

# TRANMERE TIMES NEWSLETTER

## Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018

### 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



#### Wedding Bells – the best kept secret!

Congratulations go to Mr Sutton who surprised us all by returning from his Easter holiday in New Zealand a happily married man! We would like wish both Ben and Gemma every happiness for the future.

#### Outdoor Learning – 'Muddy Puddle' days!

As you may know, we have always tried to include outdoor learning opportunities within our curriculum where possible as we feel that such opportunities are extremely beneficial for our pupil's learning and development and also for their mental health and well-being. There is a real benefit to taking some time out from the classroom to relax, have fun and enjoy the space and fresh air. We are now looking at ways that we can formalise such opportunities by looking ahead and identifying days each half term where learning will take place in the outdoor environment. We are going to call these days 'Muddy Puddle' days! The days will often be based upon the curriculum that each phase in school is accessing at that particular point in the year or could also be completely 'stand- alone' sessions that the children will enjoy.

Teachers are currently planning the first of our outdoor learning sessions and will be letting you know when their outdoor days will be happening. When you receive the dates for your child's class please make a note of them and then make sure that your child comes to school that day in clothes that are appropriate for exploring and having fun outdoors (including a waterproof coat or jacket). We are all really looking forward to planning some interesting and exciting Muddy Puddle days where we can take time to reflect upon the world around us, engage in hands on, practical activities and learn to work as a member of a team! Keep an eye on the school website in the coming months for photos of our special days.



#### Learning Environment Day – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Next Friday we will be holding a 'Learning Environment Day' across all classes in school. As part of the activities the children will be spending time outside gardening, developing wildlife areas, planting bulbs and composting leaves around the school grounds. Therefore on Friday can you please send your child/children to school dressed in wellies and **old** clothes, appropriate for the weather conditions on the day (fingers crossed it will be sunny and if that is the case please apply sunscreen in the morning).

As we will all be outside for the big Spring spruce up we would very much appreciate any offers of old sweeping brushes or buckets – Please could you label any items you send into school so that we can return them at the end of the day.

#### Performance Assembly

The Performance Assembly originally scheduled for Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April has been postponed as we will now be having our whole school environment day on this date. Details of the new date will follow shortly.

#### Reading Information Evenings

We will be holding two information evenings for parents to explain how we teach reading in our school. For parents of pupils in KS2 the meeting will take place on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April**. Parents can find out more about strategies to help their child with reading at home, as well as find out more about reading in class. A second meeting for KS1 takes place on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May**. Both meetings will start at 6pm and finish at 6.45pm.

## **Yr 6 PGL Residential to France Parent Information Evening Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 6pm**

The PGL Parent Information evening will take place on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 6pm** in Kingfishers classroom (please enter via the side gate and proceed into school via Kingfishers classroom door). PLEASE BRING YOUR CHILD'S PASSPORT AND EHIC CARDS to the meeting as we need to take a copy of them. If you are unable to attend the meeting please bring these documents to the school office to allow us to take a copy a.s.a.p.

### **IMPORTANT amendment to the School Calendar for the academic year 2018-19**

We have noticed that there was an error on our School Calendar for the academic year 2018-19 published recently. The error was on the closing date for the Easter holiday which should be **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019** and not Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. A new copy of the calendar is attached to tonight's Tranmere Times.



### **Sun hats**

Can we remind parents that all children should have a sun hat in school during the summer term ready to wear on that rare occasion when the sun shines!

### **Headlice**

We have had more cases of headlice in school this week. Please, please, please check your child's head weekly for nits/headlice. If you are not sure what you are looking for please come and ask Mrs Martin.

### **Art Project**

We are taking part in ASLP Art Exhibition on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> June. (More information to follow). The theme is re cycling and we will be needing lots of recyclable materials (plenty of plastic – other materials welcome!) in **many different colours** to create our works of art! Please send your recyclable materials in to school (to your child's classroom) ASAP.

Many thanks, Mrs Savage and Mrs Holland.

