

# TRANMERE TIMES NEWSLETTER

## Friday 15th December 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



#### Christmas Events

On Tuesday we watched a fantastic performance of 'A King is Born' performed by our KS1 children. Well done to all our performers over the past two weeks, you were all brilliant. Our Christmas concerts for this year were rounded off with some beautiful singing at St Oswald's Church by our year 5/6 children in a concert of modern and traditional Christmas songs, readings and poems. We hope you all enjoyed the concerts as much as we did.

The children were treated to a lovely Christmas Dinner yesterday prepared by our school cook Mrs Lee and her team. We would like to say a big THANK YOU to all the kitchen staff who had over 300 dinners to prepare this year!

Our parties will continue next week and on Wednesday the children will once again be treated to a pantomime provided by the PTA. This year the panto is Aladdin and if it is anything like last years it will be a very funny, very lively and very noisy morning! We will end our school festivities on a calmer note with carols around the tree in the afternoon.

We would like to say a huge thank you for all your support since September with homework, providing tombola prizes, supporting school events like concerts and assemblies.....the list is extensive but we really do appreciate your support.

We thanked our PTA members for all their hard work over the Christmas period last week but would like to thank them again for all their hard work throughout the year too.

On behalf of our whole school team, we would like to wish all our families a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas, together with best wishes for a successful and Happy New Year.



### **National Christmas Jumper Day**

Thank you to everyone who supported our non-uniform Christmas Jumper day today in aid of the charity Scope.

### **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 on Tuesday. It will start again in the new year (weather permitting).

### **Parent Forum**

Attached to tonight's Tranmere Times are the minutes of the last parent Forum meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

### **Instructions for accessing the Homework grid on our website**

It was mentioned at Parent Forum that some parents are still having difficulty accessing the homework grid on our website. We have attached, what we hope you will find is a very clear set of instructions to tonight's Tranmere Times.

### **Meet the Governors**

We continue to re-introduce our governors for the benefit of our newer parents. This week we are introducing our Headteacher Mrs Kirsten Finley, Foundation Governor Mr David Winters and Staff Governor Miss Victoria Marsden.



I am Kirsten Finley, the Headteacher at Tranmere Park. I've been employed at the school since 2001, initially as Deputy Head, before becoming Headteacher in 2007. I am designated as a National Leader of Education by the DfE and work with 40 schools in addition to Tranmere Park through our Teaching School Alliance, Noctua. As Headteacher, I sit on all the sub committees and present a report at each meeting of the Governing Body. We are lucky to have such a dedicated group of Governors – whether it's through class visits or attending parent evenings or running a club such as Dr Burke's Gardening Club – they all work really hard to ensure our school's continued success.



Hello, my name is David Winters and I am the Support Staff Governor. I have worked as a TA within the school since 2008, most recently within years 5 and 6.  
 Out of hours I enjoy attending music events, working on our allotment and am often to be found restoring ancient railway carriages at the Worth Valley Railway.  
 I greatly appreciate the start that Tranmere Park gave to my two children and love working with a fantastic team continuing the tradition.



Hello, my name is Victoria Marsden and I'm one of the staff governors. I have worked at Tranmere Park since 2013 and am currently the Early Years Foundation Stage phase leader, overall curriculum leader and part of the Senior Leadership Team for our school. I am a Specialist Leader in Education (SLE) for the National College for Teaching and Leadership in areas of EYFS, assessment, behaviour, mathematics, ICT, Initial Teacher Training and phonics. I am also a designated Leading Teacher for Leeds City Council. Both of these roles allow me the opportunity to help spread outstanding practice in other schools and up-skill other teachers.  
 In my governor role I am on the Teaching and Learning sub-committee and help to be a voice of the staff at governing body meetings.  
 When not at school I'm a keen musician and also play netball three or four times a week after re-discovering my love for the sport last year.

I love working at this school and I am really proud of the achievements of all of the children and staff at Tranmere Park – making us officially one of the best schools according to 'The Times Top Schools' list!

