Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start by thanking you all for the amazing response I have had from my email requesting some parental feedback – astonishing to receive over one hundred positive parents and carers willing to share a voice. Thank you. I have set up two daytime meetings – one in the morning and one in the afternoon – this side of Christmas, and will then organise an after school meeting in the New Year. The office is compiling a list and will let you know if you will be attending these forums early next week, and I look forward to meeting you informally to chat about the specific subjects.

Whilst on the subject of stakeholder voice, thank you in advance to those of you who have completed and returned my questionnaire to you all – the results are being compiled and analysed as they come in and I will update you in future issues with your thoughts and opinions. I really appreciate your time as this is something I would really like improved at Trevelyan Middle School.

The two week half term seems a long time ago now but hopefully you all appreciated the extended time and it was fantastic to hear some of the wonderful places the children have visited – especially in that second week! Since returning we have had Growth Mindset assemblies which were really positive and a great way to start the day, and last week we also watched 8AD deliver their assembly on the significance of Remembrance Day. Being local myself, it was lovely to see on both Saturday and Sunday, so many of our children represent their Brownie/Guide/Cubs/Scouts groups by joining in these services.

Today our year 8 pupils are out at Henley studying the river and flood systems whilst next week we lose our Year 5 in the afternoon who are off to visit Brigidine for an author visit. There is also the opportunity to watch the Windsor Upper Schools’ performance of Beauty and the Beast on Monday evening as they have invited us for free as it will be their dress rehearsal. You can read about this further on.

For your information, I will be delivering next week’s assemblies and I will be asking the pupils similar questions as to what I have asked you in the form of a questionnaire as their voice is equally as important to me. Our pupil council does meet half termly but I would like this to increase and listen to their opinions about what we need and what would make life in Trevelyan even better! They will have time in tutor time, following my assembly at the start of the week, to complete this. Again, I will keep you informed how this goes.

Finally I can’t forget what a wonderful evening last Friday was at our annual firework event – thank you so much to all those who helped out, came along and even brought your family and friends along. It was an amazing community event. The PTA worked so hard and planned the event meticulously and I feel very lucky to have such a proactive group of volunteers who want to support us as a school. A big thank you to you all. The barbecue and bar was buzzing all evening; the fairground rides had queues; the whipped cream and marshmallows on the hot chocolates were a big success; the stalls sold lots of bright and flashing bits and bobs and of course the fireworks provided twenty full
minutes of dazzling and magnificent fireworks. The feedback has been superb – we will get the date in for next year again!

Talking of the PTA there are lots of events coming up so please see the final paragraph where we list them and ensure your children are ready to support mufti day a week next Monday where they bring items ready for our Christmas market.

**Music Department News**

Children at Trevelyan Middle School have been invited to watch the dress rehearsal of the Windsor Upper School’s production of Beauty and the Beast on Monday 20th November 2017.

The rehearsal takes place at The Windsor Boys’ School, 1 Maidenhead Road, SL4 5EH from 7pm - 8:30pm.

As it a dress rehearsal it is free to watch. Children may bring some money for refreshments and due to the cold temperature of late, I am suggesting that children can either dress in their own clothing, onesies or “Pyjama party” style.

If your child is interested in attending, please check your emails for the ‘Beauty and the Beast’ letter and return all slips to Miss Ellis.

**House Badge Competition**

Congratulations to the Winners of our Mearcian House badge at Motto winners. The Winner of the Mearcian badge competition went to Joe Gerrard 7JB

With the following design:

The Winner of the Mearcian Motto competition went to Ceydan Dobson 5MH

With the following Motto:
The design has now been passed on to Mr York who will use their ideas to design the final Badge and Motto which will be introduced at the end of this term.

**House Maths Relay**

Mr Fletcher ran a House Maths relay at the end of last term which was a great success, with all participants really enjoying themselves, a big thank you to his assistants Pippa, Isla, Jacob and Harvey.

The winners of both the year 7 and 8 competition were a tie with;

Eadig, Mearcian and toethian winning the Year 7 competition and

Arfaest and Mearcian winning the Year 8 competition. Each house have been awarded 50hpts.

**From the Science Department:**

It has been a real pleasure to look at all the photos that the pupils have brought and sent in showing their half-term Science homework. Many, many thanks to all the parents and carers who have helped the children to complete this homework; we hope you enjoyed it as much as they did!

We have recently launched this year’s Science P2i project for our **Year 7** pupils.

Pupils may work individually or in pairs on their projects. The deadline for submission is **Tuesday 5th December**. Pupils should have their handbook signed by their Science teacher to show that it has been handed in. We anticipate that the children will receive their feedback before the Christmas holiday. There will be no other Science homework set for Year 7 for the duration of the P2i project.

The task is: **Science in the news**

New scientific ideas get communicated in many different ways to the general public. **You need to find out about a piece of current scientific research (since 1st October 2017) and present it for an audience of Year 7s.**

They could:

- Film a section of a science TV programme
- Write an article for a magazine.
- Record a radio podcast
- Design an article for a website.
They could include:

- A description of the scientific idea
- An explanation of what it means
- A demonstration of how it works
- An interview with the scientist involved.
- The implications for how the idea might affect society more widely.

The best pieces of work will:

- Identify an aspect of science that is currently in the news and present some facts about it.
- Use the pupil’s own words to write about it, with any technical language explained.
- Be presented in a neat and interesting way, allowing people to interact with it.
- Include comments about the effect of this research on the lives of different groups of people.
- Explain why some people have different opinions about this new research.
- May consider any moral implications of the research.

We look forward to the results of the pupils’ efforts and sharing some of their work with you.

*For any further information on P2i projects, please see the Homework & P2i section of the school website.*

**House spelling Bee Competition**

Miss Reilly will be running a spelling Bee competition for both Key stage 2 and 3 over the next couple of weeks, make sure you look out for the information which will following shortly.

**House point Totals so far:**

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Messages from the Office

Lost property
We have four lovely un-named coats in lost property. If not claimed by Fri 30 Nov they will taken to the charity shop. Please ensure all items are named.

Sickness reporting
If you child is off sick or have a morning medical appointment, please ensure you leave a message on the absence line before 9am. A message needs to be left for every day of illness. Thank you.

PTA News
Thank you to everyone who donated bags of clothes. We had a lot of donations taking up almost a full space in our parent car-park.
First collection for Bags2school has raised £123.20. Another collection will take place next year.

Fireworks
Fireworks Night was fantastic success. We are still doing our sums we will let you know by the next newsletter how much was raised.
Thank you all

Remaining dates for 2017!

Monday 20th November       WBS Beauty & the Beast Rehearsal
Thursday 23rd November 2017 5MH assembly
**Date change!** Monday 27th Nov 2017 Mufti & Tombola Donation
Tuesday 28th November 2017 Parent forum: PSHE & Behaviour
Thursday 7th December 2017 6TF Assembly
Thursday 7th December 2017 PTA Christmas Market
Monday 11th December 2017        Parent forum: Curriculum & Home Lr’g
Wednesday 13th December 2017    Christmas Concert
Thursday 14th December 2017     Meet the Tutor Evening
Friday 15th December 2017       7DA Assembly
Friday 15th December 2017       Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumpers
Monday 18th December 2017       Year 5 trip to Windsor Castle Christmas Carol
Tuesday 19th December 2017      Christmas Concert

Wishing you all a lovely weekend and I will update you again in a few weeks’ time.

*Mrs Chandler – Head of School*