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# TRANMERE TIMES NEWSLETTER

## Friday 21st September 2018

### General School Information/Dates

#### School Development Work

This year our priorities are:

- **'Closing the word gap'** – implementing exciting new research on how improving children's vocabulary can directly impact on their achievement at school. In English, we'll also be extending our **'RIC reading'** initiative into other curriculum areas.
- An **'outdoor learning'** initiative, developing the 'Muddy Puddle' days introduced in the last academic year.
- Developing the **'Knowledge Organisers'** we introduced last year to include maths and English after a helpful suggestion from Parent Forum.
- Actively working on strategies **promoting mental health** and reducing stress – research tells us that children today are more stressed than ever before.
- Revisiting **'maths mastery'** after introducing this new approach 2 years ago.
- We'll also be reviewing our wider curriculum and interventions strategy for children who need a little extra support.

We'll tell you about an aspect of this work in detail each week on the Tranmere Times over the coming weeks. The member of staff leading on that aspect will give you some headlines about the work they'll be leading.

This Week:

#### **I'VE HEARD ABOUT METACOGNITION - TELL ME MORE!**

It's one of the big buzz-words floating around in education at the moment and consequently, in order to stay at the vanguard of teaching and learning practice, we at Tranmere have decided to investigate it further. After an extensive set of conferences on the subject, as well as our own research (much of which comes from the EEF - Education Endowment Foundation: <https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk>), we're suitably impressed, and suitably convinced that the evidence and research-base is such that developing a culture focussed on metacognition is something that we want as part of our School Development Plan (SDP) this year and beyond.

#### **BUT WHAT IS METACOGNITION, AND HOW ARE YOU GOING TO BRING IT TO TRANMERE?**

Glad you asked! Here are two VERY useful and VERY clear documents that give you a concise run-down of the key points, both in terms of definition, and in terms of implementation basics.

1. [https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/Publications/Campaigns/Metacognition/Summary\\_of\\_recommendations\\_poster.pdf](https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/Publications/Campaigns/Metacognition/Summary_of_recommendations_poster.pdf)

2. <https://bradford.researchschool.org.uk/2018/05/28/metacognition-in-primary/>

#### **THIS ALL SOUNDS AMAZING! WHO CAN I TALK TO ABOUT THIS IN MORE DETAIL?**

Your enthusiasm is inspiring, grasshopper! Ben Sutton is overseeing the Metacognition area of the SDP this year, so when you see him in the playground, or around school, feel free to excitedly exclaim: 'Isn't metacognition great?!' and watch his little eyes light up; it's his new favourite thing (perhaps even more than the latest album by Death Cab for Cutie, which is also worth your attention).

Metacognition - Consider your cognition met. A.

**Ben Sutton** Assistant Head, Year 6 Teacher, ITE Coordinator

### **Well done Mrs Pass**

Congratulations to Mrs Pass on being shortlisted for the Primary Science Teacher Award 2018. The panel will be visiting school during the Autumn term to observe Mrs Pass in the classroom.

### **Tranmere Times by email**

A few parents have said they are not receiving Tranmere Times by email but have subsequently found it in their spam. If you are experiencing this problem we have been advised that if you put the provider email address [@schools.ps-connect.cloud](mailto:@schools.ps-connect.cloud) in your contacts list then any emails from school should go into your inbox. Additionally, please do not click on the 'unsubscribe' button on the Tranmere Times email as our system will take you off the list for future emails.

### **Admission to High School 2019 – Current Year 6 children**

Pupils due to go into Year 7 at secondary school in **September 2019** will be able to apply for a place between 1st August 2018 and 31st October 2018. **All applications for Year 7 pupils starting secondary school in September 2019 need to be made via the online application system.**

Parents can apply for a secondary school place by going to [www.leeds.gov.uk/secondaryschool](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/secondaryschool). Parents will need a valid e-mail account in order to set up and create an account in the online system. If families are having difficulty with completing an application online please telephone admissions on 0113 222 4414 to access individual support including alternative methods of application if required.

### **Guiselley High School Open Evening**

Guiselley High School will be holding their Open Evening on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September from 6pm-8pm**. Year 6 pupils have been given a letter today with more information.

### **URGENT – Drop Off Zone Volunteers**

The Drop Off system has reached something of a crisis in that there are not enough volunteers available to continue the service.

When first set up some years ago it was envisaged as being operated by a body of parent volunteers (ideally two per day to operate safely and allow for some flexibility). It was hoped that parents/carers whose work or other commitments meant that they benefited from the facility on some days would find themselves able to assist on others and this was indeed how things worked for some years. Other philanthropic individuals have also always been most welcome.

There has always been a need for fresh blood. As pupils (and families) move on from the school new faces have arrived. This process this year has left just two long standing staff volunteers and our Chair of Governors, Mrs Stout - a state of affairs which cannot be sustained for long.

Could you offer your assistance on one or more mornings this year? The task is regular but not onerous (10 minutes) and makes a great contribution to the safety of the children. Please contact school if you can help.

