



# TRANMERE TIMES NEWSLETTER

## Friday 28th 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:

#### **Intervention review**

This year we are taking a fresh look at how we run our interventions in school to best support all of our learners.

So what exactly *is* an intervention?

'Interventions' is the catch-all term we use to refer to any additional teaching that we deliver to a smaller group of children. They are run by different members of staff for different purposes and can contain anywhere from 1 to around 10 children.

During their time at our school, almost all children will be included in an intervention group at least once. They are most commonly aimed at developing children's Maths, English and Social/Emotional skills but can be for any subject.

We feel really confident that our interventions make a positive impact on the progress of our learners but want to make sure that we are definitely using the best ways of working. We will be incorporating the outcomes of the latest educational research - some of which has been taking part right here at Tranmere in some year groups over the last few years.

This area of our school development plan is one that may not be as outwardly whizzy and exciting as some of the other things we are working on this year but we really feel that it will have a positive impact on our learners. If you have any questions about the review of our interventions, please get in touch with me and I will be happy to tell you all about it.

Mr Beech

#### Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a new school governor. As a parent of a child at the school you are entitled to stand as a candidate and vote in any election. If you wish to offer yourself as a candidate to become a parent governor you should contact school and ask to speak to Mrs Sanderson. The closing date to apply will be **Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018**. Although any eligible parent can stand for election, the governing body has identified that the following skills and experience would be desirable for the governing body to improve its effectiveness:

- Safeguarding
- Children's Services

- Social Care

Please note that you are not eligible to be a parent governor if you work at the school for more than 500 hours per year. You are also not eligible to be a governor if you fulfil any of the disqualification criteria listed on the eligibility form. If you become a governor you are expected to sign up to the Governors' Code of Conduct. You are also required to hold an enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service). In the event of more than more parent applying an election will take place.

#### **Author visit from Will Mabbitt Today**

The children all enjoyed our visit from the author Will Mabbitt this afternoon. His books were so popular that some children who had brought in money were unable to buy one! We have collected in the children's money and Will is going to sign the additional books and send them into school next week. The children who didn't receive a book today will receive theirs next week. Will apologised profusely for this.

#### **Packed Lunch drinks**

We provide free, fresh drinking water for all pupils; therefore there is no need to include an additional drink in lunchboxes. Fizzy drinks should not be brought into school to drink at lunchtime.



#### **Year 3/4 Muddy Puddle Day – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

As you may know, last year we introduced our 'Muddy Puddle Days'. These days provide outdoor learning opportunities within our curriculum 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.

Year 3/4 will be having their first 'Muddy Puddle Day on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October**, please make sure that your child comes to school on 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!

#### **School Council**

Elections for Team Captains and Vice-Captains have taken place and the results are as follows:

Team Colour	Team Name	Team Captains	Vice-Captains
Red Team	Pegasus	Mani Shanbhag & Francesca Rose	Jack Hawksworth & Isobel Stewart
Yellow Team	Minotaur	Toby Snowden & Grace Wareing	Sonny Finn & Charlotte Barton
Green Team	Hydra	Sam Worley & Millie Dawson	Oliver Haywood & Isla Duffey
Blue Team	Phoenix	Oliver Gates & Sophie Hamilton	Joe Reed & Abi Clay

#### **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.

#### **Ilkley Grammar School Open Evening**

Please find attached to tonight's Tranmere Times details of Ilkley Grammar Schools Open Evening on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018**.

### **School Uniform reminder**

Can we remind parents that school trousers and skirts should be Navy Blue and NOT Black. Could you also ensure your child has a pair of black school shoes and black indoor pumps (named inside please). Any child with pierced ears should only wear small stud earrings. Ideally these should be removed on PE days or alternatively covered with micropore tape; children need to bring their own tape into school to cover their ears. Can we also remind pupils that nail varnish is not allowed in school.

### **Table Manners at lunchtime**

Please can we ask the parents of our younger children (EYFS, Years 1 & 2) to ensure that their child knows how to hold a knife and fork correctly, enabling them to cut up their own food and eat their lunch without using their fingers! Lunchtime staff will try their best to encourage good table manners, however, we seem to have a growing number of children without these basic eating skills and it is extremely difficult to help so many children in the time constraints of a school lunchtime. 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. Thank you to all those who have volunteered so far.

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**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Parent</b>	<b>Child's name</b>	<b>Email addresses</b>
Robins	2 vacancies		
Bluebirds	David Wright 1 vacancy	Ben	d.s.wright@sky.com
Eagles	2 vacancies		
Skylarks	Alison Bull 1 vacancy	Lexi	alibull@btinternet.com
Hérons	Sarah De Biase 1 vacancy	Oscar	sarahteague22@gmail.com
Red Kites	Samantha Goodison 1 vacancy	Tom	sam.goodison@gmail.com
Woodpeckers	2 vacancies		
Wrens	Liz Worley 1 vacancy	Lucy	liztomo@hotmail.com
Falcons	2 vacancies		
Puffins	Claire Armstrong 1 vacancy	Harry	cmmcrosland@yahoo.co.uk
Kingfishers	Jo Perkins 1 vacancy	Ollie	joperkinsresearch@gmail.com
Doves	Jackie Cooper 1 vacancy	Roisin	jacky@spooc.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.

### Assemblies

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

5 <sup>th</sup> October	Doves	Assembly
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Herons	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	22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Pupil Mentoring Week
<b>Friday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSSES 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	James Marquand
SKYLARKS	Aidan Smith	Jack Gordon & Alex Owen
HERONS	William Berry	Elizabeth Morley
RED KITES	Isla Allan & Cora Wainwright	
WOODPECKERS	Heidi Gill	Orla Bowman
WRENS	Amelie Ross	Oliver Ross
FALCONS	Esther Dooling	Jacob Smith
PUFFINS	Seth Walker	Amelia Robinson
KINGFISHERS	Katie Ainsworth & Evie Gallant-Lester	
DOVES	Sophia Lawlor	Oscar Joslin
MRS MARTIN	Mrs Martin gave a special mention to Alex Farrar for always looking smart and being a good friend, and Louis Madden for looking smart and always behaving well.	

## 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 24th Sept to 28th September

ROBINS	99.5%	WOODPECKERS	99.3%
BLUEBIRDS	97.7%	WRENS	96.9%
EAGLES	97.3%	FALCONS	100%
SKYLARKS	98.3%	PUFFINS	98.7%
HERONS	97.7%	KINGFISHERS	96.3%
RED KITES	100%	DOVES	99.4%

Well done Red Kites!

## Extended Services

Please find attached to tonight's Tranmere Times the Aireborough Children's Services Autumn Newsletter.

Attached to tonight's Tranmere Times is the October Half Term programme for The Manor House, Ilkley and Temple Newsam.

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Headteacher    Co-Headteacher



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