



TRANMERE TIMES NEWSLETTER

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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 will 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:

Curriculum Review and Knowledge Organisers

It has been well broadcast throughout the news recently that children are feeling more under-pressure than ever before. Each school is ranked and graded according to their results in end of Key Stage tests, so there is obviously going to be a little more emphasis on these core subjects of English and maths at school. However, we always try to make sure that lessons are taught in a fun and exciting way using various hands on resources – so that the children don't even know they are learning!

The other subjects (e.g. geography, art, history etc.) are known as the foundation subjects. This year I have been tasked with the challenge of raising the profile of these subjects and reviewing our whole school curriculum offer. We want the children to have the opportunity to find their talents, whether they are a budding artist, a future Olympian, the next Oscar winning director or a secret historian!

The curriculum review will initially involve some research about different schemes that are currently being used in other primary schools, followed by a consultation with teaching staff. Once we have chosen the best option for our school, I will then deliver training with the hope of trialling the new curriculum in late summer term so that we can begin with a fresh and exciting offer next academic year.

Finally, in parent feedback, you asked for a little more information about what the children will be learning in English and maths each half term so that you could help your child at home. Your wish is my command! Along with teaching staff, I have designed brand spanking new English and maths knowledge organisers that will be available to you from autumn term two!

If you have any questions about the new curriculum design or the knowledge organisers, please feel free to get in touch or catch me on the playground.

Miss Marsden



Harvest Festival – Friday 19th October

This year as part of our Harvest Festival celebrations in school we will be supporting our local food bank, Bradford North.

We would like to ask parents for donations of non-perishable foods and basic toiletries e.g. rice, pasta tinned goods jars – tea, coffee, sugar, cereals, biscuits, toothpaste, soap etc. The food bank have particularly requested tinned meat or fish products (tinned steak/tuna) etc. Please ensure all goods are in date. Donations will be very much appreciated, they can be brought into school all next week ready for our **Harvest Festival Assembly next Friday 19th October**. Thank you in anticipation of your continued support.

Cross Country Cancellation

There will be no Cross Country training on Tuesday (16th October) due competitions taking place.

Parents Consultation Evenings

Parent/teacher consultations that will take place on **Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd November 2018**.

The on-line system will open next Friday (19th) at 3.15pm for booking your appointment. The link is on the website. Please note that the school office are unable to book appointments for you but class teachers can help with any issues that might arise.

Mrs Martin will be available to speak to any parents wishing to see her during the evenings.

POLITE REMINDER re: Sickness and Diarrhoea

In the case of sickness/diarrhoea can we remind parents/carers that children should be kept off school for a full 48 hours after the last bout of sickness.

Thank you for your cooperation in this very important matter.

Head Lice

We have had two cases of headlice reported in KS2 this week. We would ask that all 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.

Performance Assembly Friday 9th November

Calling all poets, dancers, singers, musicians, actors IN FACT any performers. We are holding our first performance assembly on Friday 9th November. If your child would like to be considered please encourage them to come to see Mrs Savage with information on what they would like to perform. This event is only open to Key Stage 2 children – (years 3 – 6).

Drama Club starting Thursday 8th November

Drama Club will be starting after half term for children in years 5 and 6 who are interested. It will be on Thursdays from 3.15pm – 4.15pm. Children have taken a letter home today and will need to return the permission slip by 26th October. Thank you, Mrs Tate and Mrs Savage.

Table Manners at lunchtime

Thank you to those parents who have been helping their child to improve their table manners. We have seen some progress this week with a number of children showing much improved skills with their knives and forks. It is lovely to see their proud little faces when they have managed to cut their food up all by themselves. If your child is still struggling to use a knife and fork please work alongside our lunchtime staff to help them become more independent.



We want your bottoms!

For an Arts and History project yet to be revealed, Mr Housden and Mrs Savage are asking for as many plastic bottle bottoms (500 ml to 2L) as soon as possible before half term. Please cut to the size in the above picture before sending into school - any colour will do, but preferably clear. Bottle bottoms will be collected from Herons classroom at the end of each day. Thank you.

