

# TRANMERE TIMES NEWSLETTER

## Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016

### General School Information/Dates

Please visit the [Headteacher's Blog](#) on the school website for more information on what's been happening in school recently



#### Armistice

This morning Kingfishers class walked to the cenotaph in Guiseley to take part in the Remembrance Service at 11am with members of the Royal British legion. Charlotte Entwistle and Dylan Thomas read out poems they had written and then each pupil attached a poppy they had made to a class wreath.

Mrs Tate said the children behaved exceptionally throughout the service showing the utmost respect at all times. Well done Kingfishers.



### Data Collection Sheets

Over the next couple of weeks we will be sending your child home with their Data Collection Sheet. Years 3 and 4 will be bringing theirs home tonight. Please check that the information on the sheet is up to date and make any amendments before signing it and returning to school. Please remember that the mobile phone number of the number 1 contact will be the one used for our text messaging service.

### Parents Consultation Evenings

Parent Consultations will take place next week on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016**.

Please note the following clubs are cancelled on Tuesday and Thursday due to Parent Consultation Evenings.

Tuesday - Inspiration Tree KS2 Football & Lego Club, Cross Country Club.

Thursday - 5's Soccer Club Yrs 1 & 2.

All children attending clubs have already been informed.

### Packed Lunches

We would like to remind parents of our policy on packed lunches. As a "Healthy School" we are keen to promote the advantages of healthy eating. Our school lunches follow guidelines set out by Leeds City Council which do allow 2 to 3 sugary deserts per week (e.g **everything in moderation**). Unlike some schools, we have not taken the decision to insist on a complete ban on chocolate and crisps in our packed lunches as we feel strongly that "**moderation is the key**". We would ask for your support in this by trying to ensure your child has a healthy packed lunch which may include a few treats per week.



### Congratulations to our Netball team

The Netball team had their first friendly against St Peter and Pauls this week. They all played really well and we are delighted to say they won their first competitive game against another school.

### Arts Theme Week

During Arts Theme Week, the children have been having a go at a range of activities, from listening to opera to creating mobiles. The aim of the week was to encourage them to try out new art forms and to enjoy being creative and expressing themselves. We hope they have enjoyed it.

### Design a Christmas Card Competition

The children will be bringing home a "Design a Christmas Card" competition entry form from Hardisty's Estate Agents. The design must include a house. Finished entries can be taken to Hardisty's Estate Agents or returned to school by 18<sup>th</sup> November – Good Luck!

### Year 5/6 Christmas Concert at St. Oswald's Church – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Please note that the date for the Year 5/6 Christmas Concert has now been confirmed. The concert will take place on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm** and not Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> as previously notified on our proposed dates calendar. The dress rehearsal in church will take place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon. The rehearsal in church is for Yr 5/6 pupils only; any parents unable to attend the evening concert are welcome to attend the dress rehearsal **in school** on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am.

### Children starting school in September 2017

Parents need to apply for a Reception place via the Leeds City Council website. On-line applications can be made between the **1<sup>st</sup> November and 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017**, instructions on how to apply on-line are at [www.leeds.gov.uk](http://www.leeds.gov.uk). Please note even if you have a child already in school you still need to apply for a younger sibling place via Leeds City Council.

**We are receiving reports from the wider community that parents are hearing messages that children may not get a place for their child unless they actually live on Tranmere Park Estate or already have a sibling in school. Last year we believe was a one-off year where we had 33 siblings and therefore limited places for first time parents. This may not be the case this year and we do not want to give out a wrong message to the community that children will not receive a place at our school. It is very important to school to be full with 45 children in September as this affects our funding. Please advise new parents to contact school if they unsure about**

## completing the preference form.

In addition please email Mrs Reeve at [victoriareeve@tranmerepark.leeds.sch.uk](mailto:victoriareeve@tranmerepark.leeds.sch.uk) to enable school to ensure all younger siblings of children attending this school are on the allocation list when it is first issued to school in April 2017.

### Children in Need 2016 – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November

We will be supporting the Children in Need Appeal again this year. The theme this year is 'Spots', children can come to school dressed in spotty clothing or Pudsey Bear themed outfit in return for a donation to the Children in Need Appeal. Please see the Children in Need website for ideas.



