Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our second newsletter of the year and what marks the end of a very busy fortnight. It was a great pleasure to meet so many new parents last Thursday at our annual Meet and Greet Evening – we hope you enjoyed it too. We always feel it is useful for you to be able to put a face to the name of the teachers your children are talking about and for you also to receive updates about your child in their first few weeks at Trevelyan. All of the pupils have settled so well and quickly and I am sure year 5 are now looking forward to their final transition event coming up – their day out at Kids Zania in London. They will have a great day!

This week we also held our Open Evening and an Open Morning for prospective parents and pupils in Year 4 and it was an amazing turn out – the evening was a huge success and as always, our pupils were clear advocates of the school. Whether they helped in a department, supported a teacher or toured the school as a guide, I am enormously grateful to them all. So many positive comments about our pupils came forth and their smiles and words of enthusiasm put lots of childrens’ and parents’ anxious concerns about middle school to rest. To say I felt proud of them all is an understatement.

It is always a jam packed first few weeks but hopefully now things have started to settle and routines become ‘normal’ for both pupils and yourselves. Extra-curricular clubs are running smoothly but remember we must have your written consent for clubs after school so we know where the children are. We also need to send a polite reminder that school finishes at 2.15pm on a Wednesday and that also includes the front office who need to attend their training. Although we are on site, and staff are around, children need to either be in a club or leave school at 2.15pm. We look forward to sharing our successes of our CPDL Wednesdays in the near future.

Learning Review Day is rapidly approaching and just like last year, this will be on the Wednesday before the half term break. Wednesday is a day all our staff are on site working so will give you the opportunity to meet your class teacher as well as attend any of the activities we are running that day. Mrs Lane will be sending out further information on the day in the near future but if you are concerned about childcare provision, we will be running some classes for those children like we did last year.

There are some upcoming events listed below as well as some dates from the PTFA.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs N Chandler

Head of School
**Upcoming Events**

**Spooky Disco**

The Spooky disco is on Thursday 24th October starting at 6.30pm. Tickets are priced at £5.50 each and will include a slice of pizza or a hot dog. There will be lots of stalls with toys, UV light accessories, nail/face painting, lots of games and a DJ. Come and join us for a night of spooky fun!!

**Tuck Shop**

The tuck shop will be in the main car park after school at 3.15pm on Friday 25th October. Come along and grab a treat or two!!

**Learning Review day**

Wednesday 23rd October

**Book Fair**

There will be a book fair in the Library at lunchtimes starting on Tuesday 1st October until Friday 4th October. The school obtains free books from commission on any purchases and this is a great opportunity for children to select their own books. Information leaflets have been given out to pupils this week.

**Other News**

**Performing Arts News**

**Extra-Curricular news...**

Junior and Senior Drama clubs are in full swing. Pupils have been enjoying playing drama games, taking part in improvisations and getting to know each other. Mrs Van Ot has been really impressed with how well the groups have been working together considering pupils are from different classes and even year groups! Junior Drama Club is currently over-subscribed but there are still a few places left for the Senior Drama Club.

**Exciting News...**

We would like to appoint Performing Arts Representatives to support the Drama and Music Departments. Any pupils who are interested in applying for this role should write a letter of application explaining why they would like to hold this position of responsibility and what they feel they could contribute by Monday 30th September.
Key Stage 3

Such a warm welcome to key stage 3, parents/carers! We had an amazing turn out of children helping with Open Evening and more opportunities for our year 8’s to shine with Open Morning this Friday and Tuesday. Our prefects are up and running, carrying out duties and assisting with whole school initiatives. This year we have introduced Eco Warriors, Mental Health Ambassadors, Peer Mentors and Sports Leader Links to our senior prefect roles and responsibilities. More to come on this in the future!

As a school we have a behaviour blueprint based around three words: Ready, Respectful and Safe. This is something that is reinforced in lessons and pupils have responded positively to R.R.S. Please can you make sure that pupils have everything that they need to be ready for learning (correct equipment, uniform and homework completed), discuss with your child about their levels of respect for other pupils and staff and reinforce the importance of being punctual to lessons and school.

We are already underway with preparing for Youth Speaks, Christmas Concert and prefects will soon have a meeting about our first fundraising event.

I do wish you all the best for the rest of the week and more to come from key stage 3.

Update from the PTFA

It’s the start of a new term and our first event - the Bags2School clothes collection – has already raised £130. Thank you for your kind donations and special thanks to the volunteers managing the morning collection. Your helping hands make a big difference.

The AGM last week successfully closed off the financial year 2018-19. During the school year the PTFA raised £25,246.83, which was an exceptional £10,000 up on 2018. We used these funds to contribute £5,000 towards the school's minibus fund, £5,896.50 to the school corridor makeover, £446.40 to Design & Technology and £425.79 for kitchen equipment. Another £700 went towards school stationery needs and we helped fund £612.76 in Enrich fund rewards.

Together with the school we supported the summer production with £200 for costume hire and have applied for £5,000 in grant funding for outdoor table tennis tables. We hope to achieve a similar result in 2019-20 with your help.

Our committee has new members coming onboard which is great to see – welcome to Vice Chair Rebecca Curley, Treasurer Megan Jones and Marketing/PR Officer Philip Kavvadias. This year the role of Chair has been split into two to offer an opportunity for shadowing – a soft introduction to the PTFA. Maya Murrell stays on as one Co-Chair as does Amanda Warren as Secretary. Both roles are looking for new incumbents for next year so please do get in touch via our email address at pta@trevelyan.org.uk if you are interested or want to find out more about the roles.

Our next PTFA meeting is taking place on Tuesday October 1st at 7:30pm. We meet in room 6 (as you come into school reception turn right through two sets of double doors and room 6 is straight ahead). Look out for PTFA signs to help you navigate. We’ll be planning and discussing fundraising opportunities for this term.

As a reminder we have three PTFA events coming up:
- Spooky disco - October 17th
- Tuck shop - October 25th
- Fireworks night - November 15th

If you’d like to volunteer for any of the above please come along to the meeting or get in touch at pta@trevelyan.org.uk.
And don’t forget there is a very simple way to fundraise for the school. If you are shopping online then do so through smile.amazon.co.uk and Easyfundraising.org.uk and anywhere between 0.5-2% of your purchases will automatically be donated to our PTFA. Register to these services and once prompted search for ‘Trevelyan School Parent and Teacher Association’ and select us as your nominated charity. You’ll only need to do this once as it will then be linked to your account. Our top supporters raise as much as £50 per year. Really easy and a great help to the school. Your helping hands make a big difference!

**Celebrate National Teaching Assistant Day!**

We celebrated National Teaching Assistant Day last week with chocolates in the staffroom for all. Our Teaching Assistants are such a valuable resource for us that they deserve to feel valued and special. Without our amazing SEND team, we wouldn’t be able to run all the school trips, put on all the clubs, display all the work, and support all the pupils who sometimes need that little bit extra.

Thanks, Team!

**News from our SEND team**

I’m thrilled to be able to let you know that our expanded SEND team has begun to support pupils across all years and all lessons. Our new TAs bring a wealth of knowledge with them from their previous roles, and this will supplement the stellar work our current TAs already provide to the pupils. We already have Maths interventions up and running along with Speech and Language Therapy. We also have an ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) within the SEND department and will be increasing our provision of anxiety support and anger management support by the next half term. Look out for news on the Zones of Regulation programme our new SENCO, Ms Paynter, will be introducing this term. This is a programme that is used regularly in schools to help pupils to be aware of their emotions and to be able to independently manage their responses. Pupils will be able to tell you about the system in the next few weeks.