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TRANMERE TIMES NEWSLETTER

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General School Information/Dates

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

Website News

Over the last couple of years we have been working very hard to make our website as easy to use as possible. During this time, in response to parent feedback, we moved various items around with the intention of grouping together the kinds of things that parents would need to access.

Recently, we became aware that this had led to some confusion over where things were on the website and the occasional appearance of out of date materials.

As a result, Mr Beech met with the Parent Forum to present a solution that would be as simple as possible for parents to use. In consultation with the forum representatives, we agreed to move all homework (both weekly and topic) onto each classes' own page. In addition we have also moved the half-termly parent bulletins to these class pages too.

In order to make this easier to find, we have changed the layout of the website navigation, moving "Classes" to its own top level tab so that all of this information is easier to find than ever.

In addition to making all of this information easier to find, the other benefit to our new layout is that, as well as weekly homework and general news, class news updates will now be posted to Facebook. Topic homework grids will also appear in your Facebook news feeds.

As some members of Parent Forum mentioned that they did not know where certain other things were on our website, we have also produced the following graphic (attached to tonight's Tranmere Times) showing where each page is organised under the main tabs.

We hope you find our changes useful and if you need any guidance on any of this, or wish to let us know what you think of the new layout, please don't hesitate to get in touch with class teachers or fill in the contact form on our feedback page!

Important Message from West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service

Please see below the message we have received from West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service regarding head lice treatments.

"We would like to remind parents and carers to always read and follow the instructions carefully when using chemical insecticide products, typically sold in chemists, to treat head lice. This is because these treatments contain flammable elements. You should not therefore use hair dryers, or any other ignition source such as matches, lighters and candles near anyone during the treatment process whilst the product is being used. This advisory note follows a recent incident in West Yorkshire in which a child's hair was accidentally set alight during treatment resulting in the child sustaining serious injuries."

Aireborough Learning Partnership Trust – Survey.

Our school is part of the Aireborough Learning Partnership Trust and the Trust is keen to understand what people know about it and how it can better communicate. We have therefore agreed to distribute a survey, the link for which is shown below.

The survey is totally anonymous and will only take a couple of minutes to complete. It will be open until midnight on

Sunday 5th February so if you can please find time to respond it will be very much appreciated.

Simply click on the link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ALPTaware>



School Basketball Team

Menston, Yeadon Westfield and Tranmere Park Primary Schools came together to play basketball at St Mary's Catholic Academy. The event was led by St Mary's Y13 Btec Sport group. As part of their course students introduced the event, refereed games and organised the fixtures / results. There was some fantastic basketball played with some very exciting close games. The event is one of three heats with over 190 children participating in basketball festivals across Leeds North West.

Menston and Tranmere Park A Team have now qualified through to the Leeds North West Basketball Final at Leeds Beckett's 31st March delivered by Leeds Force. Players, staff and parents will be invited to stay and watch Leeds Force BBL game after the final.

For children wishing to join a basketball club Leeds Force provide sessions at Horsforth HS Mondays 4.15-5.30pm. For details see the flyer attached to tonight's Tranmere Times.

Dulux Dog

School recently won a competition to have our ICT suite refurbished by Dulux paint. On the completion of the work we were presented with a large Dulux Dog cuddly toy.

We will be holding a raffle for families with a chance to win the Dulux Dog. Tickets will be on sale in the front entrance at morning break time for 50p a ticket. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 26th January in Special Mention Assembly.

All proceeds from the raffle will go to our School Fund.

KS1 Circus Skills – Friday 27th January at 2.40pm

KS1 children will be taking part in a circus skills workshop on Friday 27th January. Parents/carers are welcome to attend a performance by the children at 2.40pm.

Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant Vacancies

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 and on the school playground from 11.55am to 1.10pm. We are happy to recruit people for just one or two lunchtimes a week. If you are interested or know somebody who may be and would like further information please call at the school office and ask to speak to Mrs Sanderson.



Important Information

School Dinner Money

Please be reminded that meals must be purchased for the full week ahead. The cost for school meals for next half term (4th January – 10th February 2016) is £65.80.

Residential Payments

The 4th payment of £50 for Year 5 residential to Ingleborough was due by the 11th January.
The final payment of £25 for the Year 3 residential to Robinwood is due by the 23rd January.
The 5th payment of £50 for the Year 6 residential to PGL France is due by 31st January.
The 2nd payment of £25 for the Year 4 residential to Malham was due on the 9th January.
Please send in any outstanding payments A.S.A.P.

