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TRANMERE TIMES NEWSLETTER

Friday 7th September 2018

General School Information/Dates

A very warm welcome back to all of our children and families! We hope that you have all had a wonderful summer break! I'd like to say a particular welcome to a number of new families joining Tranmere Park this year. We are really looking forward to getting to know you all in the coming weeks and months. Mrs Finley and I will continue to be on the playground each morning and so do please come and say hello. The co-headship arrangements are a little different this year in that Mrs Finley will now be Headteacher on Mondays and Tuesdays each week and I will take over on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays when Mrs Finley will be working with Noctua.

Everyone in school has hit the ground running this week and I have already seen some fantastic things going on in classrooms, with all of the children settling into new routines in their classes. Teachers will be continuing to upload information and photographs to their class pages on the website and so make sure you have a look at the wonderful things they have planned for the children throughout the year. The senior leadership team have been busy pinning down our school development priorities for this academic year and Mrs Finley and I will be telling you a little bit about each aspect of this on the Tranmere Times over the next few weeks.

We have been busy over the summer holidays with a number of improvements to the school site, the most obvious of these being the new fantastic Key Stage 2 playground. The new surface and markings will support our PE offer and outdoor learning agenda fantastically. We have also added a very colourful canopy to the outside area next to Skylarks class. This will mean that the children within this phase can now access outdoor learning whatever the weather. A big thank you once again to our wonderful PTA for their hard work in raising funds for the projects and to families for supporting the fund raising events.

We also wanted to pass on the good news that attainment outcomes for our pupils last year continued to be high and sustained with 89% of our EYFS pupils attaining a good level of development (72% national average) and 96% of our year one pupils passed the Phonics Screening Check (83% national average). Results at the end of Key Stage One were equally pleasing with 91% of pupils reaching expected levels in reading (75% national average), 96% reaching expected levels in writing (70% national average) and 91% meeting the standard in maths (76% national average). At the end of Key Stage Two 94% of pupils met the expected standard in reading (75% national average), 96% met expected levels in writing (78% national average) and 92% in maths (76% national average). 90% of our year 6 pupils achieved the expected standard across each aspect of reading, writing and maths combined (this compares with 64% nationally). I'm sure you can agree that these results are fantastic and testament to the hard work and enthusiasm of our pupils, of our dedicated staff team and also the support of parents and carers. A real 'team Tranmere' effort!

Mrs Hodgson

Staffing for September 2018

CLASS	YEAR GROUP	TEACHER
Robins	YR	Miss Beestin
Bluebirds	YR	Miss Marsden
Eagles	Y1	Mrs Gibson/Mrs Holland
Skylarks	Y2	Miss Bell
Hérons	Y2	Mr Housden
Red Kites	Y3	Mrs Wright/Mrs Holland
Woodpeckers	Y3	Mrs Pass
Wrens	Y4	Mr Beech/Mrs Savage
Falcons	Y5	Mr Joynson
Puffins	Y5	Miss Gomersall
Kingfishers	Y6	Mrs Tate
Doves	Y6	Mr Sutton / Mrs Savage

In the school offices, Mrs Sanderson and Mrs Reeve are available to help with your queries.

Please note that the following staff are members of the School Leadership Team:

Mrs Finley	Co-Headteacher (Mon & Tue)
Mrs Hodgson	Co-Headteacher (Wed/Thur/Fri)
Mr Sutton	Deputy Headteacher (Wed/Thur/Fri) Assistant Headteacher (Mon & Tue)
Mr Beech	Assistant Headteacher (Wed/Thur/Fri)
Mr Joynson	Year 5-6 Phase Leader
Mr Beech	Year 3-4 Phase Leader
Mrs Gibson	Year 1-2 Phase Leader
Miss Marsden	Early Years Phase Leader
Mrs Sanderson	School Business Manager

Mrs Hodgson and Mrs Martin are the school's Designated Child Protection Officers and Mr Beech is our SENCO – Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator. Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the school team if you have any concerns.

Mrs Finley and Mrs Hodgson are also available to speak to whenever needed – either on the playground in the morning or by appointment at other times.

