Newsletter

6 November 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, fingers crossed, and it’s not raining as I type these final few paragraphs, we have our big annual event of the year – fireworks!! Hopefully you have all got your tickets, but you can still purchase them on the doors tonight. Gates open at 6.30pm and the display is at 7.30pm – come and soak up the fun (hopefully not the rain) and enjoy the barbecue, bar, refreshments and fun things to buy. The PTA have worked really hard for this evening and we are all very much looking forward to it.

Hopefully you all enjoyed the half term break last week. As you recall, the last day of term was mufti day and we are delighted to say we raised £417.97 so a big thank you for your support. However, we have an awful lot more to raise. Do you have any ideas? Do you know of anyone who sponsors businesses or would be interested in helping us raise this huge amount of money? Please be in touch – we are trying really hard but need your help to!!

As always the school week has flown and has been extremely busy and you can read this as you read the newsletter. Please remember it is an inset day this coming Monday (9th November) so we will welcome the pupils back at usual time on Tuesday.

We hope you have a lovely long weekend and enjoy reading our news.

HOUSEPOINT TOTALS

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Here are the results for the house points during October:

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ENGLISH REWARD SYSTEM

We have set up a new reward system in English! Each English teacher will pick a child from each of their classes who is their: writing star, presentation star, responding to purple pen star and homework star. This will be on a weekly basis and the star focus will rotate. The winners of this week's writing star competition will be announced in the next newsletter and they will each be awarded with five house points so watch this space!

ACCELERATED READER

Accelerated Reader continues to grow in popularity with our Year 5, 6 and 7 pupils. The library is absolutely packed at break and lunch times with pupils eager to read and quiz on what they've read. Reading skills have a really significant impact on a child's life chances, so this enthusiasm is really pleasing to see.

This said, some pupils are reading and quizzing a great deal more than others - check with your child when they last completed a book and quizzed. Also, please ensure your child completes some independent reading at home every day. Most children should be doing this for at least half an hour per day. Accelerated Reader calculates that many pupils currently complete substantially less.

In this week's assemblies, Mr Clarke announced the AR Tutor Groups of the Month for October. These are the tutor groups who have gained the most AR points for each month. Well done to the following tutor groups:

Year 5 - Mr Day's tutor group
Year 6 - Miss Saunders' tutor group
Year 7 - Mr Elvie's tutor group

LEGO CLUB

We are hoping to start a lunchtime LEGO club and would be very grateful for any donations of unwanted LEGO that you may have lying around the house that your child no longer plays with. Please bring it to Reception or if it needs to be collected, then please let us know.

Many thanks, Steph Shirley – Pastoral Manager
**MATHS**

Trevelyan are now set up to use SUMDOG, which is one of the best online systems for practicing Maths skills. Children can be set quizzes and activities to do but they are also able to use the website to practice key skills in a fun way. SUMDOG allows pupils to play against other pupils in the School in set competitions and is proven to improve progress. SUMDOG can be used for all age groups and logins and passwords will be given out as soon as possible.

**IDEAS FOR SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD IN THEIR MATHS AT HOME.**

Here are a list of Maths websites that promote a fun way to learn with free, online interactive games and puzzles:

- Snappmaths.com
- Woodlands Maths Zone
- Education City
- MyMaths
- www.examninja.co.uk
- Www.Mathsisfun.com
- Www.Topmarks.co.uk
- http://www.transum.org/Software/SW/YouTube/
- https://www.khanacademy.org

**Maths Apps for Android and IPhone**

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For information on what your child is currently learning please go to the school website, search curriculum, maths and click on Pupil Targets.

You will also find a parent support pack and parent tool kit for helping you support your child at home.
For information on the calculation methods that are used at Trevelyan please go to the curriculum section, maths and click on the Calculation Policy link.

We hope you find this information helpful.

Have fun!

The Maths Team

The Maths department will be launching a Minion Number Hunt competition called Minion Madness. Children will be given an exciting booklet with numbers to hunt! If they find them all they will win a prize and 5 house points for their House.

MATHEMATICIANS OF THE WEEK – KS2

Max Baisch for effort and concentration in lessons

Nicholas Marek for a greatly improved attitude to learning

MATHS AWARDS

Miss Lane’s year 5 class were set a competition for the best homework challenge. We had some fantastic work and after a class vote we have 4 winners.

1st place Freddie Chandler (class 1)

1st place Aimee Butchard (class 2)

2nd place Lara Talbot

3rd place Joseph Ben-Kmael

Thank you for supporting your children with their Maths homework. It makes a real difference to their learning!
PE

Our year 5/6 Dodgeball team won the Dodgeball competition held at St Edwards school on Tuesday 3rd November and beat all the other 4 teams. We also came 5th in the yr5/6 hockey tournament on Wednesday night.

Also our year 5/6 football team got to the quarter finals of the Slough national football tournament on Thursday 5th Nov winning one match and drawing two matches and then losing 2-0 in the quarters All boys played brilliantly, especially the yr5 boys who were up against some big year 6 boys.

