

TRANMERE TIMES NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th November 2018

General School Information/Dates



Armistice Centenary: Tranmere Park marks 100 years since the end of the First World War.

This morning at 11am pupils and staff gathered around our poppy field art installation to hold a minutes silence to remember all those lost. Thank you to all those who sent in plastic bottle bottoms which we used to create the poppies. All the children who brought in a bottle helped to make a poppy. A special mention to Mr Middleton, Miss Dibb and Miss Marriott for their help and to Mr Housden for organising the project.



Introducing our new School Governor

Hello, my name is Rob Fordyce. I am the dad of Bea in Herons class and Felix in Robins class. I am thrilled to have been appointed as a parent governor and am really looking forward to my chance to work with the existing governing board to continue the great work they do with the school. In the two years that Bea has been attending Tranmere Park Primary School I have been really impressed with the ethos of the school and the skill of the staff group. I am hoping that I can help to contribute to this through helping to represent the views of all parents in the school.

I am a qualified social worker and have been working in the field of child protection for the last 11 years. I currently manage a team of social workers that provide safeguarding advice to the Family Courts in West Yorkshire. I hope that my professional experience of child safeguarding will be an asset to the school.

Outside of work, I am a keen cyclist, and whilst not a native Yorkshireman, I love living in Guiseley for the easy access to the fantastic countryside that surrounds us.

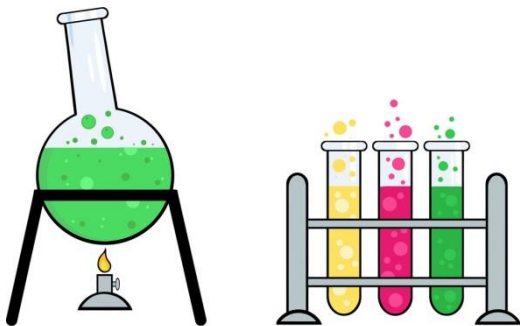
Due to my working hours I am not able to drop off or pick up Bea and Felix every day, but if you do see me in the playground I would welcome any discussions around issues that you would like me to raise with the governing board.



Parents Consultation Evenings

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

The on-line system opened last week 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.



Stunning Science at Tranmere Park

Science has always been an important part of the Tranmere curriculum, and over the last year it has continued to grow and develop even further. Under the watchful eye and expertise of Miss Bell and Mrs Pass, we achieved the Primary Science Quality Mark - Outreach Award. But that isn't all we've been up to! We held competitions to design our school science mascot and to take super science selfies and tweet them to @tranmerepark, and what fantastic entries we had to both. We also launched our Science Council for the first time, with over 100 children putting their names down to be part of it. We could unfortunately only choose 12, but those children have already taken part in the Great Science Share, hosting pupils from two other schools and sharing their science learning.

This academic year we are developing our enquiry-based science learning, linking it to our outdoor learning focus for the year. This will mean more investigations and practical activities in lessons and more competitions and events outside of lesson time. We are also working toward the Space Education Quality Mark (SEQM) which will support us in using the concept of space in our STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) lessons and broaden our science curriculum even further.

Here's the Tranmere Science Council with their thoughts on the year ahead: *"We are really looking forward to organising fun competitions and events, and making a 3D science display. Get ready to join in with it all!"* **Mrs Pass**

Tempest Photographs

Your child's photograph proof was sent home on Wednesday in book bags. The deadline to order photographs is **Friday 23rd November**. Please follow the order instructions on the form provided. Please ensure cheques are made payable to 'Tempest Photography'. Late orders cannot be accepted by school but may be placed with Tempest direct.

Netball Club

Netball Club has now finished for the winter.

Coats!

Can we politely remind parents/carers that all pupils need to bring a waterproof coat to school with them every day. A

number of children didn't have a coat to put on this week whilst outside at lunchtime play during a short spell of light drizzle.

Children in Need 2016 – Friday 16th November 2018

Next Friday we will be supporting the Children in Need Appeal. The theme this year is Ears, children can come to school wearing Pudsey Bear ears, spots or a Pudsey Bear themed outfit in return for a donation to the Children in Need Appeal. Thank you in anticipation of your support.



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

PGL Residential to France 2019. The November payment of £50.00 is now due.

Assemblies

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

16 th November	Skylarks	Assembly
23 rd November	Kingfishers	Drop-In
30 th November	Woodpeckers	Assembly

Forthcoming Dates

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
Monday	3 rd 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)

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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) 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	21st December	SCHOOL CLOSERS 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

CLASS	ATTAINMENT	LEARNING BEHAVIOUR
ROBINS	Rosie Hawkins Super number work	Felix Turcik Working hard on joining in more
BLUEBIRDS	Lily Rose Crosby Learning all her letter sounds	Scarlett Ellerbeck Growing in confidence and putting her hand up
EAGLES	Jack Watson Trying really hard sounding out his words	Danny Platts Always participating and having a go
SKYLARKS	Danny Hodgson & Violet Grahamslaw Both try hard and have great attitude to learning	
HERONS	Max Wareing His attainment in P.E is fantastic	James Ellerbeck Participating more in lessons
RED KITES	Dominic Green A flair for creative work	Finnegan Roberts Valuable contribution to whatever were doing
WOODPECKERS	Isaac Dey Always shows excellent behaviour	Josie Kinghorn Really on it in maths
WRENS	Sophie Hawkins Always ready to learn	Alfie Wilson Growing in confidence, outstanding behaviour
FALCONS	Archie Rawson Mature attitude, a great helper	Harrison Whalley Gets involved in everything
PUFFINS	Hugo Hayes Everything he does	Amber Midgley Impressed her teachers
KINGFISHERS	Ella Colman Offers more in lessons	Lauren Papworth Huge effort, star worker
DOVES	Ava Shepherd Good allrounder	Leo Fielding Always ready to learn
MRS MARTIN	Mrs Martin gave a special mention to Isabelle Smith and Edward Carey for good behaviour and always looking smart in their uniform.	

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 6th November – 9th November 2018.

ROBINS	100%	WOODPECKERS	99.1%
BLUEBIRDS	100%	WRENS	94.5%
EAGLES	97.9%	FALCONS	99.1%
SKYLARKS	97.1%	PUFFINS	99.2%
HERONS	98.0%	KINGFISHERS	99.2%
RED KITES	99.6%	DOVES	99.2%

Well done Robins & Bluebirds!

P.T.A.

PTA Cake Bake

Thank you to everyone who supported yesterday's Bake Sale either by baking cakes to sell, sending in a donation or buying cakes on the day. A huge thank you to our P.T.A and parent volunteers for their hard work organising the bake.



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