### **Holiday Club**

Limited places still available:

Week One & Week Three - Monday and Friday only

Week Two - Full availability but limited numbers remaining on Monday & Wednesday

A detailed letter and application form is available on the school website.  
[www.tranmerepark.leeds.sch.uk](http://www.tranmerepark.leeds.sch.uk)



### **Inconsiderate and dangerous parking**

School has received this photograph taken by a local resident of a car parked on the end of Ridgeway before the Easter holidays. Parking inconsiderately around school is putting children's lives in danger, please read the following statement issued by Leeds City Council.

*'As a parent you will be aware of the issues surrounding school gate parking. Parking illegally or inconsiderately not only causes inconvenience to local residents and undermines the school's efforts to be a good neighbour, but it also creates a major road safety issue, causing danger to our children and pedestrians crossing roads.*

*It sounds obvious, but if you really do need to drive for the school drop off or pick up, then please show some consideration for the safety and wellbeing of others. Don't park on double yellow lines or school "keep clear" markings, on pedestrian crossings or where a school crossing patrol officer operates. Don't block driveways, junctions, or cause an obstruction to pupils and other*

*pedestrians who are trying to cross roads. Rather than battle to find a space right outside the school gates or in the car park, it is probably far easier to park slightly further away and walk the last 5 minutes. You may well find that this is quicker, easier and far less stressful.*

*By parking in a legal and considerate manner, you will help to reduce congestion and pollution, improve road safety for pedestrians needing to cross and improve the relationship of the school with its neighbours.'* Leeds City Council

### **Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant Vacancy**

We are looking to recruit an additional Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant to start as soon as possible. The role involves the supervising of children both in the dining hall and on the school playground from 11.55am to 1.10pm. We are happy to recruit people for just one or two lunchtimes a week. If you are interested or know somebody who may be and would like further information please call at the school office and ask to speak to Mrs Sanderson.

### Parent Forum Meeting – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April 9am

The last scheduled Parent Forum Meeting was cancelled due to the snow. The rearranged date is **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 9am**. The meeting scheduled to take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> May is now cancelled.

#### Parent Forum Group Contact details

Class	Parent	Child's name	Email addresses
Robins	Zoe Laming 1 vacancy	Bobby	<a href="mailto:Zoe_skipper@hotmail.com">Zoe_skipper@hotmail.com</a>
Bluebirds	Louise Bates Hannah Lockwood	Max William	<a href="mailto:bateslouiseann@gmail.com">bateslouiseann@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:Hannah.thompson84@hotmail.co.uk">Hannah.thompson84@hotmail.co.uk</a>
Eagles	Alison Bull Rose Knowles-Fitton	Lexi Ava	<a href="mailto:alibull@btinternet.com">alibull@btinternet.com</a> <a href="mailto:rose@barkandbite.com">rose@barkandbite.com</a>
Skylarks	David Wright Sarah De Biase	Ben Oscar	<a href="mailto:d.s.wright@sky.com">d.s.wright@sky.com</a> <a href="mailto:sarahteague22@gmail.com">sarahteague22@gmail.com</a>
Hérons	Hayley Sadgrove 1 vacancy	Stanley	<a href="mailto:Hayleybelle19@hotmail.com">Hayleybelle19@hotmail.com</a>
Red Kites	Liz Worley 1 vacancy	Lucy	<a href="mailto:liztomo@hotmail.com">liztomo@hotmail.com</a>
Woodpeckers	Julie White Claire Armstrong	Isobel Harry	<a href="mailto:juls_white@hotmail.co.uk">juls_white@hotmail.co.uk</a> <a href="mailto:cmmcroslan@yahoo.co.uk">cmmcroslan@yahoo.co.uk</a>
Wrens	Sophie Morley Kaneez Kishver	Will Mia	<a href="mailto:peterandsophiemorley@btinternet.com">peterandsophiemorley@btinternet.com</a> <a href="mailto:kaneezkishver@hotmail.com">kaneezkishver@hotmail.com</a>
Falcons	Jo Perkins 1 vacancy	Ollie	<a href="mailto:joperkinsresearch@gmail.com">joperkinsresearch@gmail.com</a>
Puffins	Jill Hamilton Sam Goodison	Sophie Oliver	<a href="mailto:peacockjill@yahoo.co.uk">peacockjill@yahoo.co.uk</a> <a href="mailto:sam.goodison@gmail.com">sam.goodison@gmail.com</a>
Kingfishers	Joanne Shepherd Jackie Cooper	Ava Roisin	<a href="mailto:Jo.shepherd@yahoo.co.uk">Jo.shepherd@yahoo.co.uk</a> <a href="mailto:jacky@spoc.co.uk">jacky@spoc.co.uk</a>
Doves	2 vacancies		

