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# TRANMERE TIMES NEWSLETTER

## Friday 23rd October 2020

### General School Information/Dates



(The children have spent lots of time outside this week, visit our website for lots more pictures of this week's outdoor learning fun)

We've come to the end of our first half term, and what a half term it's been! We were so pleased and excited to welcome all our children back to school in September and were determined to work hard to keep our families and staff as safe as possible whilst also trying to make school feel as warm, welcoming and as 'normal' as we possibly could.

For us, this half term has been all about welcoming the children back and placing a focus on wellbeing. The teachers have spent time really getting to know their new classes, assessing the impact of lockdown and identifying areas of lost learning over the last six months. Parents of children in year 1 to year 6 will receive your child's pupil mentoring information home this week. This will give you all the information you need at this point in terms academic targets for this year and any additional intervention or support we feel would be of benefit to your child. Children in Early Years will be bringing home their 'Learning Journey' books. These will give you an overview of what your child has been up to in their first half term at school. We are so proud of them all – they have settled in brilliantly!

Things continue to be very far from normal in many respects in school but we are so proud of the children for the way they have adapted to our new routines and are throwing themselves into every part of school life with their usual enthusiasm. Whilst we realise that the challenges of the pandemic will continue to affect us for a while yet, we are sure that together we can continue to make this a positive school year for our children. On behalf of the school I'd like to say a huge thank you to all our families for your amazing support, kindness and understanding

this half term – it really is very much appreciated by us all. We're looking forward to coming back after the short break and starting to prepare for our usual Team Tranmere Christmas celebrations, in whatever form we can make these happen!

We hope you all have a restful and safe half term.

Finally, on a personal note to the whole staff team – THANK YOU. You are all amazing.

Mrs Hodgson

### Parent Forum Minutes

Please find attached the Parent Forum minutes for the meeting that took place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

### School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school after the half term holiday on **Tuesday 3rd November** to take individual/siblings photographs. A risk assessment has been completed and the photographs will be taken following the latest current covid guidelines. Please note siblings will be taken together. Could you please ensure your child is dressed in the correct uniform. If your child usually comes to school in their PE kit on a Tuesday please wear a red school T-shirt and navy sweatshirt on this day and bring your PE tops to change into after the photographs have been taken. Your child will bring a card home after the photographs have been taken with details of how to order online.

### Reminder for Year 6 parents about Secondary School Applications

The deadline for applications for Year 7 places in September 2021 is **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020**. You can make your application online at: [www.leeds.gov.uk/apply](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/apply) or contact Admissions on 0113 222 4414 for further information.

### Flu Nasal Vaccines

The Flu Nasal Vaccines took place in school on Wednesday. We have been advised by the school nursing team that they will revisit school as soon as possible to see Woodpecker class and any other children who had booked a vaccine but were absent from school on the day. If any parent does not want to wait for the second visit to school the school nursing team has asked us advise parents of the Community Flu Immunisation Clinics available. Details are attached to tonight's Tranmere Times.



**Reflector 50p, Zip Pull 50p, Silicon Wristband £1.00, Snap Band/Ruler £1.50**

### Poppy Appeal 2020

The annual Poppy Appeal will take place after half term (Monday 2nd November to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November).

In addition to the traditional poppies, the Royal British Legion have supplied school with a range of merchandise to sell.

We feel it is important that we continue to support the Poppy Appeal, particularly at a time when many of their veteran collectors are shielding. Please write your child's name and the item they require on an envelope for them to pass to their class teacher. We will then safely hand the item to them to put straight in their bookbag.

Please help support this very worthy cause.



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

The new improved Grab-a-Bag menu will start 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. EYFS children will eat in the hall in their class bubbles and we will be introducing plates, knives and forks for these 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.

**Please remember to phone school and leave a message in the morning if your child is going to be absent for any reason.**

### **School Council 2020**

As another term begins we have re-elected our new School Council. Over this half term pupils were asked to explain why, how and what it means to be a dedicated member of our School Council team. Each class then voted for the best candidate. Well done to all the following children who will represent our School Council team this year.

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Class</u></b>
Sia K	Eagles
Sofia S	Skylarks
Ella K	Hérons
Dylan LR	Red Kites
Jessica C	Woodpeckers
Max W	Falcons
Noah H	Puffins
Caden LR	Kingfishers
Josie K	Doves

We look forward to working together to represent the views of all our pupils

### **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 to all those parents who have informed us so far.**



### **Children in Need 2020 – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

We will be supporting the Children in Need Appeal again this year. Children can come to school in non-uniform including Pudsey Bear themed items in return for a donation to the Children in Need Appeal. In order to comply with current Covid regulations we will have socially distanced collection buckets around school at the start of the school day. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

## **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 second half term of the new academic year – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December (34 days) is £81.60**



## P.T.A.



The P.T.A. Movie Night will take place on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**.

Their new online payment system link for purchasing tickets is below.  
<https://buytickets.at/tranmereparkpta>

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](#)



## 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 19th – 23rd October 2020.

ROBINS	99.5%	WOODPECKERS	100%
BLUEBIRDS	98.2%	FALCONS	97.4%
EAGLES	99.3%	PUFFINS	99.0%
SKYLARKS	99.3%	KINGFISHERS	99.6%
HERONS	98.6%	DOVES	93.6%
RED KITES	98.9%		

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

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**Co-Headteacher      Co-Headteacher**



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