Newsletter

31st March 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is the end of term and with a 1pm finish, the buzz around the school today is one of happiness and excitement. The Easter tombola, run by Mrs McLeod and the PTA, was a huge success yesterday afternoon and all the monies raised will be going straight into our new trim trail. As well as the tombola, the drama studio was packed with auditions for our Summer production, Hairspray so Miss Ellis was working hard enjoying listening to all our youngsters singing their hearts out. As well as auditions, she has also been working on the Young Musician of the Year competition where we saw some amazing talented and confident pupils performing at their best – winners are mentioned further on in the newsletter.

With the sun shining, we are all ready for our 2 week break ahead and what a busy term it has been. I am thoroughly enjoying my challenge as acting Head of School and look forward to another fun and exciting Summer term. It is always a favourite term with the pupils as the field is in use at playtimes, Sports week looms, day trips and residential visits are planned and the improved weather brings more smiles all around. However, for the Year 6, it is not so fun as they return with only two full weeks before the Sats exams start. The teachers have been working incredibly hard with the children preparing them for these and a big thank you to all the staff who have offered boosters and catch up sessions in their own time to help ease the pressure. We will keep you informed about the timing of exams etc but I know the new term will start well for the Year 6’s as Miss Mowat has a special relaxation and breathing technique assembly planned for them. Once the exams are over, their annual Harry Potter trip follows so plenty to look forward to as well.

It is always this time of the year, more so than in the summer term, when we have to bid farewell to members of staff – as always, we use this newsletter to communicate this with our parents. Although the members of staff will pick their own time to inform the children, as some staff prefer a more quiet, personal goodbye, it has been this week they have chosen to announce their departure so this is the reason we wait to say a more formal goodbye publically.

Sadly, Miss Saunders moves onto pastures new and a fresh challenge and I know how much I will miss her, let alone the children. She has been a great asset to the
English department and an amazing form tutor and I know you would join all our staff and pupils in wishing her all the very best. Mr Jerrold is leaving and taking up a new challenge closer to home in a public school and Mrs Watson leaves us as cover supervisor after many years of valuable service to the school. Mrs Brown and Miss Shirley, who work pastorally with the more vulnerable children, have also left us this term and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them also for all their hard work and commitment to Trevelyan. But with goodbyes we also say hello and welcome to new members of staff and we are delighted to introduce Mrs Philpott as Second in charge of the Maths department and 6JJ form tutor. With Mr Stannard leaving at Christmas, Mr Montinio has kindly kept the classes learning well, but we are excited about having the maths department back to permanent posts. We also welcome Miss Riley, who will fill Miss Saunders’ post in the English department and take on 7SS as form tutor and Mrs Southard who is our new Computing teacher and form tutor of 7MJ. We look forward to making them welcome in the summer term and as we start our recruitment for other roles in the school, we will endeavour to update you regularly with more news faces at Trevelyan.

We are also delighted to say that Mrs Thompson has been successful in applying for the acting head of Year 6 for the summer term and we know she will be a fantastic role model for the pupils. I am sure 6RT will be pleased too!

We have had 2 successful Parents’ Evenings this term and look forward to meeting Year 5 and then Year 7 parents after Easter. There will also be many other opportunities next term to come in to school with various activities and events planned. I will be writing to our new Year 5 parents after the break for a welcome evening at Trevelyan as we have had our numbers confirmed now for September. The school continues to grow with another 5 form intake in September so lots of exciting times ahead.

In the meantime I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this term and to wish you all a very happy and enjoyable Easter holiday. We finish today at lunchtime and with an inset day on Tuesday 18th April, we do not welcome pupils back to school until Wed 19th April. Have a fantastic break!

**Thank you and goodbye from Miss Saunders**

*After almost four years of teaching English at Trevelyan, I will be leaving today to pursue a new adventure into primary education. I would like to thank all the wonderful pupils and staff whom I’ve had the pleasure of working with over the last few years. I would also like to say a huge thank you to my lovely tutor group, 7SS, who have been amazing. You have never failed to make me laugh every single day and I am certainly going to miss you all a lot! Thank you also to the parents for your continued support throughout my time here.*
With very best wishes,
Miss Saunders

Goodbye from Mr Jerrold

It is not easy saying goodbye to Year 6, as I have known them from the day they started at Trevelyan, most from the induction day I organised when they were finishing Year 4. The Summer Term will be a milestone for them and some will feel the pressure of SATs. It is my hope that all pupils in Year 6 succeed and flourish in their exams in May. I am sure that the school will give them opportunity to let their hair down a little after the exams have passed. I have really enjoyed getting to know your children, it has been a genuine pleasure working with them and it is a shame that I won't get to see them developing into young men and women in Key Stage 3. I am moving on to my next challenge, but as I do, I would like to wish all pupils bright futures and prosperous lives.