### **Polite request**

Can parents please ensure your child brings all equipment, homework, lunch boxes, water bottles, swimming/book bags, caps, sports kits etc. with them at the start of the school day as we are experiencing an increased number of parents returning to school with items that have been left at home. Please also remind your child of any clubs they are attending on the day. This will reduce the number of interruptions to the class learning environment on a daily basis and limit the number of times the gate is opened when school is in session. We wish to ensure we maximise the safety of all pupils during school hours.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

### **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 Tuesday 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](mailto: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!

The dates have been scheduled for Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October, 11<sup>th</sup> December, 12<sup>th</sup> February, 19<sup>th</sup> March, 21<sup>st</sup> May & 9<sup>th</sup> July at 9am.

**Parent Forum Group  
Contact details**

Class	Parent	Child's name	Email addresses
Robins	2 vacancies		
Bluebirds	2 vacancies		
Eagles	2 vacancies		
Skylarks	Alison Bull 1 vacancy	Lexi	alibull@btinternet.com
Hérons	Sarah De Biase 1 vacancy	Oscar	sarahteague22@gmail.com
Red Kites	David Wright 1 vacancy	Ben	d.s.wright@sky.com
Woodpeckers	2 vacancies		
Wrens	2 vacancies		
Falcons	2 vacancies		
Puffins	Claire Armstrong 1 vacancy	Harry	cmmcroslan@yahoo.co.uk
Kingfishers	Jo Perkins 1 vacancy	Ollie	joperkinsresearch@gmail.com
Doves	Jackie Cooper 1 vacancy	Roisin	jacky@spoooc.co.uk

## Important Information

### School Dinner Money

School 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 first half term of the new academic year (Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October (39 days) is **£93.60**

### Assemblies

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

28 <sup>th</sup> September	Falcons	Drop-in
5 <sup>th</sup> October	Doves	Assembly
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Hérons	Drop-in
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival	Assembly
26 <sup>th</sup> October	Wrens	Assembly

### Forthcoming Dates

Monday	15 <sup>th</sup> October	Themed week – Enrichment Team
Friday	19 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival
Monday	22nd October	Pupil Mentoring Week
<b>Friday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSERS FOR HALF TERM HOLIDAYS at 3.15pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>AUTUMN HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>TRAINING DAY</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>EYFS ONLY TRAINING DAY</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>SCHOOL RE-OPENS TO YEARS 1 - 6</b>
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup> November	Tempest photographer in school (individual/sibling photos)
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Day for Prospective Parents 9.30 am
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Day for Prospective Parents 1.30 pm

## 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)

Below are the children who received a Special Mention this week in Special Mention Assembly

CLASS	ATTAINMENT	LEARNING BEHAVIOUR
EAGLES	Jonah Roberts	Evie White
SKYLARKS	Lexi Bull	Thomas Mulholland
HERONS	Annabelle Brady	Eva Greenwood
RED KITES	Xanthe Shanbhag	Isla Laine-Toner
WOODPECKERS	Joshua Pattinson	Frank Buckle
WRENS	Sofia Engstom	Lucy Worley
FALCONS	Oscar Hall & Will Morley	Charlie Wainwright
PUFFINS	Darcey Hutchinson	Oliver Haywood
KINGFISHERS	Abigail Lister & Charlie Walsh	
DOVES	Roisin Cooper & Georgia Gill	
MRS MARTIN	Mrs Martin gave a special mention to Seb Verity-Smart for always looking smart in his uniform and showing good manners and Rebecca James for sensible, good behaviour.	

## 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 17th to 21st September

ROBINS	99.3%	WOODPECKERS	98.9%
BLUEBIRDS	99.0%	WRENS	98.4%
EAGLES	97.4%	FALCONS	97.2%
SKYLARKS	98.1%	PUFFINS	98.9%
HERONS	98.6%	KINGFISHERS	98.3%
RED KITES	99.4%	DOVES	98.7%

## Extended Services

**Pupils and parents have been invited to watch The SSE Women's FA Cup Final on Saturday 4 May 2019 at Wembley Stadium connected by EE.**

Last season's Final attracted a record 45,000 attendees as Chelsea Ladies defeated Arsenal Ladies in what was a thrilling game. At this season's Final we're expecting even more people to be in attendance to experience Wembley Stadium's unique atmosphere, our designated FanZone and some of the best players in the world.

Our aim at The FA is to give every child the opportunity to experience Wembley, the home of English football. With The SSE Women's FA Cup being the most family-friendly game to be hosted at the stadium, with thousands of children, parents, schools and junior football clubs all in attendance, this could be a wonderful opportunity for the children to attend.

**Fans who buy now will receive 50% off all adult tickets (standard price at £15) until September 30th, with children under-16 free of charge. Discounted group rates are also available for schools and groups of ten or more - adult tickets are just £7.50.**

Tickets can be booked at [ticketing.thefa.com](http://ticketing.thefa.com).

### Guisley Football Club

As part of our **LIONS IN THE COMMUNITY** Schools Programme, Guiseley Community Foundation & Guiseley Football Club would like to invite you and your child to come along to Nethermoor Park for just £5.00.

## **Menston Juniors Football - Year 1 and Reception Footballers**

Menston Juniors are running taster sessions for any children interested on Saturday mornings at 11am. It's at St Mary's High School, Menston and on the 4G AstroTurf so trainers, shin pads and a water bottle are all that is required.

Further details contact Andrew Langton 07815 499044

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