Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to our second newsletter this academic year; all our new pupils seem to have settled in really well and it was a fantastic evening last night meeting all our new parents. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to meet us all over a glass of wine and also to have the chance to meet new parents too. There will be a more formal evening in December where you make an appointment to meet with your child’s form tutor to discuss their academic progress and Attitude to Learning scores.

It is hard to believe we are already approaching week three of the autumn term but already our lost property box is overflowing. Please ensure your child’s items are all named as this makes it easier for us to return any clothing to them. Also Mrs Allen and Mr Brazier are collecting lost items from PE; once again, if it is named, it can easily be returned!

Please could we also take this opportunity to remind you all that at Trevelyans we take great pride in our school and how we conduct ourselves both inside and outside the school gates. It has been brought to our attention recently that some pupils on the way to and from school are not looking after themselves or others and acting in ways that can jeopardise their own safety as well as people around them. However your child gets to school, please remind them to be careful as an accident can always happen and often does when we least expect it. If they are walking or cycling we would expect them to pay attention to their surroundings and wear a helmet on their bikes/scooters. If they get the bus or a car we would expect them to follow the laws of the road and wear a seatbelt and not stand up when a bus is moving. We are aware that they still represent this school when wearing our uniform! At Trevelyans we take safety of your children as our most important responsibility and therefore hope you will join us in reiterating this by sharing this with your son/daughter. Thank you all in advance.

Finally can I remind everyone that we do have some children who have quite severe allergies to nuts in the school. Please do not include nuts or nut based products such as Nutella or Peanut Butter in sandwiches or snacks as this could be very harmful to a number of our children. Can I also ask that you back up a message from me to the children that they do not swap bits of their lunch box or school dinner with other children for this very same reason. If your child does have serious allergies or intolerances to certain foods could you please double check with the Office that we have the correct details and that any necessary medication such as epiptens or inhalers are in date.

We hope you enjoy reading our latest news and look forward to updating you again in a fortnight. A reminder that a week next Tuesday (29th September) is Trevelyans’s Open Evening for our prospective Year 4 pupils. Our pupils will be bringing home letters next week for your authorisation if they have kindly volunteered to help us that evening. We thank you in advance for your support on this important evening.
MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE
We are currently in the process of updating our parent messaging system from Keep-kids-safe to Groupcall. In the next few days you should start to receive communication through this new system.

This will make contacting you very much easier for our admin team and hopefully more convenient for you.

For parents, one of the biggest benefits is that you can easily pick up school messages on your smartphone by downloading the free ‘Groupcall Xpressions ‘App on Android or iOS. If you do not have this facility you can continue to receive messages via text or email in the normal way.

Please be assured that Groupcall is registered with the Information Commissioner and guarantees that all information you provide will be kept private and will not be passed on to any other organisation.
If you have any issues or queries with the process please contact office@trevelyan.org.uk as soon as possible.

LIBRARY
Our school library re-opens next week after a refurbishment and update of resources – all pupils will have a refresher session on how to use the library and it will be open every break time and lunchtime for the pupils to use. We will update you in our next newsletter about our accelerated reading scheme that is being launched in school next week.

SCIENCE CLUB
A reminder to you all about Science club that runs as an extra-curricular activity at Trevelyan. Years 5 and 6 can go along on a Tuesday lunchtime to meet Mr Jolugbo and Years 7 & 8 can meet Miss Jones on a Wednesday at 3.15pm.

SMARTER SPACES COMPETITION:
Towards the end of the summer term last year, we reported that 8AH had entered a competition called Smarter Spaces. This was organised by Akzo-Nobel and challenged the pupils to identify an area in the school that they wanted to change and to come up with a proposal. 8AH did just that and submitted four entries into the competition.

The pupils who submitted entries were Fraser Upton, Joe Gater, Eric Mannke, Adam Smith, Anoop Matharu, Ellis-Rose Micklewright, Maria Burr, Fae Whitehouse, Sydney Jones, Haaris Ahmad, Jimmy-Lee Lewis, Bradley Harcup, Husnayn Nisar, Natasha Gibbons, Lauren Maidlow, Lilly Hobbins, Jannat Ghafoor and Megan Hone.
The letter we received went like this………

Hi Mrs. Hill,

Thanks again for your submission to the Smarter Spaces Young Designer Competition; we were really impressed with your creativity and enthusiasm! We particularly loved the pupil engagement from all four of your teams. The vibrant presentations are testimony to the skill and enthusiasm with which your pupils approached the competition. We were blown away by the thoroughness of all four visions, addressing issues varying from a new carpet to the creaky door. All of your students deserve massive congratulations and should be very proud of their work.

Unfortunately, you were just pipped at the post, but your children laid out such an inspiring vision we would still really like to help bring your space to life and transform the Learning Environment at Trevelyan Middle School. I’d love the opportunity to meet and have a look around the school and discuss how we might do this. For your fantastic efforts we would also like to come and present you with a runner’s up prize of a Dulux Dog (not a real one unfortunately!).

Thanks again for your time and engagement and I look forward to meeting with you.

Kind regards,

Rob Lever
Senior Relationship Manager
Dulux Trade Schools Team

Mr Lever came to the school in the first week of term and presented the award to 8AH! Discussions have already started to take place so (as they say in the trade)……..watch this space. We are immensely proud of the pupils of 8AH.

SYRIAN REFUGEE CRISIS
It is fantastic when pupils display initiative……Issy Fehin (8KL) has done just that. Helped by fellow pupils in Year 8, Issy has organised the opportunity for the community of Trevelyan to collect clothes, toys and shoes which can be given to help Syrian refugees. This has meant communicating to groups in assembly, writing and displaying posters and being at the doors of the Drama Studio each day this week in order to receive donations. Well done to Issy and her team. Many thanks to Issy’s dad who has offered to transport the donations to the Windsor collection point.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK
Every week we nominate a pupil from each year group who has stood out from the rest for their work in a particular subject. Last week we celebrated success in Art. A huge well done to the following pupils:
Lara Talbot 5 BD – outstanding progress on observational drawing
Eisha Rai 6 SS – excellent tone and shade
Phoebe Medcalf – yr 7 – outstanding “All Sort” drawing.
Grace Lovejoy 8 KL – outstanding design work

SPORT SUCCESS
How wonderful it was to hear that James McClenn, who left us this summer to go to Windsor Boys’ School, competed in the Young Swimmers National Championships. James swims for Chalfont Otters swimming club and took gold in his age group in the 50m backstroke. We are absolutely thrilled for him and look forward to hearing about future successes.

A WARM WELCOME TO YEAR 5
Trevelyan welcomed our new Year 5 pupils at the beginning of the month who have got off to a fantastic start. Mr Brazier has worked hard with the house system, ensuring that all five forms each have a house. The year ahead of them will be rich in learning and new experiences for them. We all look forward to seeing them flourish and succeed.

The Year 5 team have been using their tutor time to teach their form about resilience, an essential mindset for greater independence at school. 5JJ are looking forward to presenting at their first form assembly on Friday 25th September. Parents of pupils in 5JJ are most welcome to attend.

Mrs N Chandler - Deputy Headteacher

Dates for your diaries:

5JJ Form Assembly - 25 September 2015
(For Prospective Y4 children and parents)
Open evening 7 - 9pm - 29 September 2015
Open morning 9-10.30am - 01 October 2015
Open morning 9-10.30am - 06 October 2015

Firework Evening - 06 November 2015
Inset day 2 - 09 November 2015
5DA Form Assembly - 27 November 2015
Christmas Market - 03 December 2015
Inset Day 3 - 12 February 2015