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TRANMERE TIMES NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th March 2020

General School Information/Dates

Mr Sutton's News!

Mr Sutton has some very exciting (but also sad) news to share. He will be moving on from Tranmere Park at the end of this academic year (July) as he has been offered a headteacher position in a school in York. Whilst this is very sad news for us at Tranmere, we are delighted for Mr Sutton and support him completely in this exciting new opportunity. I'm sure you will all join with us in congratulating Mr Sutton and wishing him all the very best for the future.

Miss Marsden and Mr Housden's news!

As I'm sure many of you will already be aware by now, Miss Marsden and Mr Housden also have some very exciting news! They are expecting their first child later this year. Miss Marsden is hoping to begin her maternity leave after the May half term holiday and Mr Housden will be taking some paternity leave when the baby arrives. Exact dates are yet to be confirmed but we wanted to share this happy news with you all. Parents in Bluebirds and Herons class will receive more information in the coming weeks. Once again, I'm sure you join with us in congratulating both Miss Marsden and Mr Housden on their lovely news!

World Book Day 2020

We had an action packed World Book Day yesterday. Activities included live reads, buddy reading, quizzes, story sharing, listening to audio books and much more. We loved seeing everyone in their costumes. Thank you for making such an effort.

During the day some of the children listened to live link storytelling of 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea' along with other school children from across the country. The children then took part in a quiz based on the story they had just listened to. We are delighted to tell you that our Red Kites class were the winners of all the schools who took part in the quiz. Well done Red Kites.

Your child brought home a leaflet last week about a competition being run by Scholastic called the Book Bingo Challenge. The competition involves various reading challenges and there are some great prizes for the winners and for school.

Please encourage your child to take part in this challenge.

We have some spare competition forms in the school office for anyone who has misplaced theirs.





Red Kites celebrating their fantastic win!

Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair will take place in school from **Wednesday 11th March to Monday 16th March**. This is always a popular event and your support of the fair earns commission in the form of new books for school that all our children can enjoy.

Please come along and support the fair again this year, book tokens will be sent home in book bags on Monday 9th March.

THE BOOK FAIR WILL BE OPEN ON:

Wednesday 11th March	3.15pm to 3.45pm
Thursday 12th March	3.15pm to 3.45pm
Friday 13th March	3.15pm to 3.45pm

Parent Consultation Evening - Tuesday 10th & Thursday 12th March

The Parent Consultation Evenings take place next week on **Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th March 2020**.

Please use the on-line system to book your appointment if you have not already done so. The process is hopefully self-explanatory but if you have any questions, just ask a member of the teaching staff. Please note that the school office are unable to book appointments for you but class teachers can help with any issues that might arise.

Click on the link below to access the online booking system:

[https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Tranmere Park Primary School](https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Tranmere_Park_Primary_School)

Parent Consultation Evening – Your views on our school curriculum

One of our school development priorities this year is to review our curriculum offer and identify ways in which we can refresh it and continue to offer our pupils a high-quality primary experience.

We have spent time as a staff discussing this and identifying aspects we believe to be important. We would also now like your thoughts, ideas and views on the shape and content of the school curriculum at Tranmere in order to help us to do this.

The curriculum offer can be divided into two aspects. The **National Curriculum** (the DFE document which sets out subject specific content that all schools must cover) will continue to be a key component, but our **school curriculum** is much broader than this. At Tranmere Park we believe that every moment of our day (inside and outside of the classroom) is an

opportunity for learning, and an experience to draw from. The school curriculum sets out the aspects of our provision that are much more personal and bespoke for our pupils, families and the local community.

For example, as a school we believe that our pupils benefit a great deal from a carefully structured programme of residential trip experiences across KS2. This isn't something that is required of schools nationally, but it is something that we believe offers our pupils at Tranmere important and beneficial opportunities to develop independence, resilience, collaborative working, self-confidence etc.

Similarly, we have identified ways in which we can incorporate outdoor learning throughout our curriculum. We believe this to be important to encourage engagement in learning for all pupils, and also to promote positive mental health through stepping outside of the classroom where possible and demonstrating to our pupils how beneficial the outdoors can be in helping to self-regulate during times of difficulty (stress, upset, anxiety etc).

So, during parent consultation evenings next week we will be seeking your views! We would like to know what it is that you think our children specifically benefit from or could benefit from. What experiences/personal attributes would we want to promote in our children before they leave us at the end of year six? How can we respond to the needs/characteristics of the local community? How can we prepare our children for life in modern Britain and a wider world? We very much look forward to hearing what you think!

