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# TRANMERE TIMES NEWSLETTER

## Friday 6th September 2019

### General School Information/Dates

A very warm welcome back to all our children and families! We hope that you have all had a wonderful summer break and are now enthusiastic for the new school year ahead! I'd like to offer a particular welcome to a number of new families joining us at Tranmere this year, not just in Early Years but also throughout school. We are very much looking forward to getting to know you all in the days and weeks ahead and hope that you are all settling in to school life at Tranmere. We are very much looking forward to our brand new reception children starting school next week. The staff in Early Years have really enjoyed meeting everyone at their nursery settings and during home visits this week. They tell me that there are some very excited children out there who are raring to go which is fantastic!

Tranmere Park is a very warm and welcoming place to be and there are lots of opportunities to get involved in the wider life of the school, should you wish. From our Parent Forum to our wonderful PTA body, there is something for everyone and we love to see you! So please keep an eye on the weekly Tranmere Times newsletter for ways in which you can get involved in school life throughout the year.

Mrs Finley and myself will continue to work as a co-headship this academic year with Mrs Finley being in school as Head on Monday and Tuesday with me taking over on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We are both usually on the school grounds each morning whenever possible (either on the KS1 playground, the KS2 playground or at one of the school gates) and so do please come and say hello! Mrs Finley will continue to work for the Noctua Teaching School Alliance on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

We have spent time together as a whole staff this week reflecting on the previous school year and drawing together our shared vision for Tranmere for the coming year. I'd like to say a big thank you to those of you who took the time to complete the parent questionnaire sent out in the summer term. Your views regarding the many positive things about our school and the constructive feedback were very much appreciated and has helped us to plan to move forward.

The 2018/19 academic year continued to be a busy and successful one for Tranmere Park. We are proud to be able to say that our academic success last year continued to be high and sustained.

We also wanted to pass on the good news that attainment outcomes for our pupils last year continued to be high and sustained with 87% of our EYFS pupils attaining a good level of development (72% national average) and 93% of our year one pupils passed the Phonics Screening Check (82% national average). Results at the end of Key Stage One were equally pleasing with 93% of pupils reaching expected levels in reading (75% national average), 96% reaching expected levels in writing (69% national average) and 93% meeting the standard in maths (76% national average). At the end of Key Stage Two 92% of pupils met the expected standard in reading (73% national average), 95% met expected levels in writing (79% national average) and 93% in maths (79% national average). 89% of our year 6 pupils achieved the expected standard across each aspect of reading, writing and maths combined (this compares with 65% nationally). I'm sure you can agree that these results are fantastic and testament to the hard work and enthusiasm of our pupils, of our dedicated staff team and also the support of parents and carers. A real 'team Tranmere' effort!

Mrs Hodgson

The school would like to pass on an enormous amount of thanks for the help, work and assistance of many individuals and local companies over the summer holidays. We would also like to specially thank a number of people who have made some very generous donations to school. Firstly Apple Group who donated some furniture to school and also to Charles Balatoni who kindly donated a TV to school. We are very grateful for the generosity, help, hard work and assistance throughout the summer in helping us improve the school.

### Staffing for September 2019

CLASS	YEAR GROUP	TEACHER
Robins	YR	Miss Beestin
Bluebirds	YR	Miss Marsden
Eagles	Y1	Mrs Gibson/Mrs Holland
Skylarks	Y2	Miss Bell
Hérons	Y2	Mr Housden
Red Kites	Y3	Miss Ingram
Woodpeckers	Y3	Mrs Pass
Wrens	Y4	Miss Elliott
Falcons	Y5	Miss Taylor
Puffins	Y5	Miss Gomersall
Kingfishers	Y6	Mrs Tate
Doves	Y6	Mr Sutton / Mrs Savage

In the school offices, Mr Howorth, Mrs Reeve and Mrs Titchmarsh are available to help with your queries.

Please note that the following staff are members of the School Leadership Team:

Mrs Finley	Co-Headteacher (Mon & Tue)
Mrs Hodgson	Co-Headteacher (Wed/Thur/Fri)
Mr Sutton	Deputy Headteacher (Wed/Thur/Fri) Assistant Headteacher (Mon & Tue)
Mr Beech	Assistant Headteacher (Wed/Thur/Fri)
Mr Sutton	Year 5-6 Phase Leader
Mr Beech	Year 3-4 Phase Leader
Mrs Gibson	Year 1-2 Phase Leader
Miss Marsden	Early Years Phase Leader
Mr Howorth	School Business Manager

Mrs Hodgson and Mrs Martin are the school's Designated Child Protection Officers and Mr Beech is our SENCO – Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator. Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the school team if you have any concerns.

Mrs Finley and Mrs Hodgson are also available to speak to whenever needed – either on the playground in the morning or by appointment at other times.

