

TRANMERE TIMES NEWSLETTER

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General School Information/Dates

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Christmas Events

Christmas is now in full swing at Tranmere Park with Year 3/4 and EYFS concerts entertaining us this week. Thank you to all our parents, carers, volunteers and their families for their continued support, it was great to see so many of you enjoying the concerts and Christmas Fair. Next Wednesday, KS1 will entertain us with their concert and in the evening Years 5/6 will perform their concert at St Oswald's Church at 6pm, all families are welcome to attend.

A special thank you to the PTA who have worked extremely hard over the past few weeks raising funds for school whilst at the same time creating a wonderful Christmas experience for the children.

Christmas Concerts

Can we remind everyone attending the forthcoming concerts that we are happy for parents/carers to take photographs. However, it is of the utmost importance for the safeguarding all children in our school that parents DO NOT put any pictures of pupils, other than their own child, on any social media sites. Thank you for your co operation in this matter.



National Christmas Jumper Day – Next Friday 15th December

Children can come to school in a Christmas Jumper and non-uniform on Friday 15th December in return for a small donation. This year we are supporting the charity Scope who have given help to some of our own pupils in the past.



Homework Club

Due to Christmas Productions and the changes this creates to the usual school routine there will be no Homework Club until after Christmas.

Cross Country

Due to the predicted forecast for the next week we are cancelling Cross Country practice for the next two weeks. It will start again in the new year (weather permitting).



Children from Tranmere Park Primary School represented West Yorkshire schools at the Town Hall Christmas Concert. They sang and behaved beautifully. A huge well done everyone! Thank you to parents for all of your support too.

Town Hall Christmas Concert

Well done to Toby, Sam, Seren, Lizzy, Evie, April, Sophie and Suzie who took part in a wonderful Christmas Concert at Leeds Town Hall on Tuesday evening.

Childs ring found

We have had a girl's Hello Kitty ring handed into the school after being found in the playground this week. If you think it may be yours please ask at the school office.

Appeal for spare underwear

We are currently very low on spare girls and boys pants in our spare clothes cupboard. If anyone is having a clear out and has any underwear their child has outgrown aged 6 - 11 could you please donate them to school.

Meet the Governors

We continue to re-introduce our governors for the benefit of our newer parents. This week we are introducing Parent Governors Robert Atkinson and Alexandra Whelan and Foundation Governor Mark Lewis.



My name is Robert Atkinson and I am the proud father of Amelia, Cameron and Rory. Cameron is currently a pupil at the school and I hope that Rory will follow in his brothers footsteps in years to come. I was brought up in Guiseley and have always lived in the area.

I was appointed as a School Governor in October 2016 and sit on the Finances and Resources subcommittee.

I have been a serving Police Officer within West Yorkshire Police for the last 22 years and am currently a uniform Police Inspector working in the Leeds District. As well as fulfilling my operational duties at work, I am a trained coach and mentor and assist a number of colleagues in their career development.

I have a real passion for ensuring that the pupils thrive as individual learners, reach their potential and leave with the fondest of memories. I will do everything that I can to ensure that the school's great reputation continues and I'll do my very best to support the dedicated and committed staff as they set and work towards the school's aims and objectives.

When I am not busy working, spending time with my family or being a Governor, I enjoy playing cricket for Guiseley Cricket Club and coaching the club's U9's team.



My name is Alexandra Whelan, and I am the local authority governor. I am a mum of two and have been a governor at TPPS since 2010. I have a degree in Economics and Politics, an Executive MBA in business and finance, and currently work as a chartered tax adviser. I hope that some of the skills I have obtained during my working life are of benefit to the school, most notably with regard to financial and people management.

I became a school governor because I am passionate about children's learning, development and social interaction and I aim to support the school in delivering these key skills to children in the local community. Our aim is to support and challenge the leadership team at TPPS in order that teachers and teaching assistants can continue to deliver a high standard of education in a safe, inclusive and fun environment in spite of the real and increasing pressure on school budgets. It has been a real pleasure to go into school on a regular basis over the last 7 years and work alongside the staff and children at TPPS and I look forward to doing this even more over the coming year.



