Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you enjoyed the three day weekend?? We were able to remain open on Thursday, despite most other schools closing early, as the heating was on, the paths were gritted and the children were enjoying their annual World Book Day but the uncertainty of what was to come, and with the borough shutting most other schools, we took the decision to close Friday. I am sure you appreciated it as much as staff did as the driving conditions were awful and late morning through to the evening brought a lot more snow and frosty conditions to Windsor. Amazing there isn’t a patch of white anywhere now – just forty eight hours later!

Talking of snow, Trevelyan’s annual ski trip leave for Austria next weekend. Mrs Lane and Mr Redman are ready to face the slopes – I am sure the children are too. They visited Hemel Hempstead last week too for a practice go on the dry slopes and Mr Redman was extremely impressed not only with their abilities but also with their impeccable behaviour away from school. I wish them all a safe, fun and enjoyable week away. I won’t be in at 2.30am to wave them off!! As well as the ski trip, Year 7 have a busy week ahead with their annual Windsor Castle History trip on Wednesday and then on Thursday evening they are off to Woking to see David Walliams’ Awful Auntie at the theatre. We also have Ali Sparkes coming to visit our Key Stage Two the following week during school which culminates all the work we have been doing for World Book Day.

If you are a parent who visits the school, you would have noticed how hard the Sports England contractors have been working – we are nearing completion. I know the pupils will be delighted to have full use of the playgrounds again and Mrs Allen and Mr Brazier are excited about the future PE lessons and clubs – the flood lights are up too so they will be open to lettings at evenings too. A real community place to be! The all-weather tarmac has been laid too with the fencing up so in a few weeks’ time we hope to have a grand opening! We will keep you informed.

As you are aware, I have held three parent forums now (and plan to hold a few more) and one of the things you asked for were two information evenings – one on keeping children safe online and what you can do as parents/carers and an additional evening, later on in the year, where we inform parents of Years 6,7 and 8 the changes in the PSHE curriculum in relation to sex/relationships education. Although I will be present, Mrs Dixon will kindly lead these information sessions and will also answer any queries/questions you may have. I would like to hold another homework parent forum so will keep you informed when this might be.

A big thank you to all the hard work and support that went into the children’s dressing up on Thursday – despite the freezing cold, the falling snow and the biting wind and snow there were some amazing costumes and make up and the pupils really enjoyed the
competitions and reading based lessons we had. It was a pleasure to meet the fancy dress winners during the afternoon and present them with their book vouchers.

Fingers crossed the weather will now start to improve now we are in March! Wishing all the mums out there a lovely Mothering Sunday this coming weekend and all our skiers a fantastic and safe trip to Austria.

Mrs N Chandler - Head of School

**Upcoming events**

Wed 7th March – Year 7 Windsor Castle trip

Thursday 8th March – Year 7 Awful Auntie trip to Woking (eve)

Friday – PTA tuck shop 3.15pm

Saturday 10th March- Ski trip departs to Austria

Thurs 15th March – Online Safety evening 6pm

Thurs 22nd March – Year 6 Parents’ Eve / 5NS assembly

**World Book Day**

Despite the freezing temperature it was lovely to see so many pupils making the effort to dress up for World Book Day. We had some very creative entries and here are some of the winners, pictured with Mrs Chandler, who all received a £5 book token to spend at the book fair.
STEM Go 4 set competition

Following on from the news presented last newsletter this is a piece written by one of our pupils:

On the day of the presentation we were all nervous and excited. We got our presentations ready. We presented last but that gave us time to prepare. There was Upton Grammar school, Beechwood, Holyport and another school. Upton Grammar school and some other schools had high technology ideas and they impressed us.

Trevelyan was the only school that had actually started the project. The judges liked our ideas, but they chose the other ideas. I was still happy because we worked so hard and we are carrying out our idea at Trevelyan.

At the end the judges told us that they had been very impressed with our idea and presentation but couldn’t award us because there was only three prizes so everyone was a bit disappointed but it was ok… We ended up having great fun and I think that the STEM project was a wonderful idea full of great fun!

The main thing I learnt from the project was teamwork because sometimes you might have your own ideas but when you listen to other peoples’ ideas you change your mind so it was a great experience and challenge. I am sure that this will benefit us in the future and surely help us for our learning in Trevelyan. But without the help of Ms Hayes and Tim the Engineer who came all the way from Grundon to support us, we couldn’t have done it… Thank you.

Mariko
Year 8

Great Success in Sports:

County Rugby

Well Done to George Moran who has made the Berkshire County Rugby team following trials where he committed so much he broke his nose! You will be an asset to their team George. Well Done!

County Football

Well done to Alfie Holland who has made the Chelsea Football Developing Academy team. He went through some hard trials and was very proud to share his news just before half term. Well done Alfie!

Gymnastics

On Thursday 8th February Trevelyan Middle School hosted the KS2 Team Gym competition.

