Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the final term! What a busy one ahead! The morning however has started brilliantly with 5RW having led a superb assembly this morning – 5RW’s Talent Show was a huge success from singing, dancing, comedy, gymnastics to generally making you laugh and smile so much – well done Miss Warden and 5RW, I know you made my day! It was lovely to see so many parents too coming to watch the morning assembly too. Year 7’s have been preparing for their residential the week after next; Year 8 have just completed their dreaded transfer exams; Year 5 are all recovered from their week away in Swanage and all of us are looking forward to some sunshine (fingers crossed) next Friday for our annual whole school outing to Thames Valley Athletic Centre for our Sports Day. Staff have been preparing and writing end of year reports too which are due out in July – this year we have written them in a new format so look forward to sharing these with you. As well as the usual, every day running of school, Miss Ellis and Mr King have been busy with the Sound of Music crew; we do enjoy the bursts of songs and voices we hear when in after school meetings! Tickets will be on sale soon and we are hoping for three consecutive sell-out evenings!

Half term seems like a long time ago now, but I know I for one, was delighted to welcome back our Year 5 pupils from their first Trevelyans residential visit, they were so lucky with the sunny weather. 85 tanned, tired bodies fell off the coach, followed by weary looking staff but there were smiles all around and the children’s superb behaviour has been commented upon by all involved – well done Year 5. Year 6 have also had numerous days out and trips which culminate in July with the big Maths trip to Legoland. They made fantastic pirates on the last day of term and I think there was a competition between the Maths’ teachers going on for who could be the better pirate! It sure was a fun filled day for all involved. Year 7, as mentioned above, have their 5 day trip coming up at the end of the month and I know the staff are excited and prepared for this new Trevelyans trip. As for Year 8’s, transfer exams are over and so much ahead to look forward to. Mrs Hill has briefed you later on in the newsletter, but a big thank you trip for prefects is looming as well as lots to plan and prepare for their final weeks at Trevelyans Middle School.

I would like to take this opportunity to politely remind you that a week today (24th June) is Sports Day so all staff and pupils will be off site for the day – Mrs McLeod, Mr Brazier and Miss Johnson have all been busy planning and preparing a fun-filled, successful day. (So have us staff who are competing at the end of the day in a staff relay against the Year 8’s!!) We hope to see some of you supporting the event on the day – you are welcome to come and watch and cheer your son/daughter!
Please enjoy reading all our news – it’s another long one! So much to inform you about and celebrate!

Enjoy your weekend and hope all the dads out there have a lovely, relaxing Fathers’ Day on Sunday.

Mrs Chandler

YEAR 8 CAREERS AFTERNOON

We are wanting to organise a careers afternoon for Year 8s as part of their ‘moving on’ from Trevelyan. The date is Thursday 14th July from 1:30 pm. Could any parents/carers, who are either willing to come in or who have connections, make contact with Mrs Hill as soon as possible. We would love to have you join us talk about your career.

GO4SET

Congratulations to the Year 8 GO4SET team for gaining the nationally recognised Industrial Cadet Award. Year 8 pupils - Anoop, Eric, Haaris, Saffa, Natasha and Ellie all worked extremely hard over 10 weeks with their mentors from Centrica to research and design an environmentally friendly school. Over the 10 weeks they worked in their own time, after school and at lunchtimes to produce a detailed report and build a model of the classroom. They produced a creative display board of their work (on display in reception) and delivered a professional presentation to Centrica judges. They were highly praised for their creativity and innovative ideas. They have shown that they have brilliant team work skills, resilience and a fantastic work ethic. Well done team!
NEWS FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT

We have started an after school club – Ultimate Frisbee – that I open to all pupils. With no cost to you, two Windsor Boys’ pupils come and run the club and are looking for more pupils to join in the fun. It was a great success last week. Interested – see Mr Brazier or Miss Johnson and sign up!

We have had two year 7 boys selected to represent Windsor, Ascot & Maidenhead in the district athletic trials on Thursday 30th June. Brandon Haynes - 75m sprint and Louis Reid - High Jump - a big well done and good luck boys!

With Sports week happening Monday (see timetable below) it will be easier for the children to come dressed in their PE kit so they are ready and have more time to play. This will be the whole school on Monday and on Tuesday it would be everybody apart from the yr5 – we thank you in advance for your support.
The Year 7 and 8 Athletics team took part in the Knight Frank Athletics competition over two evenings. We entered a boys and girls team and the top 4 teams would go through to the finals. Our boys team were in 3rd place at the end of the first meeting and the girls were 8th out of 16 teams. The second meeting was during transfer week, meaning a lot of students were quite tired but we preformed really well and the boys team managed to come in 5th place - just missing out on the final. The girls finished 12th. Well done to all the athletes.