**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.

## 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 11th – 15th December.

ROBINS	95.9%	WOODPECKERS	98.4%
BLUEBIRDS	99.6%	WRENS	93%
EAGLES	98.3%	FALCONS	97.1%
SKYLARKS	99.7%	PUFFINS	98.7%
HERONS	98.7%	KINGFISHERS	96.6%
RED KITES	96.6%	DOVES	95.0%

## Important Information

**Residentials**

Year 6 PGL	<b>£55.00 please pay by the end of next week</b>
Year 5 Ingleborough	<b>£55.00 is due by the 18<sup>th</sup> December.</b>

**Assemblies**

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

12 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	School Council	Assembly
19 <sup>th</sup> January	Puffins	Drop-in
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Red Kites	Assembly
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Eagles	Drop-in
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Falcons	Assembly

### **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 (Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February (27 days) is £64.80

### **Forthcoming Dates**

Monday	18 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 3 and 4 Christmas Party in school after lunch
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 5 and 6 Christmas Party in school after lunch
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Panto 9.30 am
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS at 3.15pm</b>
<b>2018</b>		
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR THE SPRING TERM</b>
Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup> January	Open morning for Prospective Parents 9.30am
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup> January	PGL Parent's Information Evening
Wednesday	31 <sup>st</sup> January	Ingleborough Hall Parent's Information Evening 6.00-6.45pm
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup> February	Pupil Mentoring Week
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM HOLIDAYS at 3.15pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>SPRING HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>SCHOOL RE-OPENS</b>
Monday	26 <sup>th</sup> February	Themed Week in school



## **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)

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>ATTAINMENT</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATOR</b>
<b>ROBINS</b>	Jack Watson	Lexie Murphy
<b>BLUEBIRDS</b>	Jess Oates	Freya Whalley
<b>EAGLES</b>	Hasan Suleman	Ava Knowles-Fitton
<b>SKYLARKS</b>	Kara Bull	Isla Allen
<b>HERONS</b>	Barnaby Warman	Heidi Gill
<b>RED KITES</b>	Gracie Thomson	Flora McKay
<b>WOODPECKERS</b>	Rebecca James	Isobel White
<b>WRENS</b>	Annabel Manis	Sophia Rose
<b>FALCONS</b>	Daniel Moore	Harrison Whalley
<b>PUFFINS</b>	April Fletcher	Freddie Eccles & Toby Snowden
<b>KINGFISHERS</b>	Morgan Duffey	Mikey Bowden & Rowan Rucklidge
<b>DOVES</b>	Sulayman Imran	Jasmine Moore
<b>MRS MARTIN</b>	Isla Laine-Toner and Amy Sykes for always being proud to be part of Team Tranmere	

## Extended Services



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 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

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

[www.magicalmathsclub.com](http://www.magicalmathsclub.com) or call 0113 834 3949.

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

## P.T.A.

### Great news from the P.T.A.

The final amount is in and this term we have raised over **£5,000** for the school!! This includes the bake sale (raising £265.96), two movie nights (£521), Gift Grotto (£544), Christmas cards (£543), Guiseley lights switch on (£809) and School Fair. The School Fair raised over £2,300 which is just phenomenal.

Thank you to all parents and staff for your support this term and for your generosity.

We have received such wonderful support and fantastic feedback from the events and have even had an offer of help with any external projects from one very kind parent!

The next PTA meeting is **16<sup>th</sup> January 2018** (everyone welcome!) We will update parents after the meeting how school would like to use the PTA funds raised.

Merry Christmas everyone!

### Radio Aire's Mission Christmas campaign

Thank you for all the gifts sent into school for the Mission Christmas appeal. Our support will help make sure that every child in Leeds and West Yorkshire wakes up to a present on Christmas morning.

Look at the van loaded with presents that we have donated. We have made a difference!

### Message from Radio Aire

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to all those who supported Radio Aire's Mission Christmas campaign! The support from families at TPPS was fantastic and so many wonderful gifts were donated. The charity have been able to donate 12,500 gifts this week to families identified by professionals as needing the support and they hope to repeat this next week. We have made a difference together!



Kirsten Finley  
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Headteacher



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