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# TRANMERE TIMES NEWSLETTER

## Friday 16th October 2020

### General School Information/Dates

# Well Done Team Tranmere!



#### Harvest Festival

A massive THANK YOU for the generosity shown during our Harvest Festival Collection, your response was fantastic once again! We made a display with all the items donated and the children were allowed to visit the hall in their class bubbles to see how well they had done.

A representative from the Bradford North Foodbank then came to collect our donation. He was so pleased we had found a safe way to hold a collection despite current covid restrictions and thanked us on behalf of all those who will receive help through our collection. The foodbank is under increasing pressure at the moment with a 28% increase in families with children needing help in the past few months, our support has never been needed more.



Team Tranmere you should all feel very proud of yourselves, well done!



### **New School Grab-a-Bag Menu Starting after Half Term**

We are pleased to announce that after discussions with the Leeds Catering Agency we will have an new improved Grab-a-Bag menu starting after Half Term. Due to the continuation of the class bubble system operating in school the food will still have to be suitable to eat with fingers in class however, we think the new menu offers more choice and variation. We have also been advised that portion sizes will be increased for our KS2 children.

If your child would like to change back to school dinners please email Mrs Reeve at [victoriareeve@tranmerepark.leeds.sch.uk](mailto:victoriareeve@tranmerepark.leeds.sch.uk) and we will confirm when this change can take place. Thank You.

A copy of the new three week menu is attached to tonight's Tranmere Times.

### **Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant Vacancy**

We are looking to recruit a Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant to start as soon as possible. The role involves the supervising of children both in the dining hall (currently in the classroom) and on the school playground for 1 hour 15 mins between the time of 12pm and 1.30pm. If you are interested or know somebody who may be and would like further information please call the school office and ask to speak to Mr Howorth or email Mr Howorth at [markhoworth@tranmerepark.leeds.sch.uk](mailto:markhoworth@tranmerepark.leeds.sch.uk)



### **Flu Vaccines**

The Nasal Flu Vaccines will take place in school next week on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020.**

### **Keeping Tranmere Park Safe for Everyone**

Unfortunately, some vehicles are still stopping at the yellow zig-zags by the school gates to drop children off.

Can we remind parents/carers that the yellow zig-zags are there as a warning that this is an extremely dangerous place to stop. Ridge Close is a cul de sac that can easily become congested and dangerous to pedestrians if too many cars use it.

**We would urge all our parents/carers to not travel down Ridge Close useless absolutely necessary.**

If you must travel by car to school please consider setting off 5 minutes earlier on a morning to 'Park and Stride' the final part of your journey.



### **The One-Way System**

The one-way system around school is now flowing very well, thank you for all adhering to this new routine. Could we politely ask that parents/carers continue to move away quickly once they have gone through the school gates and to remain distanced from other families by 2 metres.

As notified earlier this week we have now added two new measures for drop off and collection from school.

- 1) **Only one adult comes on site with a child at any time** (unless for a pre-arranged meeting with a member of staff). Please make sure that the adult attending is physically able to adhere to our one-way system on site and understands our protocols (including our strict timings for each class).
- 2) **That face coverings are worn by adults on the school site** (unless you have an age, health or disability reason for not wearing a face covering, sometimes demonstrated by wearing an exemption card). This includes on the paths surrounding school that you access to drop-off and collect your children, as well as if you are coming to the building to drop something off or to collect your child for an appointment etc.

Many thanks for your cooperation of these new measures.

### **Children Starting School in September 2021**

If you have a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 you can **apply** for a school place online from 1st November 2020. The deadline to **apply** is 15 January 2021. Leeds City Council will send out letters inviting parents to **apply** at the end of October.

**Could we ask parents with a younger sibling due to start at Tranmere in September 2021 to email Mrs Reeve at [victoriareeve@tranmerepark.leeds.sch.uk](mailto:victoriareeve@tranmerepark.leeds.sch.uk) with the name of the pupil currently attending and their sibling's name. This information will enable school to plan for next year's intake. Thank you.**

## **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**

## **P.T.A.**



The PTA are busy working with school behind the scenes to look at the activities we can still do in a socially distanced and COVID compliant manner. Under the current restrictions we are unable to do many of our usual fundraisers but you can still show your support by linking your amazon purchases to the PTA.

Please help us increase our fundraising by using the link below and give every time you spend on amazon.

For every purchase you make amazon will make a donation to Tranmere Park Parent Teacher Association. <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1023789-0>

Thank you for your continued support.

For information about [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) click [here](#)

## **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](http://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](mailto: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 12<sup>th</sup> – 16th October 2020.

ROBINS	100%	WOODPECKERS	100%
BLUEBIRDS	98.7%	FALCONS	100%
EAGLES	94.1%	PUFFINS	98.7%
SKYLARKS	100%	KINGFISHERS	100%
HERONS	100%	DOVES	92.7%
RED KITES	96.4%		

**Well done Robins, Skylarks, Herons, Woodpeckers and Falcons**

*Kirsten Finley*

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INVESTORS IN PUPILS



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