#### **Mrs Martin – Learning Mentor**

Mrs Martin's Nurture room is located between Skylarks class and Eagles class. Mrs Martin is still available for a 'drop in' each morning (apart from Tuesdays) but to make certain that she will be available for you we have set up online appointments which you can access on our website. The appointments are 20 mins each, between 9.00 and 10.00am. If you feel you need longer, please let her know in advance so this can be put in her diary.

**Safeguarding and Child Protection** Tranmere Park Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The school is committed to working closely with parents/carers for the benefit of the children. The designated members of staff within school are Mrs Hodgson and Mrs Martin.

For more information regarding safeguarding and child protection and the way in which we work with other agencies please see the school website. All policies and information (including who to contact) are available under the 'School' and then 'Safeguarding' tabs at the top of the page.

#### **Walking home from school / Different regular arrangements at the end of the day**

Currently older children in Key Stage 2 (Year 4 and above) are allowed to walk home from school with parental permission if they have completed the Permission To Walk Home Form sent out last year. A paper copy of this slip is available from the school office for any children in Year 4 or above who have not already completed a form. The consent slip is also available on the school website under the 'Parent' tab.

If your child is collected from school by someone other than their parents on certain days on a regular basis please write a note for your child's new class teacher so they are aware of these arrangements in advance.

### **Safeguarding**

Could we please request that if you need to change the end of day pick up arrangements for your child that you tell your child's class teacher in the morning. If the change arises later in the day can you please ring school as soon as possible in order to allow office staff to get the message to class teachers before 3.15pm. We have been receiving a number of calls at the very end of the day making it difficult to get all the messages to teachers before school ends. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

### **Medical Notice Board – Response required**

It is crucial that we have a record in school of any current severe medical or health conditions regarding your child/children. This information is displayed on a notice board in the staff room in order to ensure that all staff working with your child are aware. **A 'Medical Healthcare Plan' form has been sent home in your child's book bag this week. We request that you fill in the form with details of any diagnosed severe medical or health conditions and return it to school as soon as possible (and no later than Friday 20th September). Even if there are no conditions to report we would appreciate this being written on the form and it still being returned to school.** This week Mrs Martin is speaking to parents where we are already aware of a condition in order to update the forms. In this instance, the blank form sent home tonight does not need to also be returned. Thank you for your support with this important task.

### **Asthma**

We are reviewing ALL medical information and would like to establish that all details are up to date and correct. If your child has asthma please complete the letter sent out this week (even if you had previously notified school of your child's medical conditions). **If your child has recently been diagnosed with asthma and school are not aware please ask for a copy of the letter from the school office.** Thank you.

### **Headlice & Threadworms**

Both headlice and threadworms are reported occasionally in school so we would ask that 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.

### **Medicine in school**

Only medicine prescribed by the doctor will be given in school. After seeking medical advice medicines prescribed three times a day can be administered at home. Therefore only prescribed medicines to be taken **four** times a day will be administered in school. A form will need to be completed which is available on the school website or from the school office.

### **Tranmere Times**

Please remember to inform school of any changes to your e-mail address to ensure that you receive the Tranmere Times and other documents that we send by e-mail. Tranmere Times is also published weekly on the school website. Please do not press the unsubscribe button otherwise you will receive no communications from school. The school is also active on facebook and twitter – like us on facebook or follow us (@tranmerepark) to receive school news via social media.

### **School Milk**

A leaflet was sent home before the holidays regarding changes made to the way parents/carers order and pay for school milk. **A copy of the leaflet is attached to tonight's Tranmere Times. Milk orders can still be placed,** the order deadline is Wednesday evening for milk required the following week. Orders placed from Thursday onwards will receive milk from a week on Monday and will be charged accordingly.

### **Lunch Menu**

The menus for this term are attached to tonight's Tranmere Times and are also on the school website.

### **Other Letters**

You will receive a leaflet from your child's class teacher today with details of important days in their class e.g. PE or swimming, when homework will be set and the names of any adults who will be working with their class. The leaflet also details where you will find homework grids and bulletins on the website.

Each child will also have a home school diary which will be checked weekly. If you have any queries or comments please feel free to use the home school book. Of course, teachers will always be happy to talk to parents at the end of the school day.

### **Parking Reminder and One Way System**

Could we remind parents to try to adhere to the one way system around the Tranmere Park Estate and also to park considerately at the start and end of the school day. Please be thoughtful if you must park close to school. You may wish to consider parking and walking to alleviate congestion around school. This is a perennial cause of tension with local residents

so please respect their driveways (don't block them!) and don't park on grass verges.

### **Early Morning Procedures**

Children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 will line up in the playground at 8.50am when the whistle is blown. Parents are free to leave the playground at this stage. **However, if parents wish to remain in the playground once the children have lined up, can we please ask you to stand back and wait until all the children have gone into school before leaving the playground.** This is to encourage independence and to avoid the congestion of buggies/parents/children all using the pathways at the same time. Pupils should be on the playground for 8.50am at the very latest.

