A very warm welcome to our final newsletter of 2014 and a very Merry Christmas to you all. It has, as always, been a very busy 3 weeks and all our pupils have been busy preparing for Christmas in very different ways. From our PTA Christmas fair, to Christmas jumper day; a yummy Christmas lunch, Christmas assemblies and celebrations; house matches for all pupils, Year 5 activities day………there is so much to report on. Most importantly, the pupils have had a lovely build up to this special time of the year as well as being focused on their targets and expectations for next term. Every pupil has had the opportunity to discuss their own achievement and attainment with their form tutor and to set their targets for the forthcoming term as well as all tutors also having the opportunity to discuss these with you last Thursday evening.

As well as progress meetings we have also been interviewing for next term and we are delighted to announce our new Head of English, Mr Bradley Day, will be starting with us in January and our new ICT lead will be with us at Easter. It is with regret we say our goodbyes to Mrs Hannam who has been teaching Humanities and also doing Key Stage 2 intervention in English and Maths. We wish her and her husband all the very best with their impending bundle of joy. We also say goodbye to Mr Bishop, Year 5 tutor and teacher of English and wish him well.

Our PTA Christmas market on Friday was a big success and with queues for Santa, henna painting and tattoos, beer and mulled wine and of course mince pies, raffles, tombolas, Christmas decorations……the hall was packed with things to do. A big thank you to Belinda and the PTA for their superb efforts and for raising over £950! Fantastic! They are in action again tonight when they host our Christmas Disco. The team will be providing the children with a disco - Years 5 and 6 from 6.00pm to 7.30pm; Years 7 & 8 8.00pm to 9.30pm. Refreshments and disco sparkles will be available.

Year 5’s had a very exciting day last Friday during their Christmas activity day when they had the day off timetable and participated in 5 hours of different Christmas activities. Each tutor room held an event and the Year 5 went from room to room on the change of the bell. In the middle of the day they joined the rest of the school, all in Christmas jumpers, to tuck in to our Christmas lunch. Carols were playing, hats were worn; the whole school was full of festivities and fun. Thank you all for supporting these events.

A polite reminder to you all that school finishes at 1.00pm on Friday and we would like to take this final opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2015.

School is back on Monday 5th January at the usual time.
MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE.
Please can you ensure you leave a message on the absence line before 9am for every day that you child is off sick. This includes morning appointments when your child is missing morning registration.

Please can you take a minute to check your child’s PE kit to ensure they only have their own kit. Please can you also ensure your child’s kit is named. Any NAMED lost items that find their way to the office are quickly returned to their owners!

FRENCH COUNCIL

Some of our French Council members prepared short sessions on French speaking countries and delivered them to the Year 5 students during tutor time. Form tutors were impressed with the effort put into these presentations and we are looking forward to continuing with this activity after Christmas.

KS2 MATHEMATICIANS OF THE WEEK:
Amal Ait-Benmoussa
Lula Hammond
Hayatt Rose Siddiqui
Aahil Mailk
Isak Jonsson
Jack Gray
Mohini Mair
Che-Che Hui
Zeenat Nasir
Josh Askew
Louis Toy

Some more online resources for Maths to keep the children busy over Christmas:
http://www.topmarks.co.uk
http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths
http://www.snappymaths.com
http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/
http://www.examninja.co.uk/ (for year 6 SET’s and year 8 Transfers)
http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/

MATHS THEATRE VISIT
On Monday we had Quantum Theatre in as a Maths Christmas treat for our year 5 and 6 children.
We know that the children have been working very hard on their Christmas targets and wanted to reward them with something fun and educational at the end of term. We are very impressed with the progress the children have made in year 5 with 88% of the children achieving their Christmas Target! Well done year 5!

**P2i's**

As always we are overwhelmed and delighted with our P2i projects and below are the names of children this academic year who have excelled in these home learning projects. Well done to you all:

**Science P2i winners:**
Top 3: Haaris Ahmed and Charlie McCameron, Maria Burr, Joseph Gater.
Highly commended: Alana Ince-Chester, Matt Thomas, Anoop Matharu, Jake Lomas, Oliver Kellett, Saffa Ayub, Charlie Seymour.
The overall level of effort was very high this year and it was great to see so many pupils taking another step towards keeping their Key Stage 3 Pledge by completing their first P2i of Yr 7.

