Newsletter
1st July 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the penultimate newsletter of the academic year – not as long as last week’s but still plenty to read! Despite the weather, so much has gone on and Trevelyan pupils, as always, have really embraced the events and activities. Sadly, quite a few of the House matches had to be cancelled due to the torrential rain last week but luckily, last Friday, we were blessed with blue skies so we all enjoyed our Sports Day at Thames Valley Athletic Centre. We are also awaiting news from our Year 7’s whose final day at Culmington Manor is today – they are due back later this afternoon after a very wet, but fun week away.

Today, as you are probably aware, is Transition day all across the borough so Year 4’s are here today enjoying their day with their new form tutor and Mrs Hill, who will be the Year 5 Head of Year next year. Thus our Year 8’s are not here today and are spending their Friday at Windsor Girls’ and Windsor Boys’ ready for the start of their Upper School experience in September. We hope everyone enjoys their day!

You can also read about Trevelyan’s very own referendum that they held last Thursday on voting day – all pupils and staff voted anonymously and then Year 8’s announced the result at the end of the day. Trevelyan voted to stay in the EU so there was some disappointment and plenty to talk about the following morning at Sports day. It was fantastic to see the children embracing politics and holding their own opinions at such an early age!

This week we also hosted a healthy eating festival as part of RBWM’s competition; Sammi Talha in 7EJ won the event and helped plan the morning along with Mrs Leach. Photos and details of this event will be in the next newsletter but it was a great morning and the mayor came along to meet Sammi and she attended the event too. All our pupils had the opportunity to taste smoothies and freshly cut up fruit and there were competitions going on too. We look forward to sharing this with you next time.

Please see below about the strike next Tuesday but apart from that day school runs as normal now until the end of term. There will be lots of rehearsals going on for the end of year production and all parents will receive schedules direct from Mr King and Miss Ellis. We look forward to seeing you during these evening performances. There is a lot going on with Year 6 Sats results due; end of year reports going home; Legoland Year 6 trip; House Achievement day; interviews for the senior prefect team next year; tutor progress afternoons; Year 8 leavers’ party and assembly………a very,
very busy fortnight. Then the year ends for all pupils at 1pm on Tuesday 19th July. Reminders will be sent out shortly.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend and look forward to updating you in our final bumper newsletter at the end of term.

SCHOOL CLOSURE: STRIKE ACTION ON TUESDAY 5TH JULY

As you may be aware from the recent media coverage, members of the NUT teachers’ unions are intending to take industrial action on Tuesday 5th July 2016 in relation to their concerns over the on-going changes to their pay, work conditions and funding cuts and recruitment not being addressed by the government.

We are aware that school closures inconvenience parents and carers, but due to the scale, duration and number of staff participating on the strike day, we are unable to keep the school open for all pupils, therefore the school will only be open for Year 6 pupils and all pupils taking part in the school production. The curriculum for this day will be slightly different so all year 6 pupils will need their PE kits. Meals will be available at lunch time if required as normal.

The decision to close or partially close the school is never taken lightly, but in this instance, where staff have elected to take lawful industrial action, I have no choice but to take appropriate steps to ensure the health, safety and well-being of pupils.

The school will be open as normal on Wednesday 6th July. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you require further information.

We apologise for any inconvenience this closure may cause you.

TREVELYAN EUROPEAN REFERENDUM

The whole purpose of this project was to give the entire school experience of voting and to give Year 8s the experience of developing and debating their viewpoint. The purpose was definitely achieved. We had posters around school, Year 8s visiting tutor groups to explain their view, other year groups discussing this issue, presentations at
assemblies and finally voting on the Thursday. The result was very different from the national result with over 60% of the school voting to remain in the EU. I would like to thank the Year 8s for their active role in this project and especially the Senior Prefect Team who organised and manned the ballot boxes. They were fantastic. The whole school voted in 20 minutes! Thank you also to Miss Mowat and Mr Redman for their work in helping Year 8s develop their arguments for both sides.