Please ensure all cheques sent to school have the correct date on them i.e 2017!

Assemblies

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

Friday 27 th January	Red Kites
Friday 3 rd February	Eagles
Friday 10 th February	Falcons
Friday 3 rd March	Hérons
Friday 10 th March	Doves

Forthcoming Dates

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Thursday	26 th January	PGL Parent's Information Evening
Thursday	2 nd February	Y3 Robinwood Parent's Information Evening 6.00-6.45pm
Monday	6 th February	Pupil Mentoring Week
Friday	10th February	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM HOLIDAYS at 3.15pm
Monday	13th February	SPRING HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday	20th February	SCHOOL RE-OPENS
Thursday	23 rd February	Ingleborough Hall Parent's Information Meeting 6.00-6.45 pm
Monday	27 th February	Themed Week in school
Monday – Thursday	3 rd – 10 th March	Book Fair
Tuesday	7 th March	Parent/Teacher Consultation Evening 3.30pm – 7pm
Thursday	9 th March	Parent/Teacher Consultation Evening 3.30pm – 5pm
Friday and Saturday	10 th and 11 th March	Year 3 Robinwood Residential
Thursday	16 th March	Y2 SAT's Information Evening for Parents 6.00-6.45pm Y6 SAT's Information Evening for Parents 6.45-7.30pm
Monday	20 th March	Year 5 Ingleborough Hall Residential
Thursday	23 rd March	Phonics meeting for Yr 1 parents 6.00-6.45pm
Tuesday	28 th March	Easter Egg Competition – Whole School
Wednesday	29 th March	Easter Cake Competition – KS2
Thursday	30 th March	Year 4 Malham Parent's Meeting 6pm
Friday	31st March	SCHOOL CLOSSES for the Easter Holidays at 3.15pm
Tuesday	18th April	SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR THE SUMMER TERM

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 January.

ROBINS	99.1%	WOODPECKERS	99.4%
BLUEBIRDS	99.1%	WRENS	99.7%
EAGLES	98.0%	FALCONS	94.2%
SKYLARKS	100%	PUFFINS	99.7%
HERONS	96.0%	KINGFISHERS	98.5%
RED KITES	96.0%	DOVES	99.4%

Well done Skylarks!

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 victoriareeve@tranmerepark.leeds.sch.uk

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

CLASS	ATTAINMENT	ATTITUDE
ROBINS	Oscar Whitaker	Maddie Harvey
BLUEBIRDS	Ruby Garnett	William Berry
EAGLES	Barnaby Warman	Isla Allen
SKYLARKS	Amelia Grahamslaw	Ava Aspell
HERONS	Red Dickinson	Dylan Horsman
RED KITES	Jack Allgar	Harry Armstrong
WOODPECKERS	Isabella Charnock & Lily Tomkinson	
WRENS	Evan Williams	Dylan Chestnutt
FALCONS	Evie Bowman	Jackson Kelly
PUFFINS	Evan Sykes-Williams	Ima Gin (Awarded 6.1.17) Henry Gregory
KINGFISHERS	Lialah Hussain	Jonathan Cole
DOVES	Noah Bradbury & Jemima Walker	

Extended Services

Please find attached to tonight's Tranmere Times the Turn Up The Talent flyer for February Half Term. Also attached tonight is information about basketball training sessions being run locally.

P.T.A.



Save the date!!! We're going to run a Tranmere Park Race Night again on Friday 24th March in the hall, so get your babysitters booked! Admission will only be £2.50 each again, but we have a limit, so please find Marie Stout or Lizzie Worley in the playground or email marie_stout@hotmail.com if you want tickets now. A letter will come out in book bags shortly with a form to fill in and return to school if you prefer to buy them that way. Any local businesses who would like to sponsor a race, please also get in touch. There will be chance to "buy" horses before the night and also have a flutter on our Tricast. Full details will be sent out soon.

These are the PTA dates and events for the rest of this academic year.

- Monday 27th February - PTA Bake after school
- Friday 24th March - Race Night 7:30pm
- Monday 27th March - Disco (EYFS & KS1 3:15-4:30 and KS2 4:45-6:00)
- Friday 28th April - Sponsored bouncy course (weather dependent)
- Tuesday 16th May - TGT Dress Rehearsal 5:30-7pm
- Wednesday 17th May - TGT Show 6:30-8pm
- Saturday 1st July - Summer Fair
- Monday 3rd July - Disco (EYFS & KS1 3:15-4:30 and KS2 4:45-6:00)

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