**English P2i winners:**
Year 5 pupils had to create a travel guide about the Caribbean as part of their English p2i.
The English department were very pleased with the overall quality and effort that went into these projects. Congratulations to the following pupils who produced an outstanding English p2i:
Catherine Newton, Archie Hocking, Mia Fothergill, India Finke, Olivia Burke, Eisha Rai, Ruby Wheeler, Ayotomiwa Abiola, George Moran, Cailyn Hayward.

**SHORT STORY COMPETITION**
This term the English department have also been running the Story Competition. Children were asked to write about anything they wanted within a rather challenging 400 words. After reading through many brilliant and imaginative entries, the judges were able (with great difficulty) to choose their winners for 2014!

The winners from each year group are:
Year 5 – Olivia Burke for her story “Return of the Gems”
Year 6 – Hasan Ahmed for his story “Training Dragons”
Year 7 – Priya Juneja and Gracey Caller for their story “The End of Annabelle”
Year 8 – Adam Potts for his story “Point Blank”
Well done to our winners and thank you to all those who took part and helped to make the competition such a success!

**ATTENDANCE**
This term all the pupils have been involved in an attendance competition to see which class has the best overall attendance. Classes get knocked out of the competition on a weekly basis and there has to be a winning class in each Key Stage. The winners were announced this week and they are 5COD who will be off timetable Thursday afternoon for an extended Christmas party and movie. Our KS3 winners are Mrs Wooders’ class (7EW) who are spending Thursday afternoon making and decorating gingerbread. Well done to all those pupils who received 100% attendance certificates.

Key stage 2 attendance winner 5 COD  
Key stage 3 attendance winner 7EW

**Year 5 and 6 Windsor Schools Sports Hall Athletics**
The year 5 and 6 girls and boys below competed in the Windsor Schools Sports Hall competition @ TVAC on Friday 28th of November. They showcased some fantastic performances and won some individual events. Overall the Boys came 3rd and the girls came 2nd. Well done!

Faye Haswell  
Evie Mcquhae  
Ellie Macnab  
Tara Francis  
Flora Broad  
Alysia Goldsworthy  
Cerys McCarthy  
Harriett Moss  
Alexia Lenton  
Kelsei Thompson

Max Ratcliff  
Marcus Chute  
Akhil Paleti  
Dom Richards  
Ben Florida James  
Sam Lee  
Alexander Walker  
Kaif Bhatti  
Kyle Ben Kmal  
Oliver Sheppard

**Year 5 and 6 County Sports Hall Athletics Championships**
On Sunday 29th November the following Year 5 and 6 girls and boys competed in the County Sports Hall Athletics Championships at TVAC. We were part of the only two school teams there competing against other local Athletics Clubs. We joined forces with Dedworth Middle School for our girls’ team. There were some outstanding results from both the girls and the boys resulting in the girls gaining a bronze medal overall. We really stirred things up with the local Athletics Clubs and will look forward to competing again next year! Well done!

Evie Mcquhae  
Ellie Macnab  
Tara Francis  
Cerys McCarthy  
Flora Broad  
Oliver Sheppard

Marcus Chute  
Akhil Paleti  
Dom Richards  
Alexander Walker  
Max Ratcliff  
Sam Lee
Year 6 Netball V St Peters – Tuesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} December
The Year 6 Netball A and B teams played brilliantly against St Peters on Tuesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} December. They worked really well together as a team showcasing the skills they have been learning at training. The A team won their match 9-0 and the B team won their match 6 -0. A fantastic result!

England v Malawi International Netball Test @ Copper Box
The Year 7 and 8 Netball teams travelled to the Copper Box last night to watch the first part of the 2 match test series against Malawi. A very late night, but great fun!