Mrs Hill

REMINDER RE CHOICES AFTERNOON FOR YEAR 8 – THURSDAY 14TH JULY 2016

Thank you to anyone who has already contacted me about this and just a reminder that if you or you know of anyone who would be able to give a couple of hours to us that afternoon, please get in contact. The purpose of the afternoon is to give Year 8s an opportunity to talk to people from different walks of life as they move to Senior School and start to make choices themselves regarding GCSEs.

Mrs Hill

PREFECT’S DAY OUT!

Today’s trip was wonderful – the prefects were great company, behaved impeccably and appreciated that we were aiming to deliver something different for them as a reward.

The tour of the Houses of Parliament was an eye opener and the London Eye was an opportunity just to enjoy!

More details will be in our final newsletter of the year as some prefects are eager to write all about their day!
SPORTS DAY
Sports week was a bit of a wash out due to the lovely English weather, but luckily we woke up on Sports day to find out that somebody was looking down on us as we were blessed with lovely sunshine. The day was excellent with all pupils giving their all for their Houses and they behaved brilliantly throughout the day. We also had the staff relay team, trying their best to beat the yr8’s, especially with some brilliant reactions to the starter gun by Mrs Hill !!!!

The overall results:
1st – Eadig 967
2nd – Toethian 886
3rd – Arfaest 877
4th – Tilung 830

A big well done to all competitors whether you won, came second or were last – it is always amazing to see you all try so hard! Another BIG thank you to the PTA who were amazing all day serving food, hot and cold drinks, cut up fruit, toasted sandwiches, hot dogs and delicious cakes – THANK YOU!

I would also like to thank all staff, pupils and parents for making sports day this year memorable.

Mr Brazier and Miss Johnson

RECORD BREAKERS
Emily Helsby Yr 8 Girls 300m
Emily Helsby Yr 8 Girls High Jump
Gigi Stephens Yr 7 Girls Long jump
Finlay Creffield Yr 5 Boys Vortex
Amy Kemp Yr 8 Girls Javelin
Erin Heath Yr 8 Girls 100m
Eadig Yr 5 girls relay
Tilung Year 6 Girls relay team

CRICKET NEWS
One of our pupils, William Moss from 5RW, has been selected to represent the Berkshire Under 10 cricket team this summer. The selection process has involved 18 weeks of indoor sessions and more recently, several outdoor trial / practice matches.
The Thames Valley Cricket Club started this process last October with 125 boys, whittled this down to 40 after Christmas and have now selected their top 14 to participate in matches and represent the county. So William has done amazingly well!!

One of the highlights of the season is a 4 day festival in Taunton, Somerset where William will play in a tournament against counties from all over the country. It’s a wonderful experience for those who are lucky enough to be selected and creates many good memories. So a big well done to William!

**AR PUPILS OF WEEK:**

A big well done to the following pupils who will receive their housepoints this week:

5BD  Nomaan Rafiq
5RW  Dylan Mankoo
5JB  James Miller
5JJ  Rebecca Carpenter

6LM  Aku Launonen
6SS  Ben Scott-May
6MJ  Tiggy Morris
6TF  Aaron Barnett

7CO  Ruby Rutter
7DE  Aneek Mughal
7EJ  Humza Sharif
7DK  Ollie Butler

**WINDSOR GIRLS’ SCHOOL PRODUCTION**

Windsor Girls’ School would like to make you aware and would love to see some Trevelyan faces in the audience. They are putting on PETER PAN as their production this year!

The show runs from Wednesday 6th until Friday 8th July. On Wednesday and Thursday the show will begin at 7.00pm and on Friday at 7.30pm. The link for tickets is http://www.positickets.co.uk/eventdetails
The Peter Pan production at Windsor Girls’ School will also feature the whole schools orchestra (i.e. WBS and WGS) who will be playing the overture and other pieces.

We hope you enjoyed reading all our latest news and we wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Chandler- Deputy Headteacher