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TRANMERE TIMES NEWSLETTER

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General School Information/Dates

We would wish all our families a healthy, happy summer holiday as we reach the end of what has been another very busy year, the final term of which has been an extraordinarily challenging time for everyone.

It has been lovely to see our Year 6 leavers join us this week and we sincerely hope that they have enjoyed their last few days in school. It has been extremely disappointing for everybody that circumstances have not allowed the usual summer events to take place. We have tried to replicate some of the key leavers' events this week for the children whilst following social distancing guidelines.



On the picture you can see how we adapted our usual way of saying goodbye to Year 6 (staff usually make a tunnel with their arms for the children to pass through as they leave through the front entrance door) by moving to the playground steps and using hockey sticks to make a 'socially distanced tunnel' for the children to leave by. Whenever we speak with past pupils this is always one of their lasting memories of Tranmere!

We are very proud of all our Year 6's and all they have contributed to Team Tranmere over the past seven years. We would like to wish them every success at their High School.



Sadly, today we also said goodbye and good luck to Mr Sutton who leaves us to take up his new post as a Headteacher in York. Mr Sutton has made a huge contribution to Tranmere Park during his time with us and will be greatly missed by the children and the staff. We are sure you would like to join us in wishing him every success in his new Headteacher position in York. We look forward to welcoming Mr Learmonth in September who will be replacing Mr Sutton as our new Assistant Headteacher. We know that he can't wait to join Team Tranmere!

We would also like to say a huge THANK YOU to our PTA members for all their hard work. We will lose some very valuable members of our PTA this year in Mrs Laven, Mrs Hutchinson and Mr & Mrs Morley who leave us as their children finish their time at Tranmere. THANK YOU for all the hard work and dedication you

have shown over the past seven years helping make our PTA events such resounding successes.

Once again school would like to thank Mrs Burke for helping the children have another very fruitful growing season in the Tranmere Garden. The children did all the hard work in early spring, tidying and digging over the gardens and planting seeds. Unfortunately, many of them were unable to see the fruits of their labours this year. We can assure you all the gardens have looks splendid again this summer. Well done Mrs Burke and all the children of the gardening club.

Thank you also to all our parent volunteers who have helped out in any way over the course of the past year, your help around school is greatly appreciated both by the staff and the children.

Thanks also go to our School Governors and Parent Forum for your support over the past year.

Although staff were unable to receive gifts into school in the usual way this year, parents have still found a way to show their thanks by sending vouchers or making donations to school in lieu of individual gifts. We would like to thank parents and children for their generosity, it is very much appreciated.

An email was sent home on Wednesday with a letter from the headteacher's explaining our current plans for the re-opening of school in September. A copy of all the details is also available to see on our website.

School will re-open to pupils on **Tuesday 8th September 2020** (Monday 7th is a Staff Training Day).

Training Days for the 2020/21 academic year will be as follows:

Monday 7th September
Friday 20th November
Monday 23rd November (EYFS ONLY - Additional Training Day)
Thursday 1st April
Monday 26th July
Tuesday 27th July

A copy of the Leeds City Council Term Dates for 2020/2021 is attached to tonight's Tranmere Times.

Catch Up Learning from September 2020

Parents have done a sterling job with home learning since lockdown began in March but we are mindful of the fact that children will have a lot of missed learning which we will need to revisit in the Autumn term. We will be focusing on "catch up" in the Autumn term, revisiting key learning from this year to ensure that pupils don't move forward without key reading, writing and maths objectives being consolidated and children having gaps in their learning. More details of our 'catch up' plan will be issued in the Autumn on our return to school.

Dropping off children in September

Thank you to all the parents who have been bringing their child into school during the summer term for the way they have adhered to the one way system and to vacating the premises promptly. Can we please ask all parents returning with their child in September to continue to follow the guidelines sent out this week. If you need to pass a message to your child's teacher or another member of staff can you please either email school. Mrs Martin will still be available to speak to on a morning; please can you arrange an appointment with her by email where possible or phone if urgent.

Cancelled Residentials

As you will already be aware sadly our residentials planned for the summer term had to be cancelled. We will be receiving full refunds for the Malham and Boggle Hole Residential and half the accommodation costs of the Ingleborough residential which was cancelled mid-way through. (This amounts to a refund of £127 for Ingleborough.)

We know how disappointed the children must have been and although we do not know at this stage whether residentials will be able to take place next summer we are hopeful that they will. With this in mind we would like to propose that school carries forward any monies already paid into your child's account towards next year's trips. If any parent would prefer to receive a refund of the monies they have paid toward the residential please contact the school office in September and we will arrange to make a refund by cheque.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Miss Marsden and Mr Housden on the safe arrival of their gorgeous baby son Wilf.

Wilf kept everybody waiting (he was 11 days overdue!) but finally arrived on Saturday 4th July weighing a very healthy 8lb 12oz.

We would like to wish them all the very best for the future and look forward to meeting Wilf soon.





School Milk

A leaflet is attached to tonight's Tranmere Times explaining how parents/carers can order and pay for school milk online. The deadline for ordering milk for the first half term of the new academic year will be **Wednesday 2nd September 2020.**



We are a LMEP Music Champion School!

We are absolutely delighted to tell you that our application to become a LMEP Music Champion School has been successful.

The LMEP were very impressed with the range of musical experiences and opportunities we provide for our pupils both in and outside of school, and were also pleased with the level of engagement we have with LMEP as a hub.

Well done and Mrs Holland and Mrs Pass for all your hard work.

School Meals in the new academic year

Children who are moving from Key Stage One to Key Stage Two (Year 2 to Year 3) will no longer be eligible for Universal Free School Meals. School meal prices are £12.00 per week. They can be paid for online, by cheque or cash (*Cheques must be made payable to Leeds City Council – Educ Dept*). Details on how to pay online (our preferred method) were sent home by letter recently. If you have not received the letter please ask at the school office for a copy.

Dinners will be taken in the classroom in September and therefore the menu options have been adjusted to accommodate this. A copy of the menu is attached to tonight's Tranmere Times and is also available to view on the school website.



Please ensure any dinner money arrears are cleared asap. Any Credits your child has at the end of this academic year will be carried forward to September.

This week we are saying goodbye to some of our dearest PTA friends as they move on to their new chapters. We will miss your laughter, fun and generosity, and have loved our years together both as PTA colleagues, but most of all as friends. You will leave your Tranmere family more than £100,000 better off but more importantly with a 100,000 priceless happy memories.

In typical PTA style we had so many plans, but sadly for now all that we have are words. There can't be fireworks, flowers, or fanfares that such an occasion deserves, but we can wave you off with a parcel of wonderful memories, wrapped with our most sincere and heartfelt thank you's.

You have all selflessly dedicated your time, creativity, and energy to equipping our school with both resources and fun and we cannot thank you enough. So until we reach happier times, let's call this an IOU for a proper PTA send off.

We hope you enjoy the summer holiday and we will see you all in September.

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