The England game v Malawi was excellent. The way they played was amazing. We learnt lots of top tips from the fast excellent play. The shooters scored from such a far distance which was brilliant! It was really interesting watching how all the player worked so well together to get the ball to the scoring third. We would like to thank Mrs Wooders, Miss Lane and Mrs O’D for taking us to see the fantastic game. We will never forget this experience!
Fatimah Saleem 7KL
**Year 8 Netball v St Edwards - Wed 17th December**

*We travelled to St Edwards on Wednesday afternoon to play St Edwards. Our team played really well and Izzie and Ginny scored some fantastic goals! Izzie Bye was nominated woman of the match by the St Edwards team after we beat them 9-7. It's the first time we have beaten St Edwards this year so we were delighted!*

Samantha Royal Brown 8JR

**Netball and Football House Matches**

The whole school participated in some very successful house matches last week. All of the pupils were very enthusiastic to be competing as part of their new house and all eager to win. There were also some fantastic leadership skills shown by the Year 8 Sports Leaders- they ran the competitions and officiated all of the games. Results are as follows:

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**Year 7 and 8 County Sports Hall Athletics Championships**

On Sunday 13th of December the following Year 7 and 8 pupils competed in the County Sports Hall Athletics Championships at TVAC. We were part of the only two school teams there competing against other local Athletics Clubs. We didn’t have full teams due to last minute injuries and illnesses but there were some brilliant team and individual performances. The boys’ team, who were missing one competitor, still managed to come 4th overall beating the majority of the athletics clubs that were present. James McClenn came 2nd best boy overall and Matthew Gibbons 7th best boy overall, out of 43 competitors from all over the county. This is a fantastic achievement! We came 8th overall in the girls’ competition but we were missing two competitors so the girls had to work really hard to cover all of the events we could! Well done, a Sunday well spent!!

James McClenn       Larissa Bowyer
Matthew Gibbons     Erin Heath
William Smither     Sade Stout
Kyle Ferguson       Natasha Goldsworthy
Lewis Corney

**PE Kit**

Please can you ensure that your child has the correct named PE kit for PE lessons. There are lots of pupils turning up without kit for lessons; it can delay the start of lessons and hinder the amount of Physical Activity your child will be able to take part in. For the cold weather pupils are allowed to wear black tracksuit bottoms outside. They may also wear plain black or white base layers under their PE kit if they wish.
**Athletics Rebound Boards**

We have been competing in a lot of Sports Hall athletics competitions over the last few weeks and we really need some Athletics rebound boards to aid with our training. If there are any parents that are carpenters that would be able to build us some if we pay for materials please can you get in touch with Mrs O'Donnell.

(Please see picture)

**DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY**

In the latest Design and Technology Project, the year 8’s designed and made beanie hats. First was designing; we drew and annotated roughly 8 designs and then picked our favourite. Then we produced a final design with more detail. We made the hats out of fleece and felt fabric so they are really soft and comfortable to wear. We learnt how to use the computerised embroidery machine to add more complex embellishment along with the applique technique. We got to use the sewing machines to sew the seams and add the brim. I really enjoyed this project because I was able to choose my own design and we used a variety of different techniques like running stitches, tacking, CAD and applique.

By Sam Smith 8DE

**NEWS FROM THE DEPUTIES:**

**Christmas Jumper day**

Christmas jumper day was unique. Instead of the plain black jumpers and white shirts there were a variety of colours of jumpers many supporting a reindeer with glasses or a Santa trying to do something ridiculous. The day had a heavily festive atmosphere especially with the Christmas lunch in the middle of the day with delicious sausages and turkey. Altogether it was a fantastic festive day - just what everyone needed after the week of house matches.

Isaac Jervis

**House matches**

This week has been one of the most competitive weeks this year at Trevelyan, as house matches took place. We assembled into our new houses and boys played football and the girls played netball. House matches are always an extra chance to enjoy PE and to mainly have fun. We are encouraged to try our best and to maintain good sportsmanship throughout the matches. House matches are also another chance to improve at either netball or football and give us an extra chance to play full length games. Mr Brazier and Mrs O'Donnell have
worked their socks off to ensure that us as students enjoy our matches and have tonnes of fun playing. Well done to everyone who participated!