## Important Information

### Residential Payments

Year 6 PGL	£55.00 final payment due by 16 <sup>th</sup> April *now overdue*
Year 3 Malham	£30.00 final payment due by 20 <sup>th</sup> April

### Assemblies

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

**Please note that Wrens assembly has been put back a week due to their residential taking place the week before.**

11 <sup>th</sup> May	Wrens	Assembly *Change of date*
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Yr 6 SATs Week	None
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Woodpeckers	Drop-In

### 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 Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May (29 days) is £69.60

#### **Amount for children attending residential**

Year 4 children attending the Malham residential 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> May (-2 days) £64.80

Year 5 children who attended Ingleborough and have not already deducted 5 days (-5 days) (£57.60)

### Forthcoming Dates

Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 4 Malham 2 Day Residential
Wednesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	PGL Parent's Information Evening 6-6.45pm
<b>Monday</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>MAY DAY (BANK HOLIDAY) - SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>SCHOOL RE-OPENS</b>
Wednesday	9 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3 Malham Residential Meeting for Parents 6pm
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS all week (please do not book holidays during this week)
Monday	21 <sup>st</sup> May	Pupil Mentoring Week Book Aid Week (book stall in school)
Thursday	24 <sup>th</sup> May	Sports Day – EYFS/KS1 9.30-11.30am KS2 1.30-3.00pm
<b>Friday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR THE HALF TERM HOLIDAYS AT 3.15 PM</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR SUMMER 2 TERM</b>

### 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 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

<b>ROBINS</b>	95.5%	<b>WOODPECKERS</b>	90.3%
<b>BLUEBIRDS</b>	98.3%	<b>WRENS</b>	92.3%
<b>EAGLES</b>	98.3%	<b>FALCONS</b>	90.0%
<b>SKYLARKS</b>	99.7%	<b>PUFFINS</b>	98.3%
<b>HERONS</b>	100%	<b>KINGFISHERS</b>	95.0%
<b>RED KITES</b>	95.0%	<b>DOVES</b>	89.4%

Well done Herons!



### 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)

CLASS	ATTAINMENT	REFLECTIVE LEANER
ROBINS	Ruby Fawcett	Maxwell Islip
BLUEBIRDS	Danny Platts	Joseph Conway
EAGLES	Bea Fordyce	Ava Knowles-Fitton
SKYLARKS	Lucas Scott	Wes Knight
HERONS	Barnaby Warman	Amelia Grahamslaw
RED KITES	Frank Buckle	Gracie Thomson
WOODPECKERS	Harvey-George Thomson	Bailey Laine-Toner
WRENS	Mia Kishver	Jack Hawksworth
FALCONS	Amelie Knight	Olivia Walker
PUFFINS	Matty Paxton	Jackson Horsman
KINGFISHERS	Maisey Hayes	Georgia Gill
DOVES	Ellie Barton	Lauren Hall
<b>MRS MARTIN</b>	<b>Mrs Martin gave a special mention to Sophia Lawlor for always looking smart in her uniform and James Marquand for 100% attendance.</b>	



**P.T.A.**



**Thursday 24th MAY 6pm**

**It's nearly time for our annual talent contest!**

**Auditions will be held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April and all acts must be well prepared.**

**Easter Egg Hunt**

A big thank you to all of our families who took part in the hunt – we had over 60 complete entries! Congratulations to our winners Isobel, Evie and Georgia who were drawn from a hat of all the winning entries during Thursday's assembly.

**Classic Collection Holidays**

Earlier this week a leaflet was distributed from Classic Collection Holidays who have very kindly offered to donate £50 to Tranmere Park School PTA Fund account for every Classic Collection Holiday booked before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018. Once you have booked your holiday, send your name and booking reference number to [Alison.bull@classic-collection.co.uk](mailto:Alison.bull@classic-collection.co.uk) (mum of Lexi & Kara Bull)



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