

TRANMERE TIMES NEWSLETTER

Friday 30th November 2018

General School Information/Dates



We know it's still November but.....
It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Once again Reception children have helped to decorate our Christmas tree in the school entrance. Each child has made a bauble for the tree. This year some children have even used their DT skills to make some decorations with moving parts (It's amazing what you can do with a box of split pins!) We think it looks fantastic, well done to all Reception children!

The next three weeks will even be busier than usual as our Christmas festivities begin. The children have been rehearsing hard and are looking all looking forward to their performances over the next two weeks.

Years 3/4 will perform first with their concert 'The Magical Jigsaw' on Tuesday and Wednesday. They will be followed on Thursday by our Reception children who will perform their concert 'The Wiggly Nativity'.

The following week Years 1/2 will entertain us with their concert 'Little Angel Gets Her Wings'. The Year 5/6 concert will take place at St. Oswald's Church on Wednesday 12th December at 6pm. All families are welcome to attend this concert. Church doors will not open until 5.30pm for parents/carers and families.

Please see the Forthcoming Dates list below for dates and times of all concerts.

The PTA and parent volunteers will also be working really hard in school next week helping Santa build his Grotto and preparing for the Christmas Fair which will take place on Saturday 8th December 12 – 2.30pm.

Please read the letter attached to tonight's Tranmere Times from the Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP, the Minister of State for School Standards. The letter congratulates the school on our outstanding achievement in the 2018 phonic screening check.

Cross Country

There will be no more Cross Country training until after Christmas. We have taken the decision to stop training for the rest of this half term due to poor light and weather conditions at this time of year. We will inform parents when training will resume.

Homework Club

The last Homework Club for this half term will take place on Wednesday 12th December, there will be no club on the final week of this half term.

Year 6 Drama Club

There will be no Drama Club this week (6th December) as it clashes with KS2 Movie Night. There will be a Club on the 13th December but no club on the final week of term (20th Dec).

WARNING - The School Nursing Team would like to share the following information with you:

"Many of you may be aware of the risks and concerns around children playing the online game Fortnite, which has a 12 rating but is played by much younger children.

We have been made aware of an emerging trend, where people are playing strip Fortnite using webcams. The rule is that when you achieve a "kill" you have to strip off, potentially adding an additional risk from children being exposed to and/or sharing indecent images whilst playing the game.

Please could you share this information with parents, colleagues and schools and remind them that any inappropriate/unlawful contact with children online needs to be reported."

Children starting school in September 2019

If you have a child born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 you can now apply for a Reception place to start school in September 2019. Parents/ carers have until the **15th January 2019** to complete their applications and should apply using the online system and will be informed of their school offer via email on national offer day, Tuesday 16th April 2019.

Please visit the website <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/children-families-and-carers/schools-and-learning/school-places/admissions-primary-schools> for further information.

In addition please email Mrs Reeve at victoriareeve@tranmerepark.leeds.sch.uk to enable school to ensure all younger siblings of children attending this school are on the allocation list when it is first issued to school in April 2019.

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.

Payment for this half term Tuesday 6th November to Friday 21st December (34 days)

Years 3-6. Year 3 & 4 had a school trip last half term so deduct one day 33 days x £2.40 = £79.20

Year 5 & 6 34 days x £2.40 = £81.60

Residential Payments

Year 6 PGL Residential to France 2019. The November payment of £50.00 is now overdue.

Year 5 Ingleborough Hall Residential. The Deposit of £85.00 is now due.

Assemblies

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

Forthcoming Dates

Monday	3rd December	Y3/4 Dress Rehearsal (Christmas Concert) 9.45 am
Tuesday	4 th December	Y3/4 Christmas Concert – 1.45pm
Wednesday	5 th December	EYFS Dress Rehearsal 9.45am (Christmas Concert) Y3/4 Christmas Concert – 1.45pm
Thursday	6 th December	EYFS Christmas Concert 1.45pm
Saturday	8 th December	PTA Christmas Fair 12.00-2.30pm
Monday	10 th December	Y5/6 Dress Rehearsal (Christmas Concert) 9.30am (in school)
Tuesday	11 th December	KS1 Dress Rehearsal Christmas Concert 9.45am
Wednesday	12 th December	Y5/6 Dress Rehearsal (Christmas Concert) 9.45am (In church, no audience)

