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TRANMERE TIMES NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th November 2020

General School Information/Dates

Tomorrow is a Training Day for all year groups.

Our Online Parent Consultation appointments will take place tomorrow.

Please log on to <https://tranmerepark.schoolcloud.co.uk/> (with about 5 minutes to spare!) You can access this on a smartphone.

Hopefully it will be self-explanatory, but here is a video to watch so you know what to expect!

<https://vimeo.com/473882995> Thanks.

Baby News

We are very happy to announce that both Mr Beech and his wife AND Mr Learmonth and his wife have welcomed baby boys into the world! So, welcome baby William Beech and baby Harry Learmonth. All are home and doing well.



Time Tables Rock Stars Competition

Individuals:

- 1st place: James Ross
- 2nd place: Oliver Ross
- 3rd place: Harrison Ross

Classes:

- 1st place: Falcons (96th)
- 2nd place: Doves (585th)
- 3rd place: Kingfishers (1525th)

The results in brackets show the class position for the whole country - out of a whopping 33,000!

Well done to everyone involved for joining in and getting into the spirit of friendly competition. We're expecting big things from the Ross family next year - great effort guys!

Exception Circumstances Absence Request Form

Can we please remind parents that they need to complete an Absence Request Form for any absence from school ie Music/Dance Exam, Family Wedding/Funeral etc. For any Medical appointments we require a copy of the appointment letter please. Forms can be found on the website under Parents – Admin Forms. 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.

Dinner Money for Years 3-6 for the second half term of the new academic year – Monday 2nd November to Friday 18th December (34 days) is £81.60

PROPOSED DATES

Friday 20th November	TRAINING DAY – Parent consultations
Monday 23rd November	EYFS Training day- **Reception Classes only**
Thursday 3 rd - Thursday 10 th December	Class Christmas Performances <i>These will be recorded by each class and posted online for you and your families to watch.</i>
Friday 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch
Monday 14th December	EYFS Christmas Parties in classes after lunch
Tuesday 15th December	KS1 Christmas Parties in classes after lunch
Wednesday 16th December	Yr 3/4 Christmas Parties in classes after lunch
Thursday 17th December	Yr 5/6 Christmas Parties in classes after lunch
	School Pantomime - Beamed into each class via a link
Friday 18th December	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS at 3.15pm

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 16th - 20th November 2020.

ROBINS		WOODPECKERS	100%
BLUEBIRDS		FALCONS	96.5%
EAGLES	99.2%	PUFFINS	100%
SKYLARKS	96.6%	KINGFISHERS	97.8%
HERONS	99.2%	DOVES	
RED KITES	99.0%		

Well done to Woodpeckers and Puffins class.

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

P.T.A.

Christmas Gift Appeal 2020

As in previous year's we would like to help others less fortunate than ourselves this Christmas. This Christmas will be particularly hard for many children due to the current pandemic and the difficulties and restrictions this has caused.

This year we would like to support the following two charities in a joint toy/gift collection.

We will have a collection table outside the front entrance to school on **Monday 30th November, Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd December 2020** where you can leave any gifts you wish to donate.

If you wrap your gift please attach a label to it with details of who the gift would be suitable for ie. Boy aged 5-6 or Girl aged 13-14.

The gifts will then be quarantined before being sorted and distributed to the two charities we are supporting this year by our P.T.A. members.

Below are details of the charities.

Yorkshire Children Hospital Christmas Gift Appeal

I am writing to you on behalf of the **Yorkshire Children's Hospitals Christmas Gift Appeal**.

We are a small, independent charity who provide presents to children who are unfortunate enough to be spending the festive period in hospitals/hospices & I would like to ask you for your help. As I'm sure you can imagine this is a truly mammoth task so we are looking to the wider community for assistance to help us to achieve our goal.

This year we face our biggest challenge yet. Having to spend time in hospital at any time of year can be a traumatic experience for a child, let alone at Christmas, but with the emergence of COVID-19 these children are looking to spend it with very few visitors. The thought of this is truly heartbreaking beyond all belief making our mission to offer love and support more important this year than ever before.

One of the biggest drawbacks we face this year is that due to the advent of the coronavirus pandemic & government restrictions/social distancing guidelines many of the events that we would usually attend to engage in fundraising activities have had to be cancelled leaving us with a huge shortfall.

Many thanks for taking the time to read this message, and please stay safe!

Yours, sincerely,
Seán Gormally
Secretary/Fundraiser
Yorkshire Children's Hospitals Christmas Gift Appeal

You can also help by following us on Facebook and Instagram and sharing our posts:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LeedsHospitalsChildrensChristmasGiftAppeal/>

The JCI Bradford Secret Santa Appeal

The JCI Bradford Secret Santa Appeal in Bradford has been running since 1989. It is a very worthwhile project bringing happiness to disadvantaged children at Christmas.

The appeal helps provide a Christmas present for children who would otherwise not receive anything. The children they help each year are nominated by social services and charities working with children in Bradford. Most of them will only receive the gift you donate. There are thousands of children who have been nominated this year.

Each year the appeal receives a lot of gifts for younger children but not older children and teenagers. This year there are more older children and teenagers on the list in need of a present than younger children. Please think about providing a gift for an older child.

Donation guidelines: no food or sweets, please don't wrap the present or include any personal notes. Nothing too expensive as these gifts are going to children in difficult circumstances and we don't want to make them a target for theft.

If you feel that you could buy an extra gift this Christmas we would be extremely grateful.

For further info see

<https://m.facebook.com/secretsantaappeal/>

<https://www.secretsantaappeal.org.uk/>

<https://www.jcibradford.org.uk/>



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 click [here](#)



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