The students had only attended three training sessions after school on Thursdays leading up to the competition but had worked so hard in all of them. We had four teams entered - two elite and two team. We faced difficulties with the elite teams as some students were not available for the tournament and although we came 1st and 2nd for the students who were there and demonstrated great quality, we had to forfeit 1st place due to not having enough in the team – but we didn’t want to pull the team from the competition so they still got to represent Trevelyan and in a very positive way. However, our Team Gym competitors who were the gymnasts who do less than one hour of gym a week, finished
1st and 7th out of 10 teams. As a result we should qualify to go through to the next stage of the competition – we are just waiting to hear. Well done to all who took place.

**Year 5/6 Netball**

On Tuesday 20th February the year 5 and 6 netball team headed off to St Peters to play their first competitive match of the year. They all played well, and the skills they had been learning in training was seen on court. The teams fought hard and the year 5 lost 1-0 but they had two defenders in the Year 5 teams so I feel the team won really. They played calmly and safely. Excellent.

The year 6 were faced with two very good shooters in their team and couldn’t get the ball away from them. But this didn’t stop them trying and Maryam Nothhelfer had a lovely game and managed to get some good interception. Well done to all the girls. We look forward to running a tournament here at Trevelyan when we get the new courts in a few weeks!

*Mrs Allen*

**Youth Speak Zone Final: Tuesday 27th February**

A big congratulations to Tara Francis, Amelie Maskell and Katie Tull who competed in the Zone final of the Youth Speak championship on Tuesday evening. The event took place at Wexham hospital and was very well attended.

The team, having won the local heat last term, were competing against stiff competition. In the judge’s remarks, he particularly praised the girls' enlightening choice of topic and the animated way in which they presented. While the girls did not win, it was clear they came a very close second; the judge made this clear in his remarks and also said it was the strongest talent he had ever seen in all his years as a judge.

Therefore, to say our girls did incredibly well is to put it mildly.

However, more importantly, these three girls (together with Harry Smith, Elliott Pett and Alix Aigle-Boucher who took part in the earlier round) have developed lifelong communication skills that will serve them well for the rest of their education and careers. A recent survey by the CBI stated that communication skills are one of the major skills gaps in young people today; these six certainly don't have this gap!

We are already busy taking inspiration from the Youth Speak competition and thinking of ways we can involve a wider number of pupils in the years ahead.

A massive thank you to Simon King, a veteran of the Youth Speak competition and former Trevelyan teacher who provided hours of expert tuition to our pupils. A big thank you also to Emma Wooders for all her organisational work on the project.

Many thanks,

*Mr Day - Head of English and More Able Lead*
Sport England Work

As Mrs Chandler mentioned in her opening, our contractors are making brilliant progress on our new sports facilities. Pictured: the first layer of tarmac and flood lights going in.

RAF Visits Trevelyan

We were lucky enough to have a visit from the Royal Air Force who were speaking to our year 8’s about possible careers and they demonstrated some of the tools they used including drones and engines. It was a very stimulating presentation and created a lot of excitement and interest from our year 8's.
# Pupil of the week

**5th February to 9th February**

- **5EH** Ruben Mistry & Verity Mitchell
- **5JR** Amelia Jones
- **5LV** Isaac Jansen
- **5MH** Ashanti Thompson
- **5NS** Ollie Wise

**19th Feb to 23rd Feb**

- **5EH** Elsie Maynard
- **5JR** Isabelle Clark
- **5LV** Maya Hanafy
- **5MH** Honor Jervis
- **5NS** Amy Rossiter

- **6AH** Jonah Holmes
- **6EW** Mani Hilton
- **6JM** Mark Osgood
- **6TF** Zubair Farhad-Parvani
- **6VB** Caitlin Miller

**6AH** George Burden

**19th Feb to 23rd Feb**

- **6AH** George Burden
- **6EW** Mani Hilton
- **6JM** Arthur Gerard-Kohlen
- **6TF** Harvey Sahota
- **6VB** Eloise Doncaster

- **7GT** Natasha McKie
- **7DA** Giovanni Cresto
- **7JB** Poppy Wallace
- **7RT** Ellen Hammersley
- **7SP** Rebecca Carpenter

**7DA** Thea Perkins

**19th Feb to 23rd Feb**

- **7DA** Thea Perkins
- **7GT** Natasha McKie
- **7JB** Mark Venter
- **7RT** Oliver Sydenham
- **7SP** Jemema Gregory

- **8AD** Joshua Askew
- **8KE** Louis Toy
- **8KS** Theo Jervis
- **8RR** India Finke

**19th Feb to 23rd Feb**

- **8AD** Elyse Forster
- **8KE** Zoe Lukacsi
- **8KS** Theo Jervis
- **8RR** Alex Silk

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*Mrs Nicola Chandler – Head of School*
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