## Important Information

### School Dinner Money

Please be reminded that meals must be purchased for the full week ahead. The cost for school meals for this half term (31<sup>st</sup> October 2016 – 16th December 2016) is £82.25

### Residential Payments

All deposit payments of £21.25 for the Year 4 residential to Malham was due by the 7<sup>th</sup> November.  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> payment of £50 for Year 5 residential to Ingleborough is due by the 16<sup>th</sup> November.  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> payment of £25 for the Year 3 residential to Robinwood is due by the 21<sup>st</sup> November.  
The 3<sup>rd</sup> payment of £50 for the Year 6 residential to PGL France is due by the end of the month.

### Assemblies

Parents are most welcome to attend their child's class assembly at **9.10am**.

<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Hérons</b>
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Skylarks</b>
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	<b>Kingfishers</b>
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Woodpeckers</b>
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Carols around the tree</b>

### Forthcoming Dates

Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent/Teacher Consultation Evening 3.30pm – 7pm
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent/Teacher Consultation Evening 3.30pm – 5pm
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3/4 Dress Rehearsal (Christmas Concert) 9.45 am
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3/4 Christmas Concert – 1.45pm
Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Dress Rehearsal (Christmas Concert) 9.45am (in school) Y3/4 Christmas Concert – 1.45pm
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Dress Rehearsal (Christmas Concert) 9.45am EYFS Christmas Concert 1.45pm
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Concert 1.45pm
Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup> December	PTA Christmas Fair – 12.00-2.30 pm
Monday	12 <sup>th</sup> December	Y5/6 Dress Rehearsal (Christmas Concert) 9.30am (in school) Reception Christmas Party in School after lunch 1.30am (in school)
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Party in School after lunch
Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Panto 9am <b>NEW DATE</b> Y5/6 Dress Rehearsal (Christmas Concert) 1.15pm (in church - NO parents) Year 5/6 Christmas Concert 6pm St Oswald's Church Years 3 and 4 Christmas Party in school after lunch
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch Years 5 and 6 Christmas Party in school after lunch
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS at 3.15pm</b>

## Special Mention

On Thursday morning we hold a Special Mention Assembly to celebrate achievements within school. If your child has achieved something really special outside of school we would be pleased to announce this on Tranmere Times. Please e-mail Mrs Reeve on [victoriaeve@tranmerepark.leeds.sch.uk](mailto:victoriaeve@tranmerepark.leeds.sch.uk)

Rebecca Dunne (Doves) competed in the North East ASA swimming championships last weekend in Sunderland. In her favourite race (100m breaststroke) she came 4<sup>th</sup> in the 11 year old category.

This is a great result for her to finish 4<sup>th</sup> in the whole of the North East of England.

Well done Rebecca!

Below are the children who received a Special Mention this week in Special Mention Assembly

CLASS	ATTAINMENT	ATTITUDE
ROBINS	Oscar Whitaker	Eric Tallon-Li
BLUEBIRDS	Hugo Nolson	James Ross
EAGLES	Evie Pan & Cora Wainwright	
SKYLARKS	Joe Yeates	Ava Aspell
HERONS	Sam Harrison & Sophia Sharman	
RED KITES	Alfie Watson & Isla Worsman	
WOODPECKERS	Archie Rawson	Alexander Gates
WRENS	Lauren Papworth	Timothy James
FALCONS	Harry Gooch	Daniel Stout
PUFFINS	Tianna Blighton	Will Neild
KINGFISHERS	Seb Murphy & Poppy Phillips	
DOVES	Jemima Walker	Louis Dooling
MRS MARTIN	Sam Worley for 100% attendance and Esther Dooling for always looking smart in her uniform and with her hair tied back.	

## 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 7th -11th November.

ROBINS	99.6%	WOODPECKERS	99.0%
BLUEBIRDS	95.9%	WRENS	96.1%
EAGLES	98.0%	FALCONS	100%
SKYLARKS	92.0%	PUFFINS	97.9%
HERONS	99.3%	KINGFISHERS	98.5%
RED KITES	98.8%	DOVES	93.6%

Well done to Falcons class!

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## Bonfire Bake PTA Bonfire Bake

Thank you to everyone who helped at and supported the Bonfire Bake either by donating cakes or buying them, we raised a fantastic £369.50



## Gift Grotto

Father Christmas is coming early to Tranmere Park! The PTA Elves will be running a Gift Grotto on the 2nd December where children can buy a surprise gift for mums, dads, grandmas, grandads – or any other important grown-ups! Order forms with more information will be coming out in book bags. All orders need to be received by **Monday 28th November** in order for the elves to get the gifts ready. Please make cheques payable to Tranmere Park PTA and mark envelopes Gift Grotto.

Thank you for your continued support... we love seeing the children's faces at buying you a surprise.

Enjoy the weekend.

Kirsten Finley  
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Headteacher

