications are received from registered professional bodies Inc. social services, charities, doctors, schools etc. There is a strict criterion which includes; children aged between 0 – 18 and living in real poverty within Leeds & West Yorkshire. In 2016, this campaign supported 23,396 *local* children by providing them with a gift to open on Christmas Day. To support the campaign this year, you are asked to buy 1 extra new and unwrapped gift, suitable for a child from birth to 18years. **Please bring your new unwrapped presents in on Friday 8th December or Monday 11th December. These will be collected on the afternoon of Monday 11th December.** Thank you in advance for your support.



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