Mr Jerrold.

Year 5 Head of Year Challenge – Spring Term:

Year 5 Head of Year Challenge got underway last week. The challenge for last week was to make sure that all homework that was set was written in the planner. The challenge got harder this week as in addition to continuing Week 1 challenge, Year 5 pupils were asked to ensure that planners were at the housepoints page at the start of each lesson (without being asked) and that the planner was signed by a parent/carer for last week. Housepoints have been given for all children who achieved the challenge last week, more will be given this week for 100% achievement and a positive email will be sent home for all children that manage to achieve everything for both weeks.

Mrs Hill

SAT's Revision

With the SAT's tests fast approaching now is the time to put in that extra bit of effort. Revising in small chunks, little and often can make a massive impact to your child's confidence and progress. Practicing mental maths skills is essential and an easy way to boost marks - Any Mental Maths books from WHSmiths, Lett's, Scholastic or CGP will be very useful. In addition to this Education has some practice mental maths test available to use.
Practice on weight and capacity such as; the weight of an apple or the capacity of a cup. Practice on conversions of measurements such as: grams to Kg's, metres to Km and so on. Reading scales is also an easy way to boost marks.

The Maths department have put together a list (found below) of useful websites and resources that might be useful to support your child in their revision.

If you are interested in your child receiving private one-to-one tutoring please contact Miss Lane for information.

Maths Resources (YEAR 6 SAT’s)
Education City- Test practice for all levels including Level 6 - Free of charge with Trevely an login
My Maths Boosters (all levels) - Free of charge with Trevely an login
BBC Bitesize KS2
Mental Maths practice is essential and an easy way to boost marks - Any Mental Maths books from WHSmiths, Lett’s, Scholastic or CGP.
• Woodlands Maths Zone - http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/
• Woodlands SAT’s support - http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/revision/
• http://www.compare4kids.co.uk/maths.php - This is a Maths Boot Camp with a series of activities to aid year 6 SATs. http://www.adamup.co.uk/ - Maths Adventures and Songs to help remember facts
On the Trevely an Website in the Maths section there is a helpful document describing what each level looks like with some helpful hints for what parents can do to help at home. A very useful document for parents.

Maths Online Resources (YEAR 8 TRANSFERS)
A big thank you to our Maths Link Governor Mr Jervis who has found a fantastic Website called the Khan Academy Website. There are helpful hints and videos on the various topics and there is the option to sign up and follow your child's progress. A great resource to look at for children in all Key Stages but particularly good for Key Stage 3.
BBC Revisewise KS3
Education City - Free to use with a Trevely an Login for Key Stage 3.
My Maths Transfer Boosters - Free of charge with Trevely an login

Year 7 Football Team results
The year 7 football team have played a lot of games over the last couple of weeks and have had a very successfully time.

Trev 1 v 2 Langley Academy
Trev 3 v 0 Upton Court Gram
Trev 2 v 1 St Peters
Trev 6 v 2 Ditton Park
Trev 5 v 2 Langley Gram

Year 8 Football Team Results
The year 8 results are as follows.
Trev 2 v 3 Upton Court Gram
Trev 2 v 3 St Edwards

Girls Contact Rugby Berkshire games.
Our year 7 and 8 girls were involved in their very first contact rugby tournament at Bisham Abbey. The girls were amazing and improved so much through the tournament and won the most improved team. After a bad start losing poor LuLu McKeown to a bad injury the girls soldiered on, we lost our first two matches against some good opposition. I next game was a draw with our first try’s being scored, our last game the girls were on fire winning the game 4 to nil with some excellent play. I was really pleased and proud with much the girls took on-board and how much they improved. Player of the tournament was Anna Theobalds with some crunching tackles.

House KS3 Badminton
The Key stage 3 badminton house competition took place on Friday 17th March we had 10 pairs entered. The winning pair Akhil/Sam 8CO won all their games, they beat Harriet/ Faye in the final.

