15 January 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very happy and healthy New Year to you all and hoping you all had a wonderful Christmas – even though it does feel a long time ago! As always it has been a busy 2 weeks since we have come back and plans for lots of exciting events and activities are well under way for 2016.

As the cold weather starts to hit us, with even snowflakes expected at the end of next week, we would like to politely remind you that pupils are expected to come to school in suitable dark winter coats – it is shocking to see so many pupils without coats and jumpers in January!! Multi coloured hoodies are also not school policy so we ask you if you can support us with this. Children are outside, when it is not raining, for 20 minutes in the morning and 45 minutes at lunch so warm, dark coats are necessary this time of the year. Thank you.

On the subject of being outside, it was a real pleasure to take a call from a member of the public this morning who called us to comment on how polite our pupils are. She remarked on children acknowledging cars that stop when crossing the zebra crossing, the amount of girls and boys who say ‘good morning’ to her and also the pupils who step aside on the pavement when they are in groups to allow pedestrians to pass – so a real well done to them all. It’s always nice to receive a phone call like that in the morning!

After Christmas we welcomed Mr Hooper to join us at Trevelyan as Head of Humanities – a real strength to our teaching team, and also Miss Bendall to Trevelyan who is here for a short time on her second placement to become an English teacher. We wish them both a happy, fulfilling time with us.

This morning it was great to see Miss Jones and 7EJ take their tutor assembly on Martin Luther King’s birthday; welcoming parents and families is always a pleasure so thank you for taking the time. It is Miss Lane and 8KL’s turn next on the 29th January so we look forward to seeing some Year 8 parents then.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend and we look forward to updating you in a fortnight.

**HOMEWORK SURVEY**

There is still time to share your thoughts on how homework is delivered in school. To access the survey at home, please visit:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1xgPK9lrJroioDs25AT8YXMP6QP-MfccNvCzB44ja6I/viewform?usp=send_form
HOUSEPOINT TOTALS SO FAR....

Here are the totals for December:

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CONGRATULATIONS:

We are delighted to announce that Issy Fehin (8KL) and Ellis-Rose Micklewright (8AH) have been appointed prefects and Oliver Baynes (8EW) and Madison Fetigan (8NC) as Sports Leaders. Congratulations and good luck to them all.

PTA

Our PTA needs you!!

Due to a change in work and personal circumstances, our current PTA Chair, Leigh Sydenham (Ollie S, Year 5) has made the decision to step down to allow someone else the opportunity to join the PTA Committee.

We have 3 PTA Committee (volunteer) officer roles:
Chair (vacant)
Secretary (Lizzi Edwards)
Treasurer (Ed Valiente)

There are also a number of other volunteer PTA roles which vary from helping out at school events to assisting with the marketing and communications of our events and purchasing goods and services for our events.

We have had a very successful Autumn Term of PTA events which included the Fireworks Night in November and the Christmas Market and School Disco in December, plus providing refreshments at Open Evenings and Concert night. With a current financial position of £18.5k in the bank, the Trevelyan PTA is able to deliver £12.5k of funding to the school's Sport's England fund, which has a target of £83k. This is above our original pledge of £10k and we are only a third of the way through the year with two terms of events left to raise more funds and enjoy more school PTA events! This also leaves money in the bank to meet our current school minibus commitments.

All parents and carers of Trevelyan students are automatically members of our Trevelyan School PTA.
If you fancy getting involved, even just to help out from time to time, please contact Lizzi Edwards (Harry P, Year 5) either directly, via the school office or at pta@trevelyan.org.uk or just turn up at one of our monthly PTA meetings.

We look forward to hearing from you!

**PTA News item 13/01/16**

A reminder to parents that you ALL automatically belong to the PTA and are welcome at the monthly Committee meetings (next meeting is on **Tuesday 9th February 2016** from 7.00pm at the school) and also at all events we hold either to help or simply attend and spend your money!

The PTA have been very active prior to Christmas and have very kindly agreed to donate £12,500 toward the £83,150 Sports England Grant we need to “match fund” to improve the schools hard standing play areas. They have also donated £5,000 towards the upkeep of the minibuses for this year as well as another £5,379.50 for new lockers and display boards. This is a magnificent effort by all concerned.

The next events we are holding and dates for your diaries are as follows:

**Thursday 3rd March 2016 Adult Quiz Night** in the School Hall to raise funds to help “match fund” our Sports England Grant to improve the outside facilities for the pupils and the community. We are nearly there and you will soon see work begin on our improvements.

**Thursday 17th March 2016 Easter Disco.**

More details to follow in February.

**Yellow Moon – fund raising cash back scheme**

I have included the link below for the Yellow Moon website. This is perfect for students to get creative - parents can order arts and crafts materials to keep their children amused during the holidays, for party gifts or to make gifts for family and friends. The site includes a lot of Baker Ross branded art products.


10% cash back from every order goes directly to Trevelyan PTA.

The details below are needed to donate to the school.

Name of Organisation: **Trevelyan School PTA**

The PTA’s unique Source Code which needs to be quoted every time you place an order online at checkout is: **TRE43380**

We hope you enjoyed reading our update and more news to follow in two weeks!

**Mrs N Chandler**  
*Deputy Headteacher*