YEAR 5 SWANAGE TRIP 2016

Just before half term, Year 5 went on a Humanities residential trip to Swanage on the South Coast. Between coastal walks, team-building challenges and campfires, they learnt a huge amount about the History and Geography of Swanage. The Allnat staff commented on the excellent behaviour of the children throughout the week.

Crabbing in the evening.

A break by the lake during a historical tour of the town.
Each evening, the pupils filled out booklets to chart their time on the trip. These will be returned home so that parents can see what they have learnt. Some of them will have the opportunity to present an assembly in September to the new Year 5 intake on what to expect on the Swanage trip.

I would like to express huge thanks to Mr Laidler, Mrs Wooders, Mrs Giles, Mr Hooper, Mr Day, Mrs Harrison and Mr Jervis who gave up their week to ensure that the Year 5 pupils had a happy, safe trip. Also thanks to Mrs McLeod who has worked tirelessly since October to organise Swanage 2016 – it was a massive undertaking. The date for the Swanage trip 2017 is week beginning May 22nd.

Thank you to those parents and pupils who were so positive about the trip afterwards and for the kind words.

Mr Jerrold
Year 8

The planning for Year 8s leaving us and transitioning to their next school is well underway and I thought it would be helpful to highlight a few key dates and items.

Firstly I would like to congratulate the entire Year 8 for how they conducted themselves during Transfer Exam Week. They were calm, well-behaved, moved between exam and lesson without a hitch and were impeccably behaved in the exam hall. The pupils made the whole process of invigilation trouble free. Well done to you all and thank you! The teachers are now busy marking…..

To the important dates and items:

- Yearbook 2016 – Year8s have written their highlights and farewell message, the photographs have been taken and a letter will shortly be sent out giving you the opportunity to buy a lovely memento of your child’s time with us.
- Friday 24th June 2016 – their final TMS Sports Day at TVAC.
- Wednesday 29th June 2016 – Prefect Trip to the Houses of Parliament and the London Eye. A letter will be sent shortly with final details. The important thing is that we leave school at 08:00 promptly and will not return until approximately 16:30.
- Friday 1st July 2016 – all Year 8s will be at their next school for the entire day.
- Friday 15th July 2016 – Leaver’s Party! 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm. I am meeting weekly with a group of Year 8s to plan this event. If there are any parents willing to help with shopping or set up, please contact me.
- Monday 18th July 2016 – Year 8 Leaver’s Assembly – this will be take place in the afternoon – a letter with exact times will be sent shortly.

So a busy but fun time! It is important that the Year 8s stay focussed and work in lessons to enable their final 22 days (counting from Monday 20th June) with us to be positive for all. I am sure that they will.

Mrs Hill
Trevelyan Middle School is hosting a Health Food Festival as part of British Nutrition Foundation Healthy Eating Week 2016 and Junior winner of RBWM’s Bright Idea Competition-Sammi Talha

The Health Food festival will be held Main Hall on Tuesday, 28th June from 9.30-11.30

There will be a number of fun activities based on the BNF Healthy Eating Week challenges, which are:

- have breakfast;
- have 5 A DAY;
- drink plenty;
- get active;
- try something new.

Pupils will be able to participate in activities such as,

Guess the unusual fruit/vegetable, hula hoop challenge; Smoothie shot Station, information, games and competitions. Some of Y8 will be taking part in a Cook-a-Long Burger bonanza challenge, webcam live from the Food Room as they cook.

There will also be special guests attending to further promote health messages. Sahahbano Razvi from the Public Heath team, looking at “hidden sugars in our food and drinks”

Mrs Leach

**A BUSY TERM FOR THE MATHS DEPARTMENT!**

**Year 5 Maths Marathon Berkshire competition.**

Three of our talented year 5 Mathematicians took part in the Berkshire Maths Marathon competition. They worked hard as a group to solve puzzles and problems and represented Trevelyan brilliantly. The group missed out on winning the competition by one mark! The organisers of the event commented that the markers had to triple check the pupils working out because it was too close to call!

Well done to Stoyan, Saboor and Nicholas for their effort and hard work. We are very proud of them.
**Year 6 Pirate Day**

Ahoy me Jimlads!

Last term year 6 pupils dressed up as Pirates to take part in our annual Pirate adventure day. Pupils worked extremely hard throughout the day to collect clues to make their treasure map and find the treasure.

We also held a Pirate Parade where we judged the best costume! It was brilliant to see the pupils get involved. Here are the winners of the best pirate costume.

We also held a competition for the best treasure map. Pupils worked on these maps, tea staining them and making sure each map had certain mathematical properties. Here are the winners of treasure map competition.

Pupils were then treated to a play by the Quantum Theatre group who came to deliver a Maths play about Captain Half Inch and the Missing Treasure. The pupils and staff loved it and were a pleasure to work with for the day. Well done year 6!
Legoland trip

Year 6 are now working on their Pirate Theme Park project which will end with a Maths trip to Legoland.