		Year 5/6 Christmas Concert 6pm St Oswald's Church
Thursday	13 th December	KS1 Christmas Concert 1.45pm
Friday	14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch
Monday	17 th December	EYFS Christmas Party in school after lunch
Tuesday	18 th December	KS1 Christmas Party in school after lunch
Wednesday	19 th December	Y3/4 Christmas Party in school after lunch
Thursday	20 th December	PTA Christmas Panto am – Sleeping Beauty Y5/6 Christmas Party in school after lunch
Friday	21 st December	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS at 3.15pm



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

We would like to give a VERY Special Mention to Mr Dey, one of our parents. On Monday he single handily cleared all the leaves and sludge from the snicket leading to school from The Oval. The snicket was becoming treacherous to walk down and on behalf of all the staff, parents and children we would like to send him a huge

THANK YOU

CLASS	ATTAINMENT	LEARNING BEHAVIOUR
ROBINS	Emilia Improving her handwriting	Ben Taking part and answering questions
BLUEBIRDS	Scarlett Producing fantastic work & always trying hard	Oliver Always happy and keen to do his work
EAGLES	Freya Always asking questions to improve her learning	Bobbie Great improvement in reading and writing
SKYLARKS	Jessica & Jessica Sensible and caring	
HERONS	Nathan Trying really hard to do the right thing	Nancy Being a fantastic friend
RED KITES	Evie Trying hard, especially in maths	Ed Much improved attitude and trying really hard
WOODPECKERS	Natasha & Alex Good balance work in PE	Molly Always enthusiastic
WRENS	Ben & Cara Beautiful topic homework	
FALCONS	Abby Maintains high level of work in all subjects	Anna Super attitude to learning
PUFFINS	Thomas Fantastic in everything, mastery in maths	William Contributing a lot more
KINGFISHERS	Ollie Performing very well and accurately on fractions	Lyra & Olivia Going over and above for a drama task
DOVES	Harry Improving in times tables	Millie Participates in lessons and everything out of school
MRS MARTIN	Mrs Martin gave a special mention to Matilda and Annabelle for always smiling, looking smart and being very helpful to everyone.	

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 26th – 30th November 2018.

ROBINS	96.2%	WOODPECKERS	94.6%
BLUEBIRDS	91.3%	WRENS	98.1%
EAGLES	97.0%	FALCONS	97.9%
SKYLARKS	99.0%	PUFFINS	97.0%
HERONS	97.4%	KINGFISHERS	98.0%
RED KITES	97.0%	DOVES	97.4%

P.T.A.

Non-uniform day today

Thank you to everyone who supported the P.T.A. today by sending in a prize for the Christmas Fair Tombola.



KS2 Movie Night 3.15pm - 5pm **Thursday 6th December**
HOME ALONE (Please note this is a PG rating.)

COST £3.00 per child

PTA Movie Nights Collection Arrangements

- **KS2** - Please collect from the Hall

Gift Grotto – Friday 7th December

“Don’t let your child miss out when the elves come to collect them for their magical Grotto experience!”

Father Christmas is coming early to Tranmere Park! The PTA Elves will be running a Gift Grotto on **Friday 7th December** where children can buy a surprise gift for mums, dads, grandmas, grandads – or any other important grown-ups! **All orders need to be received by Monday 3rd**

December in order for the elves to get the gifts ready. “Don’t let your child miss out when the elves come to collect them for their magical Grotto experience!”

Please make cheques payable to Tranmere Park PTA and mark envelopes Gift Grotto. Thank you for your continued support.



Win Prizes



The Great Tranmere Bake Off



There is a prize for the winner in both the adults category and children's category. Please submit your entry (individual cakes or cupcakes/ buns welcome) by 12:30 Friday to be judged by Michelle, our Tranmere cook.

Winners announced at the Tranmere Christmas Fair.

If you don't want to enter but still want to bake please send any goodies in on Friday with a note to say they are not for the competition and we will be able to add them to the bake sale at the Christmas fair to raise funds for the school.



TRANMERE PARK PTA PRESENTS

A VERY TRANMERE

CHRISTMAS



ALL YOUR CHRISTMAS FAVOURITES

RAFFLE ~TOMBOLAS~ CRAFT~
~SANTA~ SNOW GLOBE- JOLLY
JARS~CAKES~G & T~ PROSECCO
TURKEY SANDWICHES~GAMES~
PRIZES AND SO MUCH MORE ...

SATURDAY 8TH DECEMBER

12PM - 2.30PM



STEP INSIDE THE CHRISTMAS SNOW GLOBE

Kirsten Finley
Kirsten Finley
Co-Headteacher

Alison Hodgson
Alison Hodgson
Co-Headteacher



INVESTORS IN PUPILS



Stephen Lawrence
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