

TRANMERE TIMES NEWSLETTER

Friday 7th December 2018

General School Information/Dates



It has been lovely to see so many of you in school this week for the start of our Tranmere Christmas celebrations. A huge thank you to all parents, grandparents and other family members for coming to support the year 3 and 4 concert earlier in the week. I was blown away by the amazing performance skills of all the children and the singing was just fantastic! We also had the much anticipated 'Wriggly Nativity', performed by all of our super stars in Bluebirds and Robins class! What can I say? It really isn't Christmas until we have all shed a tear or two over our youngest children in school performing their hearts out. We really are so proud of all of the children and can't wait to see what Key Stage 1 and years 5 and 6 have in store for us next week. I also wanted to say how much the teachers have really appreciated your kind comments following the productions this week. Thank you to all parents who took the time to pass their thanks on – you would be surprised just how much this gesture means to everyone who puts hard work into producing the concerts that we all enjoy so much.

We have also had a troop of Santa's helpers in school this week working incredibly hard to put the Tranmere Christmas fair together for Saturday. One of THE most important jobs being setting up Santa's grotto ready for the arrival of the main man himself! Once again, a huge thank you to every single one of Santa's helpers for giving up their time (especially at their busiest time of year!). You are all amazing! We would love to see as many people as possible at our fair on Saturday. It promises to be a lot of fun so please spread the word with family and friends!

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Mrs Hodgson (Co-Head)



Years 3 & 4 in their costumes ready to perform 'The Magical Jigsaw'

There are lots of cute pictures of our EYFS children in their costumes on the school website.

Next Week

On Wednesday evening Years 5/6 will perform their concert at St Oswald's Church at 6pm, all families are welcome to attend. Last but not least our Key Stage One children will perform their concert 'Little Angel Gets Her Wings' on Thursday.

Can we remind everyone attending the forthcoming concerts that we are happy for parents/carers to take photographs. However, it is of the upmost importance for the safeguarding all children in our school that parents DO NOT put any pictures of pupils, other than their own child, on any social media sites. Thank you for your co operation in this matter.



National Christmas Jumper Day – Next Friday 14th December

Children can come to school in a Christmas Jumper and non-uniform on Friday 14th December in return for a small donation. This year we are supporting the NSPCC.

EYFS Moderation

Last week, EYFS went through the statutory process of moderation with Jayne Ford (the EYFS Improvement Manager from part of the Learning and Improvement Team at Leeds City Council). This was to check that their EYFS team agrees with our on-entry academic judgements of the children, and to check that we have plans in place for ensuring good progress throughout the year. They also wanted to check on how we were completing our baseline assessments. We were very pleased that all judgements were agreed with and that she was incredibly happy with all of our rigorous processes and everything put in place for our children. Go Team Tranmere!



Leeds Town Hall Concert

Congratulations to Jackson, Lyra, Lily, Thomas, Oliver, Darcey and Grace who took part in the Leeds Schools Music Association Christmas Concert at Leeds Town Hall on Tuesday. Our children sang in a choir of over 300 children from many different Leeds schools. They sang beautifully and their behaviour was impeccable. Well done!

Year 3 Malham and Year 4 Boggle Hole Residentials

Letters have been sent home with information on the Year 3 and 4 residentials. The deadline for booking a place on these residentials is Monday 10th December.

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 next week, Wednesday 12th December, there will be no club on the final week of this half term.

Year 6 Drama Club

There will be a Drama Club on the 13th December but no club on the final week of term (20th Dec).

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 December payment of £50.00 is now due.

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

Forthcoming Dates

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 - Everyone welcome
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 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

Ella, Lauren, Sophie, Pia and Libby (Kingfishers class) would like to say a massive THANK YOU to everyone who brought in money to buy something from their stall, they raised £173! This amount is enough to support five elephants for one year.

We think the girls deserve a Special Mention for the mature way they organised themselves so well and the fantastic amount they managed to raised for the WWF.

CLASS	ATTAINMENT	LEARNING BEHAVIOUR
ROBINS	Ella-Rae Brilliant singing	Thomas Participating in class
BLUEBIRDS	Thomas Always doing good work	Lily & Oliver Contributing to the class For a sensible attitude
EAGLES	Freya & Lottie Always working hard	
SKYLARKS	Emily Always ready to learn and give it a go	Lottie Learning her lines
HERONS	Maddie Tries really hard especially in her handwriting	Jude A very good musician
RED KITES	All the children in Years 3 & 4 for their fabulous Christmas production	
WOODPECKERS		
WRENS		
FALCONS	Anna A mature member of the class who is always doing the right thing	Joe An amazing piece of homework
PUFFINS	Bailey Trying hard in everything and it's paying off	Chloe Participating a lot more and learning her words and poem
KINGFISHERS	Seb For making an effort to work as a group and listening to his peers	Dylan Quietly gets on
DOVES	Sam & Daniel Right attitude to everything	Izza Wanting to learn, a great start to Year 6
MRS MARTIN	Sam (Eagles) & Mia (Doves) for 100% attendance 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 3rd – 7th December 2018.

ROBINS	100%	WOODPECKERS	99.3%
BLUEBIRDS	93.9%	WRENS	100%
EAGLES	94.3%	FALCONS	99.3%
SKYLARKS	96.3%	PUFFINS	93.0%
HERONS	98.4%	KINGFISHERS	98.7%
RED KITES	97.3%	DOVES	96.8%

Well done to Robins and Wrens!

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL TOMORROW

TRANMERE PARK PTA PRESENTS
A VERY TRANMERE
CHRISTMAS

ALL YOUR CHRISTMAS FAVOURITES

**RAFFLE ~ TOMBOLOS ~ 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

PosterMyWall.com

Kirsten Finley
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Co-Headteacher

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