Mrs Martin – Learning Mentor (New appointment system)

Mrs Martin's Nurture room is located between Skylarks class and Eagles class. Mrs Martin is still available for a 'drop in' each morning (apart from Tuesdays) but to make certain that she will be available for you we have set up online appointments which you can access on our website. The appointments are 20 mins each, between 9.00 and 10.00am. If you feel you need longer, please let her know in advance so this can be put in her diary.

Safeguarding and Child Protection Tranmere Park Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The school is committed to working closely with parents/carers for the benefit of the children. The designated members of staff within school are Mrs Hodgson and Mrs Martin.

For more information regarding safeguarding and child protection and the way in which we work with other agencies please see the school website. All policies and information (including who to contact) are available under the 'School' and then 'Safeguarding' tabs at the top of the page.

Walking home from school / Different regular arrangements at the end of the day

Currently older children in Key Stage 2 (Year 4 and above) are allowed to walk home from school with parental permission if they have completed the Permission To Walk Home Form sent out last year. A paper copy of this slip will come home next week with all children who have moved into year 4 this academic year. The consent slip is also available on the school website under the 'Parent' tab. If your child is in an older year group and you have not already completed a form but now wish to give your child permission to walk home please download a form or collect one from the school office.

If your child is collected from school by someone other than their parents on certain days on a regular basis please write a

note for your child's new class teacher so they are aware of these arrangements in advance.

Safeguarding

Could we please request that if you need to change the end of day pick up arrangements for your child that you tell your child's class teacher in the morning. If the change arises later in the day can you please ring school as soon as possible in order to allow office staff to get the message to class teachers before 3.15pm. We have been receiving a number of calls at the very end of the day making it difficult to get all the messages to teachers before school ends. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Medical Notice Board – Response required

It is crucial that we have a record in school of any current severe medical or health conditions regarding your child/children. This information is displayed on a notice board in the staff room in order to ensure that all staff working with your child are aware. **A 'Medical Healthcare Plan' form has been sent home in your child's book bag this week. We request that you fill in the form with details of any diagnosed severe medical or health conditions and return it to school as soon as possible (and no later than Friday 21st September). Even if there are no conditions to report we would appreciate this being written on the form and it still being returned to school.** This week Mrs Martin is speaking to parents where we are already aware of a condition in order to update the forms. In this instance, the blank form sent home tonight does not need to also be returned. Thank you for your support with this important task.

Asthma

We are reviewing ALL medical information and would like to establish that all details are up to date and correct. If your child has asthma please complete the letter sent out this week (even if you had previously notified school of your child's medical conditions). **If your child has recently been diagnosed with asthma and school are not aware please ask for a copy of the letter from the school office.** Thank you.

Headlice & Threadworms

We have been informed of a case of threadworms in school this week. Both headlice and threadworms are reported occasionally in school so we would ask that parents/carers keep a regular check of their child for any signs. If you find your child has been infected please treat accordingly and inform school. If you are unsure what to look for please see Mrs Martin for advice.

Medicine in school

Only medicine prescribed by the doctor will be given in school. After seeking medical advice medicines prescribed three times a day can be administered at home. Therefore only prescribed medicines to be taken four times a day will be administered in school. A form will need to be completed which is available on the school website or from the school office.

Tranmere Times

Please remember to inform school of any changes to your e-mail address to ensure that you receive the Tranmere Times and other documents that we send by e-mail. Tranmere Times is also published weekly on the school website. Please do not press the unsubscribe button otherwise you will receive no communications from school. The school is also active on facebook and twitter – like us on facebook or follow us (@tranmerepark) to receive school news via social media.

Lunch Menu

The menus for this term are attached to tonight's Tranmere Times and are also on the school website.

Other Letters

You will receive a leaflet from your child's class teacher today with details of important days in their class e.g. PE or swimming, when homework will be set and the names of any adults who will be working with their class. The leaflet also details where you will find homework grids and bulletins on the website.

Each child will also have a home school diary which will be checked weekly. If you have any queries or comments please feel free to use the home school book. Of course, teachers will always be happy to talk to parents at the end of the school day.

Parking Reminder and One Way System

Could we remind parents to try to adhere to the one way system around the Tranmere Park Estate and also to park considerately at the start and end of the school day. Please be thoughtful if you must park close to school. You may wish to consider parking and walking to alleviate congestion around school. This is a perennial cause of tension with local residents so please respect their driveways (don't block them!) and don't park on grass verges.