Results
1st Sam/Akhil Tilung 100hpts
2nd Harriet/Faye Eadig 80hpts
3rd Flora/ Libby Arfaest 60hpts
4th Phoebe/Cerys Arfaest 50hpts
In November, our Year 8 Sports Hall Athletics team qualified for the Level 3 Games. On Wednesday 22nd March we took the girls off to the finals to represent Windsor. The weather made them all grateful that they were inside for their competition – lots of heavy rain and wind! The rugby girls weren’t so lucky! Despite us getting stuck in the mud in the field we had to park in, the girls got to the event just in time thankfully because of the help of some lovely boys from Bulmershe School in Reading who helped push us along!

Once in the hall the girls were extremely nervous. Looking around at the sea of colours of all the different schools t-shirts got the girls determined to get going.

The team ran very well against some tough competition, and finished in 11th place. 15 schools went forward to represent their local areas and the girls fought well and didn’t give up.

Well done to you all!

Winners for Accelerated Reader pupils of the week:

5EW    Archie Dennis
5JM    Arthur Kohlen Gerard
5TF    Harvey Sahota
5VB    Hannah Dyson
5AH    Alima Ahmed

7AD    Emma Tait
7KE    Zoe Lukacsi
7MJ    Dagmar Matuchova
7SS    Tallulah Gregory

6BD    Natasha McKie
6DA    Manahel Hafeez
6JB    Mark Venter
6JJ    Rebecca Carpenter

8CO    Oliver Lewis
8DK    Marcia Karavis
8MH    Daisy Plumb
8SS    Thanusan Kirubaharan
A Huge Thank You to the PTA.

A selection of our new books.

This week the library took delivery of new Accelerated Reader books for all reading levels that the PTA kindly have funded for the school. This will be great for all the children as they now have new material to read and enjoy.

Thank you the PTA from the Library Staff and the pupils of Trevelyan.

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5JM Film Reviews

After the last newsletter 5JM decided that they liked sharing their film reviews so that others could have their suggestions.

Here are the latest comments from 5JM – notice that not all of them are positive!

Matty: Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children

This is an adventure film about a boy who has to go to a home after his Grandfather dies.

I enjoyed this film because it is an action adventure movie with a bit of a thriller included. It is definitely a family film that everyone will enjoy. It was great as it kept you interested the whole way through. It was so good that I watched it 4! Times

Chloe: Storks (animated movie)

This is a funny movie about a group of storks who deliver parcels and then one day have to deliver a baby! It’s all about the problems and errors they have.

This is a great family film with a message for everyone – I highly recommend it!

Ella-Grace: Coraline

I love this film because it has different creatures that don’t exist. There are things such as a talking cat and flowers that make funny faces. I enjoyed this and it is a family film although my mum found it a bit creepy!

Edward: Moana (Disney animation)

This is a wonderful family and a great adventure. Noana is the heroine and it is set in Hawaii. She has to find a specific treasure and return it to one of the gods – not an easy task.

I loved this and would recommend it to anyone.

Natalie: The Enchanted Kingdom (animated)

This is one definitely NOT to watch. It’s really bad!!! On the cover it says that it is a great story and an ideal family film… but it’s not. We only watched about 30 minutes before we switched off and declared it “Rubbish! It was boring, strange and you shouldn’t waste your time.”
TESCO TOKENS

Don’t forget to post your coins into the Tesco container – we are clearly winning and only have a few days left. As Tesco would say, “Every little helps!”

I hope you enjoyed reading all our news and I will update you again in the Summer term. Have a wonderful Easter holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 19th April.

Mrs N Chandler –

Acting Head of School
Autumn 2017
Term 1
Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September 2017 – INSET (School closed for students)
Term starts on: Wednesday 6th September 2017
Term ends on: Friday 20th October 2017
October Holiday: Monday 23rd October 2017 to Friday 3rd November 2017

Term 2
Term starts on: Monday 6th November 2017
Term ends on: Wednesday 20th December 2017
Christmas Holiday: Thursday 21st December 2017 to Tuesday 2nd January 2018

Spring 2018
Term 3
Term starts on: Wednesday 3rd January 2018
Term ends on: Friday 9th February 2018
February Holiday: Monday 12th February 2018 to Friday 16th February 2018

Term 4
Term starts on: Monday 19th February 2018
Term ends on: Thursday 29th March 2018
Spring Holiday: Friday 30th March 2018 to Friday 13th April 2018
(Good Friday –30th March 2018, Easter Monday – 2nd April 2018)

Summer 2018
Term 5
Term starts on: Monday 16th April 2018
Term ends on: Friday 25th May 2018
May Holiday: Monday 28th May 2018 to Friday 1st June 2018

Term 6
Term starts on: Monday 4th June 2018
Term ends on: Friday 20th July 2018