

# TRANMERE TIMES NEWSLETTER

## Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018

### General School Information/Dates



It has been another very busy Christmassy week at Tranmere! We have enjoyed the fantastic Key Stage 1 performance of 'Little Angel Gets her Wings' and, as always, the wonderful performance of songs and readings by years 5 and 6 at St Oswald's church on Wednesday night. Thank you so much to all mums, dads, grandmas, grandads and other family and friends who came along to enjoy the concerts and to support the children. It was so lovely to see the pride on all of their faces as they performed for you. I also want to personally say a huge thank you to the staff. The concerts take an awful lot of organising and they all do it with such enthusiasm and commitment – we are very grateful for their hard work.

I also wanted to say a huge thank you and congratulations to our amazing PTA body and to everyone who offered time, prizes, jam jars etc for our Christmas fair on Saturday. As always, the day was a huge success and had a really lovely Team Tranmere atmosphere. The amount of time and energy that our PTA put into planning, preparing and delivering the fair and the Christmas grotto is just phenomenal and we cannot thank them enough. The fair raised an amazing amount of money for school but also provided us with the opportunity to come together as a school community to share a great event – thank you!

We also received some good news in school this week. Pupils and staff are celebrating after receiving prestigious silver Artsmark Award. Artsmark is Arts Council England's award for schools and education settings that champion cultural education. It celebrates settings that embrace the arts across the curriculum, bringing them to life for children and young people. In order to achieve the Artsmark Award, we had to show how we have developed our arts and culture provision to embed a broad and balanced curriculum.

Darren Henley, Chief Executive of Arts Council England, said: "I would like to congratulate Tranmere Park Primary School on their Artsmark Award. As an Artsmark school, Tranmere Park exemplifies how the Award can help schools to achieve a broad and balanced curriculum, ensuring that each of its pupils is given the opportunity to explore and build a love of the arts that will remain with them as they go through adult life."

We are obviously very proud of this huge achievement for school and of the hard work put in by Mrs Holland, Mrs Savage and Miss Marsden.

Next week we have Christmas parties, a pantomime and carols around the tree to look forward to before we hand all of the children over to you on Friday for the Christmas break! If we don't happen to see you around school next week, I'd just like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Tranmere families a very merry Christmas.

Mrs Hodgson



### **New Appointments**

Further to recent our announcement regarding Mr Joynson and Mrs Sanderson leaving their posts at Christmas we are pleased to announce that we have now filled the vacancy for a Year 5 teacher and School Business Manager.

Miss Laura Evans will be joining Team Tranmere as our new Year 5 teacher in Falcons. She will be visiting school next Monday and Tuesday to meet everybody and spend some time with her new class. Mr Mark Howorth has been appointed as the new School Business Manager and will be starting in his new role after Christmas.

### **Next Friday – Mr Joynson**

Sadly next Friday will be Mr Joynsons last day as a member of Team Tranmere. We would like to give him the same send-off we give our year 6's at the end of the summer term. Staff will be making an arch for Mr Joynson to walk down as he leaves through the front door and we would like to see as many parents and pupils (past and present) gather outside at 3.15pm on Friday to wish Mr Joynson all the best for the future. Sssshhhh Mr Joynson doesn't know about this yet!

### **There will be no Cross Country, Homework Club and Year 6 Dram Club on the final week of term.**

### **National Christmas Jumper Day**

Thank you to everyone who supported the National Christmas Jumper Day appeal today. We raised a fantastic £314.50 for the NSPCC.

### **Candlelighters (Local children's cancer charity)**

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Christmas concert collections this year. This year the donations which totalled £101.82 will be going to Candlelighters who have provided invaluable support to a Tranmere family during the past 12 months.

## **Important Information**

### **Residential Payments**

Year 6 PGL Residential to France 2019. The December payment of £50.00 is now due.  
Year 5 Ingleborough Hall Residential. The December payment of £70.00 is now due.

Please make sure all residential payments are up to date before the school holidays – Thank you.

### **Forthcoming Dates**

Monday	17 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Christmas Party in school after lunch
Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Party in school after lunch
Wednesday	19 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3/4 Christmas Party in school after lunch
Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Christmas Panto am – Sleeping Beauty Y5/6 Christmas Party in school after lunch
Friday	21 <sup>st</sup> December	<b>SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS at 3.15pm</b>

## 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
ROBINS	Freddie Working hard on his writing	Molly Helping out and joining in with everything
BLUEBIRDS	Dara Working hard	Bella Super Writing
EAGLES	Jessica Works really hard and it's paying off	Henry Trying hard, joining in a lot more
SKYLARKS	Orry For his homework – he made a swingball set	Fraser His writing has improved so much
HERONS	James Great attitude which helps his learning in maths	Molly Always willing to help
RED KITES	Daisy Loves reading which then feeds into her learning	Dylan Great contributions in everything
WOODPECKERS	Ava For super punctuation	Elliot Always ready to learn
WRENS	Katy Great attitude to learning, always great effort	Isabelle Great effort in everything she does
FALCONS	Jayden For being focused and getting on with tasks in class	Cameron Always participating, especially in class discussions
PUFFINS	Jude Really settled down and working hard	Tom For his reading in the Christmas concert
KINGFISHERS	Will A fantastic piece of homework on the solar system	April Always shows the right attitude and tries her best
DOVES	Sophia Fantastic knowledge due to her love of reading	Jackson & James Working hard Quietly getting on, working hard
MRS MARTIN	Mrs Martin gave a special mention to Alex Owen and Ellie Platts excellent behaviour, always looking smart AND 100% attendance!	

## 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 10th – 14th December 2018.

ROBINS	98.7%	WOODPECKERS	98.1%
BLUEBIRDS	96.1%	WRENS	97.7%
EAGLES	97.4%	FALCONS	97.2%
SKYLARKS	97.3%	PUFFINS	97.2%
HERONS	97.6%	KINGFISHERS	98.1%
RED KITES	98.3%	DOVES	97.7%

## P.T.A.



### Great news from the P.T.A.

Thank you to all everyone who supported the P.T.A. Christmas Fair. We are delighted to announce that the Fair raised an amazing **£3,635.00**. Thank you to all those volunteers who gave their time to help in any way, either by helping set up the fair, look after a stall, sell raffle tickets, donate prizes/cakes etc.

The Gift Grotto made **£701** this year which we are very pleased about, thank you to everyone who helped and to the parents who supported this lovely Tranmere tradition!

Kirsten Finley  
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