Hi, I'm Mark Lewis and look forward to my time as a Governor at such a great school. I spend my weekdays working as a freelance consultant – helping businesses develop plans to tackle problems or maximise opportunities and delivering large scale or complex projects. I aim to bring some of this experience to the school, sharing some of the best practice I see in other sectors and helping with some of the challenges the school faces.

I moved onto Tranmere Park in 2015, and while my daughter is some way off being school age, my wife is a teacher who shares the challenges that teachers face with me: I feel well placed to contribute positively to the school with my understanding of the local community, insight into the day-to-day challenges schools face today, and a desire to make education as successful as possible.

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 4th – 8th December.

ROBINS	94.1%	WOODPECKERS	98.4%
BLUEBIRDS	98.3%	WRENS	99.7%
EAGLES	96.7%	FALCONS	99.4%
SKYLARKS	96.0%	PUFFINS	98.3%
HERONS	99.3%	KINGFISHERS	90.3%
RED KITES	99.4%	DOVES	96.2%

Important Information

Residentials

Year 6 PGL	£55.00 is due on 4 th December
Year 5 Ingleborough	£55.00 was due by the 27 th November (a few payments are still outstanding for November) December payment of £55 is due by the 18 th December.

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

Forthcoming Dates

2017		
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 – NO PARENTS at this dress rehearsal please) KS1 Christmas Concert 1.45pm Year 5/6 Christmas Concert 6pm St Oswald's Church
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



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

CLASS	ATTAINMENT	EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATOR
ROBINS	Jonny Walters	Riley Scott
BLUEBIRDS	Eva Robinson	Max Moore
EAGLES	Curtis Poole	Lexi Bull
SKYLARKS	James Ross	Daisy Ballance
HERONS	Deen Malik	Fraser Kempton
RED KITES	Matilda Brady & Benjamin Whelan	
WOODPECKERS	Jude Whetham	Hugo Hayes
WRENS	William Morley	Abby Clay
FALCONS	Charlie Wainwright	Abi Lister
PUFFINS	Louis Madden, Emilia Purnell & Suzie Stevenson	
KINGFISHERS	Sam Worley	Lizzie Thomson
DOVES	Jensen Lambert	Seb Murphy
MRS MARTIN	Eleanor Barton, Matthew Paxton for always looking smart and proud to be part of Team Tranmere.	

Extended Services

We have been asked to pass on this message from Ian Briscoe of Menston Junior Football Club

Notice to parents of Reception and Year one children that attend Menston Junior Football Club training at St Mary's that due to the weather the training session is cancelled. Ian Briscoe.

Please find attached Christmas holiday programme for Aireborough Leisure Centre and The Inspiration Tree.



The club is for KS1 children ONLY.

Magical Maths is a fun and exciting after school maths club which will run every Monday for 5 weeks from 8th January 2018.

For more information and to book your child a place, please go to:

www.magicalmathsclub.com or call 0113 834 3949.

This is maths.....but not as you know it!!!

P.T.A.

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 Monday 11th December before 12 noon. These will be collected on the afternoon of Monday 11th December.** Thank you for all the donations received today, we have had a great response so far. Thank you in advance for your support.



Thank you message from Mrs Laven P.T.A.

Where do I start? Well here goes, thank you to the sub committee who have worked for months to get everything in place, your own Christmas can start now, you are all ✨ ✨ Mrs Gibson, a constant source of help in every way possible, nothing could be done without her. Thank you to Tranmere staff, from mopping mats to building carts, to forcing cakes down when trying to pick a winner.

Thank you to the parents who made beautiful crafts, cakes, jars, gave tombola prizes and ran stalls, folded tickets, stuffed bags and ended up doing crazy things like plucking feathers from 🐔. Those who dressed as elves and gave out presents from Santa's amazing grotto created by some very hard working crafty ladies and a huge thank you to all families who came and had a ball and left with empty pockets!

Thank you to Turn up the Talent and the Treble Makers, I have to admit you brought tears to my eye, I'm a big softy when it comes to children, you all sounded beautiful and I can't think of a better way to start or end the fair. Also to the local businesses who gave donations to provide bags to carry home your goodies and came to help on stalls

thank you, what a community we live in.

If there is anyone who helped in any way that I have missed we are truly grateful. One last person, the man in red, we know it's a busy time but thanks for fitting us in. I should have just said thank you all but that wouldn't be me but I will end with it, thank you all. Tracy xx

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