This trip will include real life use of Maths and covers areas such as: statistics, fractions and percentages, ratio and proportion, enlargement and money. The trip is on the 15th of July.

Year 5 have just begun working on their Maths Board Game project. Pupils will design a mathematical board game that will be shared with the year 4’s on transition day in July. They will need to design and create rules, a dice, spinner and question cards for their game. The pupils will be connecting this to English where they will write the instructions for their game. They will then take their prototypes to DT where they will make their game with wood and resources.

A fantastic opportunity to link Maths to other areas of school life.

Year 8 have been busy with their Transfer exams but will now begin their Charlie and the Chocolate Factory maths project. This involves market research, statistics, computing, presentation skills, creative design, percentages and nutrition. The year 8’s will present their projects to year 5 and 4 successful groups will be chosen to go through to the final.

The final winning group will be chosen by Mr Hill, who works at the Mars chocolate factory. A special thank you to Mrs Hill for organising this with Mars.
Year 7 will begin their project called Product Wars. This is an Apprentice type activity where pupils are to design and create a new smoothie. This is a project run by Bowland Maths which includes; statistics, market research, computing, Excel use, designing and making packaging 3D shapes, nutrition and labelling. The project may end with particular groups making their smoothie in Food Tech lessons.

So, a busy term for the pupils in Maths with lots of opportunities to apply Maths skills to real life situations.

Miss Lane

**Pupil of week – week after half term**

**Music**

Year 5 – Stoyan Ilkov for outstanding display of leadership skills in a group composition

Year 6 – Louis Toy for demonstrating strong compositional skill

Year 7 – Oliver Sheppard for positive contribution to musical understanding

Year 8 – Bibi Cheema for demonstrating strong compositional skill

**THE EUROPEAN REFERENDUM COMES TO TREVELYAN!**

As part of the PSHE programme, Year 8 have been looking at the Brexit/Remain camps and the arguments for staying in or leaving the European Union. Each Year 8 class has divided itself into 2 halves and is busy creating posters, slogans and speeches for their side. During this week and next, various members of the classes will be visiting ALL the other year groups and presenting their arguments. The final presentation, before the vote next Thursday, will be an assembly, chaired by Mr York, where each side give their most powerful presentations.

The whole campaign is being organised and run by Year 8 and is proving to be a powerful way of introducing them to the world of Politics. Even those who had no interest before, are now actively debating matters with their peers. They are being encouraged to discuss the matter with parents as well so don’t be surprised if the subject arises during breakfast or dinner this week!

Campaigning will cease on Thursday 23rd and Year 8 pupils will run the voting booths and be responsible for the final count. All members of the school will vote, including staff, using the same ballot papers that the general public will use. Voting will start at 8:40am and cease at 1:00pm. The votes will be counted and Mr Clarke will announce the school decision at Sports Day on Friday 24th June.

For those of you not attending Sports Day, a special Referendum Bulletin will appear in the next newsletter. **HAPPY VOTING!**
Use of social media

Many of your children have access to social media applications, such as the ones listed above. While we do not condone the use of social media for children under the age of 13, we accept that this is not an easy aspect of everyday life that is easy to limit at home.

I would like to make parents and carers aware that Trevelyan pupils are bringing problems into school that have occurred on social media applications while they have been at home. Often, members of staff have dealt with these issues in their spare time.

If you would like to empower yourself with knowledge on the impact of your child’s use of social media and be in a position to control its use at home, please have a look at the following websites which offer help, advice, guidance and a host of resources on E-safety.

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/
http://www.childnet.com/resources
http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/
https://ceop.police.uk/

Positive intervention at home will help prevent your child falling out with others at school and will enable them to understand the impact that misuse of social media can have on their relationships.

Thank you,
Mr Jerrold.

BOOK TOKENS

There is a book token competition currently running. Very simple, all we need to do is nominate the school and we stand to win £5000 worth of tokens.

The link is below and can be passed on to anyone who will support us.

http://caboodle.nationalbooktokens.com/logEmail.htm?l=1&t=57&eh=0xE6726396517DC8063E93DC482191821147AE7313&e=Joymowat%40hotmail.com&type=click&link=http%3a%2f%2fwww.nationalbooktokens.com%2fschools

Nothing ventured, nothing gained!
The PTA are delighted to announce a profit of £1569.90 from our annual Summer fair. This is obviously quite a bit down from last year but with the typical British weather letting us down, Pimms and strawberries were not quite as enticing!! A big thank you to all the PTA, parents, carers, staff, friends and family who helped make the day a real success.

We hope you enjoyed reading all our news and we will update you again in a fortnight.

Mrs Chandler
Deputy Headteacher