The Proposed Dates Calendar for this academic year is now available to view on the school website and attached to tonight's Tranmere Times.

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Early Morning Procedures

Children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 will line up in the playground at 8.50am when the whistle is blown. Parents are free to leave the playground at this stage. However, if parents wish to remain in the playground once the children have lined up, can we please ask you to stand back and wait until all the children have gone into school before leaving the playground. This is to encourage independence and to avoid the congestion of buggies/parents/children all using the pathways at the same time. Pupils should be on the playground for 8.50am at the very latest.

Once the class have entered school through their classroom door the door will be promptly closed. Therefore, any child who comes into school after the doors have closed must enter school via the front entrance and not through any other door to sign the signing in and out book and stating the reason for being late. This is to ensure they are accounted for in school.

The school gates will be locked at 9.15 am and will be re-opened at 3pm. During the school day please use the side gate on Ridge Close to access the school office to drop off/collect children.

If you need to take your child out of school for an appointment during the school day can you please ensure that you complete the signing in and out book. For hospital appointments please bring your appointment letter into school prior to the appointment or on the day.

If your child is unwell please telephone school on 01943 875050 as soon as possible on the first morning of absence and leave a recorded message.

The school day finishes at 3.15pm. Once a child has been handed over by school staff to parents/carers, it is the parents/carers responsibility to ensure the safety of the children they are collecting.

The school grounds must be cleared promptly and by no later than 3.30pm (unless your child is attending an after school club). This is because the school grounds are **NOT** secure after 3.15pm and we are unable to guarantee pupil safety. Pupils playing on the school grounds after the end of the school day are problematic for Before and After School Club and other lettings who need to ensure the safe supervision of their pupils. In addition, we often book essential maintenance works to take place after the pupils have left and contractors may be on the school grounds.

The toilets at the back of the hall are out of bounds due to the close proximity of the car park and traffic. In an emergency if your child wishes to use the toilet at the end of the day please use the front entrance to regain access to the school premises.

Children are reminded that if their parent/carer has not collected them at the end of the day they must return to school.

PLEASE COULD YOU REINFORCE THIS MESSAGE AT HOME AND ALSO ENSURE YOUR CHILDMINDER OR OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS ARE AWARE OF THESE PROCEDURES.

Cross Country

Cross country will be starting on Tuesday 25th September. The first 4 sessions are for everyone in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 who would like to try cross country. If children are interested in trying the club please come to Herons classroom at 3.15 on Tuesday 25th September. When the session is finished please can the children be collected from outside Herons at 3.50pm. Outdoor trainers are essential to take part. Many Thanks, Mr Housden.

Important Information

School Dinner Money

From September school meal prices have increased to £2.40 per meal £12.00 per week. Please be reminded that meals must be purchased for the full week ahead.

As previously notified last year's year 2 children who have moved to year 3 will no longer be entitled to Universal Free School Meals. If any KS2 parents would like to use the on-line payments system and do not have a log in please contact the school office and we will arrange one for you.

Dinner Money for Years 3-6 for the first half term of the new academic year (Tuesday 4th September to Friday 26th October (39 days) is **£93.60**

Earlier this week there were some difficulties logging on to the on-line payments system but they have now been rectified.

Assemblies

More information on assemblies will be published next week.

Forthcoming Dates

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

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

CLASS	ATTAINMENT	ATTITUDE
EAGLES	Olivia Dey	Sam Huntley
SKYLARKS	Louis Medley	Dylan Fernyhough
HERONS	Lucy Hart	Orlaith Fielding
RED KITES	Barnaby Warman	Noah Henderson
WOODPECKERS	Sophie Hutchinson	Scarlett McIntosh
WRENS	Sophia Engstrom	Amelie Ross
FALCONS	Sean Doherty	Alex Gates
PUFFINS	Alfie Watson	Isla Worsman
KINGFISHERS	Seren Young	Reeve Burton
DOVES	Roison Cooper	Mikey Bowden
MRS MARTIN	Mrs Martin gave a special mention to Jackson Kelly and Harry Prince for having lovely manners.	

Extended Services

Ilkley Literacy Festival - 28th September to 14th October 2018

Visit the website <http://www.ilkleyliteraturefestival.org.uk> for further information.

Kirsten Finley Alison Hodgson
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