Larissa Bowyer

**Friday Extravaganza**

This was Friday (12th) Extravaganza! After a week of fantastic house matches kindly run and umpired by Mr Brazier and Mrs O'Donnell there were so many fun and festive things going on last week. First of all and probably most exciting is that it was national Christmas jumper day. It is basically just where everyone wears a Christmas jumper - of course you don't have to wear one, but it’s only a bit of Christmas spirit! It was also Christmas dinner for lunch. Traditional roast dinner, paper hats, crackers and a bit of a pain in your ears from the more festive teachers singing Christmas songs. To top it all off, when the 3:15 bell rang, it was the annual Christmas fair time. I just can’t wait for all this festive fun to continue!

Molly Kemp

**Pupil of the Week**

**PE**

Yr5 – Ben F-James – for excellent attitude and extra curriculum contribution  
Yr6- Eve McQuhae – for excellent attitude and extra curriculum contribution  
Yr7- Emily F-James – for excellent attitude and extra curriculum contribution  
Yr8- Sam Smith – generally excellent attitude towards the subject

**Music**

Yr 5 - Bibi Muzaffar – fantastic contribution to the Christmas show
Yr 6 - Aiden Akins – talented singing in the Christmas show
Yr 7 - Zahin Adib – wonderful performance in the Christmas show
Yr 8 – Oscar Walker – wonderful contribution to the orchestra and the Christmas show

**NEW CHAIR OF GOVERNORS**

It is with regret that I announce the retirement of our Chair of Governors, Phil Watts. Phil has served as a governor for more than ten years, the last five of which as chair at Trevelyan. Through this Phil has dedicated considerable time and effort to improving the education for pupils at Trevelyan, and his experience and tireless efforts will be missed by the school.

In his place I have taken on the role of chair of the governing body. I have two sons currently at Trevelyan, one in Year 8 and one in Year 5, and a daughter still at first school in Year 2. I have been a parent governor since my eldest first came to the school three years ago. More recently I have been chair of the Teaching and Learning committee and vice-chair of the governing body.

There's never been a more important time to serve as a governor; to help improve children's lives and give them the best possible education. Education policies are in constant flux and borough services are diminishing, while pressures and expectations on schools are increasing. It is my desire is to support and lead the governing body in managing a path of school improvement through these changes.

I'm proud to have helped Trevelyan though its improvements over the last few years, and look to forward to seeing just how far the school can go in the next.

Mark Jervis - Chairman of Governors
DECEMBEARD
A massive thank you for the £580 we have already made…..let's keep it rolling in!!!

BE BRAVE. DON'T SHAVE.

Six brave souls have decided to take on the “Decembeard” challenge to raise money for Bowel Cancer UK.

We are asking for your support to raise money for this worthy cause. If you can spare a few pence or pounds then pop it in an envelope labelled “Trevelyan Beards” and hand it in to the school office.

Alternatively you can donate on our just giving page https://www.justgiving.com/TrevelyanBeards/ which goes directly to the charity. You can also follow the hairy facial progress with our weekly updated photographs.

Trevelyan Middle School is keen to raise £500 to support this charity, so please find a little Christmas spirit and help us achieve our goal.

We thank you in advance for your support. Mr. P Clarke Headteacher

REAL MEN. THEY GROW BEARDS.

Even though they itch a bit in the early days and make soup a questionable lunchtime choice, real men still grow beards. Why? Because real men like to feel like grizzly bears. Big, heaving, honey guzzling grizzly bears. But also because since 2011 Beating Bowel Cancer has invited real men to take part in Decembeard and raise money to help those affected by bowel cancer by getting sponsored to - you guessed it - grow a beard.

This December we are hoping to raise £250,000 to fund our work helping and supporting people with bowel cancer and their families and raising awareness of the disease, its symptoms and the need for early diagnosis.

That is it for 2014!!! We hope you enjoyed reading all our news and successes and we look forward to updating you in the New Year.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!!

Mrs N Chandler – Deputy Headteacher