Parent Forum – First Meeting Tuesday 16th October

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 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 16th October**, 11th December, 12th February, 19th March, 21st May & 9th July at 9am.

Parent Forum Group Contact details

Class	Parent	Child's name	Email addresses
Robins	2 vacancies		
Bluebirds	Francesca Lewis-Calzado Joanne Vine	Elys Daniel	francescaparkes@hotmail.com joannevine@me.com
Eagles	Joanne Cooke 1 vacancy	Jessica	joanne.carney@hotmail.co.uk
Skylarks	Alison Bull Kerrie Seaborne	Lexi Lottie	alibull@btinternet.com kerrie@rad-union.com
Herons	Sarah De Biase Lindsay Muff	Oscar Seth	sarahteague22@gmail.com lindsayjane70@icloud.com
Red Kites	Samantha Goodison David Wright	Tom Ben	sam.goodison@gmail.com d.s.wright@sky.com
Woodpeckers	Rachel Smith Heidi McIntosh	Harry Scarlett	rachelmlsmith@yahoo.co.uk heidim323@icloud.com
Wrens	Liz Worley 1 vacancy	Lucy	liztomo@hotmail.com
Falcons	2 vacancies		
Puffins	Claire Armstrong Helen Careford	Harry Jamie	cmmcrosland@yahoo.co.uk helencareford@googlemail.com
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.

Residential Payments

PGL Residential to France 2019. The October payment of £50.00 is now overdue.

Assemblies

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

19 th October	Harvest Festival	Assembly
26 th October	Wrens	Assembly
9 th November	Performance Assembly	Assembly
16 th November	Skylarks	Assembly
23 rd November	Kingfishers	Drop-In
30 th November	Woodpeckers	Assembly

Forthcoming Dates

Friday	19 th October	Harvest Festival
Monday	22 nd October	Pupil Mentoring Week
Friday	26th October	SCHOOL CLOSING FOR HALF TERM HOLIDAYS at 3.15pm
Monday	29th October	AUTUMN HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday	5th November	TRAINING DAY
Tuesday	6th November	EYFS ONLY TRAINING DAY
Tuesday	6th November	SCHOOL RE-OPENS TO YEARS 1 - 6
Tuesday	6th November	Themed Week - Armistice
Wednesday	7 th November	Tempest photographer in school (individual/sibling photos)
Tuesday	13 th November	Open Day for Prospective Parents 9.30 am
Thursday	15 th November	Open Day for Prospective Parents 1.30 pm
Friday	16 th November	Children in Need
Tuesday	20 th November	Parent/Teacher Consultation Evening 3.30pm – 7pm
Thursday	22 nd November	Parent/Teacher Consultation Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm



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	LEARNING BEHAVIOUR
ROBINS	Lucy Berry	Holly Wilson
BLUEBIRDS	Ralph Buckle	Imogen Bell
EAGLES	Harvey Lawson	Erica Southcote
SKYLARKS	Samson Wright	Maddie Bayfield
HERONS	Oscar de Biase	Luke Shepherd
RED KITES	Noah Doherty	Ben Wright
WOODPECKERS	Dylan Wright	Lara Greenwood
WRENS	Matilda Brady	Evie Walker
FALCONS	Lily Tomkinson	Skyela Nolson
PUFFINS	Jack Allgar	Ciara Laven
KINGFISHERS	Pia Hutchinson	Lily Aspell
DOVES	Louis Madden & Mia Tam	Evie Bowman

MRS MARTIN	Mrs Martin gave a special mention to Annabelle Brady for 100% attendance and to James Murphy for always looking smart in his uniform.
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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 8th to 12th October.

ROBINS	99.5%	WOODPECKERS	98.9%
BLUEBIRDS	99.1%	WRENS	99.4%
EAGLES	98.0%	FALCONS	97.9%
SKYLARKS	98.0%	PUFFINS	97.0%
HERONS	99.0%	KINGFISHERS	99.7%
RED KITES	98.7%	DOVES	97.7%

P.T.A.

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