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TRANMERE TIMES NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th September 2020

General School Information/Dates

We've come to the end of another busy week at Tranmere! The children have all settled so brilliantly into their new routines and are making us all so proud. Teachers have been busy beginning to assess the lost learning from the summer term and are putting their plans in place to address the gaps. But wellbeing remains a key focus and children are continuing to enjoy a full and interesting curriculum. Make sure you have a look at your child's class pages on the website to see what they're up to in the coming months. You can also find all of the important routine information you need on there too!

As you will all know, we have unfortunately had two members of the staff team test positive for Covid-19 this week. Because of one of those cases we have had to close the reception class bubbles for a short period of time. There are thorough guidelines we must follow in this circumstance in order to implement an appropriate response to prevent the further spread of the virus. We want to reassure parents that the school and the staff have done, and will continue to do, everything we can to work safely and prevent the spread of this horrible virus - whilst also trying to keep our school a warm, safe and welcoming place for young children to be. Closing any class bubble is obviously the very last thing we want to do, but we must follow the very clear guidance.

On behalf of all the staff in school I would like to pass on our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for the many kind messages of support and concern we have received for the affected staff members and their families. They really have meant a great deal to us all – thank you. We are hopeful that both members of staff will be completely recovered and back with us very soon.

It's incredibly important as Covid cases begin to rise nationally once again that we do everything we can to promote safety for all in our school community. This includes being vigilant in spotting symptoms and in isolating and arranging for a test. May I also ask that parents please remain two metres distanced from other families on your travels in and from school, and that whilst on the school site you keep your children with you as you walk through together. We thank you so much for supporting us, and each other, to stay safe at this time.

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

IMPORTANT LETTER from Guiseley High School - Parents of Pupils in Year 6

Guiseley High School Virtual Open Evening Event will go live on their website 5.00pm on **Monday 28th September 2020**. Can all our Year 6 parents please read the letter from Guiseley School attached to tonight's Tranmere Times with details on this event.

Flu Vaccines

We have been advised by the NHS Schools Team that the Flu Vaccination Programme for winter 2020 will take place in school on **Wednesday 21st October 2020**. More information to follow shortly.

Threadworms

We have had a reported case of threadworms in school this week. Please look out for signs and treat your child for worms if necessary.

Parent Forum - We Need You!

Each half term, we meet with parent representatives from each class to discuss collectively and concerns and also to share celebrations. The insight we get from speaking with parents is really valuable and we value the feedback we get from the representatives from each class.

Ideally, we would like two representatives per class to give up a little bit of time (remotely this year!) every half term. The meeting usually starts at 09:30 and the dates are as follows:

13th October 2020
8th December 2020
2nd February 2021
10th March 2021
11th May 2021
29th June 2021

Parent Forum Group Contact details

Class	Parent	Child's name	Email addresses
Robins	Kylee Marsden	Finley VACANCY	Kylee2010@hotmail.co.uk
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If you are interested in joining the Forum, or you would like further information, please contact Mark Howorth, the School Business Manager by either emailing secretary@tranmerepark.leeds.sch.uk or ringing the office on 01943 875050

We are supporting the National Bike to School Week

As pupils return to school following lockdown, active travel is more important than ever to help pupils get to school safely and healthily. The start of term is a great time to establish positive travel habits early. **Get ready for Bike To School Week: 28th September – 2nd October 2020**

You can let everybody know you're taking part, share your photos, stories and success on **#BikeToSchoolWeek** and above all, we hope you will have fun.

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 to send you a letter with details on how to set up an account.

Dinner Money for Years 3-6 for the first half term of the new academic year - Tuesday 8th September to Friday 23rd October (34 days) is **£81.60**

Please check your online payments account balance before paying any monies this term. Many parents have credits carried forward from the last academic year.

Some parents have an arrears balance from the last academic year. Could we ask that parents clear any arrears still owing a.s.a.p.

Extended Services

Language Learners French & Spanish Online Classes

Our Extra Curricular Classes take place at Tranmere Park Primary School together with local nurseries and primary schools. As we are currently unable to deliver our lessons in the classroom, we are offering our classes online and also to welcome pupils who don't normally attend our lessons.

Here is further information about the lessons:

Our lessons take place after school. Our Online lessons have been planned to last around 30 minutes. Children are kept in their school groups, if a class is already full, we will group the children in different schools of the same level. The pupil numbers in each group are kept very small to ensure full interaction with their teacher.

We use the La Jolie Ronde programme to teach our lessons (lajolieronde.co.uk) which are planned to be structured but fun and for specific ages. We have a facebook page where you can follow our updates. We can offer both French and Spanish lesson to all Nursery and primary aged children.

Our Online classes cost lower than our usual lessons in the classroom @ £4.95 per lesson; booked and paid in half term blocks. We also offer the opportunity for our pupils to join for 2 lessons per week @ a reduced cost of £9 for 2 lessons.

We look forward to hearing from you if you wish to enrol in our Online Classes.

Zoë Language Learners

hello@languagelearners.co.uk

Kind regards

Zoë Dooley

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 21st-25th September 2020.

ROBINS	100%	WOODPECKERS	100%
BLUEBIRDS	95.0%	FALCONS	92.1%
EAGLES	99.3%	PUFFINS	98.1%
SKYLARKS	95.2%	KINGFISHERS	98.9%
HERONS	95.9%	DOVES	93.2%
RED KITES	93.8%		

*** Please Note – These figures do not include children who are isolating due to Covid.**

Well done Robins and Woodpeckers!

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