Fixtures coming up:

- Sports Hall Athletics (year 5, 6, 7 and 8) on Tuesday 17th November
- Year 8 Netball match on Wednesday 25th November
- Year 7 Netball Match on Wednesday 2nd December
- KS3 Boys Badminton Tournament on Thursday 3rd December
  Football fixtures to follow!

Skipping – Mrs Allen has introduced a Skipping Club during a Thursday lunchtime and Thursday 5th November was the first session. The turnout was AMAZING and the club is full. It was great to see boys and girls across the whole school turn up to get involved. Let us hope the high attendance continues.

HOMEWORK SURVEY

At Trevelyan, we are interested in hearing your views on homework given out by the school. If you haven’t already done so, please could you take the time to respond to the survey. This will help us review our approach to homework.

Click on this link to take you to the survey.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1xgPK9IrJroioDs25AT8YXMp6QPMfcccNvCzB44ja6IM/viewform?usp=send_form

The survey is also available on the Trevelyan website here: http://www.trevelyan.org.uk/52/homework

Thank you in advance for your time and our thanks to those who have already responded to this.

Mr Jerrold.

NEW COMPUTERS IN THE TEACHING SUITE

The school has invested in new machines for Room 16.

We are lucky enough to have brand new PCs in Room 16, the teaching suite. Over the half term, Mr Cannon received delivery, plugged in and set up 32 new computers. This has meant much quicker booting and efficiency when logging on and carrying out other activities.
DONATIONS TOWARDS ROBOTICS AT TREVELYAN
A huge thank you to parents who contributed towards a set of robotics for pupils to use in school. Letters will be going out to you shortly.

Mr Jerrold.

TUBS FOR TABLETS
Thank you to those of you who have dropped off your silver foils from promotional packs of Flora spread. We currently have 9 foils. We are hoping to raise enough for at least one tablet. A tablet will cost us 50 foils from Flora tubs. If you have Flora at home and you have the foil from the tub, please do drop it into the red box at reception.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK:
In the last week of term, we celebrated success and achievement in the French department. Congratulations to the following pupils:

Year 5: Elisa Martinez-Rojas for her hard work and enthusiasm.

Year 6: Barker Tyler – for trying hard in his vocabulary test

Year 7: Albert Drame-Arness – for participating well in every lesson

Year 8: Tayla Heath – for working very well and being helpful to other students in lessons

MND ANNUAL QUIZ
Why not come along to Trevelyan Middle School next Thursday (12th Nov) and join in the fun at our annual quiz night? All proceeds made will go directly to the Motor Neurone Disease Association – Windsor and East Berks. This charity is run by Joy and Ralph Cooper (Mrs Chandler’s parents) who work tirelessly to raise awareness and funds for this terminal disease.
Tickets cost just £5 each – this includes the quiz and also some hot drinks and nibbles. However, most people make more of a night of it and bring alcohol (bring your own glasses), drinks and we’ve even had picnics!!! There will also be a raffle on the night as well as our famous coin game.

Can you make a team of six? If not, buy a ticket anyway and we will put you in teams. There is a maximum of six to each team.

The quiz will be held in the school hall and starts promptly at 7.30pm. Please bring your tickets along with you on the night.

If you would like tickets, please put your money in a sealed envelope, clearly marked quiz night and the amount enclosed, and we will distribute the tickets via your child.

Any queries, please do ask!

Come along and not only join in the fun, but also help us spread awareness and raise money at the same time.

We thank you all in advance for your support!

Mrs Chandler

**CYCLE SAFETY**

Please can we remind parents about the importance of cycle safety? We have recently had two incidents involving pupils on bikes where for various reasons they were not seen by cars. Thankfully both children were OK.

If your child comes to school and is not wearing a cycle helmet they will not be allowed to leave school with their bike, but will need to wait for a parent to collect their bike or come in with a cycle safety helmet.

In addition please ensure if your children are cycling then they do so responsibly by displaying effective front and rear lights during the hours of darkness.

‘We do have a problem at the moment with school kids riding to and from school with little or no lighting on their bikes. Obviously the kids are in dark clothing – school coats/blazers. Can I ask all parents out there to make sure your child is responsibly and suitably dressed for the highway – for their own safety! We cannot issue tickets or fines to anyone under the age of 18, but must hope that good sense prevails.’ Jeffrey Pick (Police, NHW & Community Msg Co-ordinator, Windsor & Maidenhead LPA).

We hope we see you this evening at our Firework night!

Have a lovely long weekend and we look forward to updating you in a fortnight’s time with more news and successes.

*Mrs N Chandler - Deputy Headteacher*
All Welcome!

Trevelyan Breakfast Club

8.00am to 8.35am in the

School Hall

Beans on Toast
£1.50

Milkshake/ Juice
50p

Toast and Jam
50p

Choice of Cereal
50p

Hot Chocolate
50p

Other options may be available.