Tranmere Park Easter Holiday Club

We are pleased to announce that we are able to offer a Easter Holiday Club for 30 children during the first four days of the Easter holidays, **Monday 6th – Thursday 9th April** (subject to take up) Please click on the following link to apply for a place.

The deadline for booking a place is next Friday 13th March, 2020.

[Please click here for the Holiday Club LINK](#)



Potato Character Winner

Congratulations to Edward (Skylarks) who's potato character Chitty Chitty Bang Bang was chosen by Veritas as our school winner. His entry will now go forward into the competitions for the overall winner and will be announced next week.



Sports Relief – Friday 13th March 2020

Sports Relief will take place next Friday 13th March. As in previous years we would like to support this very worthy cause and therefore the children may come to school dressed in their favourite sporty clothing i.e football kit, dance wear, tracksuit etc in return for a small donation to the Sport Relief Appeal. We hope the children enjoy taking part in this special event.

Also after school on Friday, your dedicated staff team will be pounding the streets of Tranmere Park for Sport Relief. We will attempt to run/speed walk 5K and beat Beethoven as the BBC Philharmonic orchestra play his famous Fifth Symphony live at MediaCityUK, and on our speaker, which will be tuned to Radio 3. The event begins at 4.15pm and we would really appreciate your support, by either lining our route and cheering us on (bringing coins to throw in our collection), or by sending money into school next week. Details on route to follow. Please support us in this worthy cause.





Our Team of Orienteers

Last Thursday our school took part in an Orienteering event in Nunroyd Park. Everybody who took part had a great time.

Sending cash/cheques into School

Can we politely ask parents/carers that when they are sending payments into school (both for school and P.T.A) they put the payment in a sealed envelope with their child's name and class clearly marked on it. Wherever possible please send the correct amount of cash.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

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.

Years 3, 4 & 6. To pay for the half term Monday 23rd February to Friday 3rd April (£2.40 x 30 days = £72.00)

Year 5 Pupils attending Ingleborough Hall Residential (2.40 x 25 days = £60.00)

Residentials

Year 6 Residential to PGL France – The February payment of £60 is now overdue.

Year 4 Residential to Bogglehole – The February payment of £25 is now overdue.

Year 3 Residential to Malham – The February payment of £20 is now overdue.

Assemblies

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

Friday 13 th March 2020	Doves	Drop-In
Friday 20 th March 2020	Kingfishers	Assembly
Friday 27 th March 2020	Skylarks	Drop-in
Friday 3 rd April 2020	Heron	Assembly

FORTHCOMING DATES

Tuesday	10 th March	Parent/Teacher Consultation Evening 3.30pm – 7pm
Thursday	12 th March	Parent/Teacher Consultation Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Wed-Mon	11 th – 13 th March	Book Fair
Mon-Fri	16 th to 20 th March	Year 5 Ingleborough Hall Residential
Wednesday	18 th March	Y3 Malham Parents Information Meeting 6.00-6.30pm
Wednesday	25 th March	Y2 SAT's Information Evening for Parents 6.00-6.30pm Y6 SAT's Information Evening for Parents 6.30-7.00pm
Tuesday	31 st March	Easter Egg Decoration competition
Thursday	2 nd April	Easter Cake competition (open to years 3-6)
Friday	3rd April	SCHOOL CLOSSES for the Easter Holidays at 3.15pm
Monday	20th April	SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR THE SUMMER TERM

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 2nd – 6th March 2020.

ROBINS	95.5%	WOODPECKERS	99.4%
BLUEBIRDS	100%	WRENS	98.8%
EAGLES	97.7%	FALCONS	96.4%
SKYLARKS	98.0%	PUFFINS	90.0%
HERONS	99.7%	KINGFISHERS	97.7%
RED KITES	97.7%	DOVES	96.9%

Well done Bluebirds!

P.T.A.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday 13th March - Mother's Day Gift Grotto (KS1 library 9am - 12pm)

Thursday 2nd April - TGT at Guiseley Theatre 6pm



The P.T.A. are collecting jars again ready for the next set of events. A plastic storage box has been placed outside the front entrance for your donations to be left in. Thank you for your continued support.



We are proud to be an Active School and a Sainsbury's School Games - Gold Mark recipient. For more information go

to: www.yourschoolgames.com or www.leedsnorthwestssp.org

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