Once the class have entered school through their classroom door the door will be promptly closed. Therefore, any child who comes into school after the doors have closed must enter school via the front entrance and not through any other door to sign the signing in and out book and stating the reason for being late. This is to ensure they are accounted for in school.

The school gates will be locked at 9.15 am and will be re-opened at 3pm. During the school day please use the side gate on Ridge Close to access the school office to drop off/collect children.

If you need to take your child out of school for an appointment during the school day can you please ensure that you complete the signing in and out book. For hospital appointments please bring your appointment letter into school prior to the appointment or on the day.

If your child is unwell please telephone school on 01943 875050 as soon as possible on the first morning of absence and leave a recorded message.

The school day finishes at 3.15pm. Once a child has been handed over by school staff to parents/carers, it is the parents/carers responsibility to ensure the safety of the children they are collecting.

The school grounds must be cleared promptly and by no later than 3.30pm (unless your child is attending an after school club). This is because the school grounds are **NOT** secure after 3.15pm and we are unable to guarantee pupil safety. Pupils playing on the school grounds after the end of the school day are problematic for Before and After School Club and other lettings who need to ensure the safe supervision of their pupils. In addition, we often book essential maintenance works to take place after the pupils have left and contractors may be on the school grounds.

The toilets at the back of the hall are out of bounds due to the close proximity of the car park and traffic. In an emergency if your child wishes to use the toilet at the end of the day please use the front entrance to regain access to the school premises.

Children are reminded that if their parent/carer has not collected them at the end of the day they must return to school.

***PLEASE COULD YOU REINFORCE THIS MESSAGE AT HOME AND ALSO ENSURE YOUR CHILDMINDER OR OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS ARE AWARE OF THESE PROCEDURES.***

### **Positive Behaviour Changes**

We've made a small change to our behaviour policy that we'd like to update you on. While the system remains exactly the same in its implementation and consistency, we have replaced the terms 'Warning', 'Amber', and 'Red', with 'First official reminder', 'Second official reminder', and 'Time Out'. This is to actively reduce the feelings of judgement and negativity that were associated with any child's engagement with the behaviour system.

Please read the attached document for a full explanation of the changes.

### **Cross Country**

Cross country will be starting on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October**. The first 4 sessions are for everyone in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 who would like to try cross country. If children are interested in trying the club please come to Puffins classroom at 3.15pm on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October. When the session is finished please can the children be collected from outside Herons at 3.45pm. Outdoor trainers are essential to take part. The club will run unless weather conditions are too bad when parents will be notified by text of its cancellation. Many Thanks, Mr Housden.

### **Guiseley High School - Parents of Pupils in Year 6**

Guiseley High School Open Evening will take place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 6.00pm – 8.30pm.

### **Notice from the Department of Transport**

Nationwide Data Collection have been appointed to carry out 12-hour two-way traffic surveys as part of the Department for Transport's annual link count program. There are a number of major and minor road sites scheduled for survey between

March and the end of October.

The vast majority of surveys are intended to be carried out by enumerators parked at the roadside. We have a site that is being counted on **Dalesway and wanted to make you aware of our presence on 11<sup>th</sup> September 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.

As previously notified last year's year 2 children who have moved to year 3 will no longer be entitled to Universal Free School Meals. If any KS2 parents would like to use the on-line payments system and do not have a log in please contact the school office and we will arrange one for you.

Dinner Money for Years 3-6 for the first half term of the new academic year (Tuesday 3rd September to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October (39 days) is **£93.60**



## 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	ATTITUDE
EAGLES	Ella-Rae Trying everything, having a go	Thomas Amazing skills and good SLANTing!
SKYLARKS	Jonah Always listening	Bella Hard work and lovely presentation
HERONS	Max Super attitude to school life	Amity Always ready to learn Lindie Gets on really well with her work and everyone in class
RED KITES	Charlie Gets on with his work	Annabelle Always showing the right behaviour
WOODPECKERS	Jude & Poppy Can't tell that they are new to this school as they're getting on with everything like they've been here forever	
WRENS	Orla, Riley & Sophie Impressive start, ready to get on	
FALCONS	Amelie Superstar	Lucy Ready to learn, a good start
PUFFINS	Alfie & Harriet Getting on with their work straight away, impressive start	
KINGFISHERS	Lily Always ready to learn, a great mature attitude	Jayden A really good attitude, working well
DOVES	Ciara & Darcey Using initiative, very impressive	Jack Volunteering to help
MRS MARTIN	Mrs Martin gave a special mention to Sophie (Falcons) & Becky (Puffins) for always paying attention in assembly.	

# Extended Services

Menston Junior Football club would like to invite children in reception and year 1 to join us for training on Saturday mornings, 9-10am, at St Mary's School. All abilities, and both boys and girls, welcome. For further details, please meet us at St Mary's on Saturday 7th September at 9am. For any questions, please contact Andrew Langton on 07815 499044.



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