Dear Parents / Carers,

As we approach our 3 day weekend, with the sun shining and more sun to come, I am sure we are all feeling grateful for our bank holiday! The children are loving their lunchtimes on the field and we had our 400m track painted this morning ready for all our athletics, cricket and rounders etc. A lovely time of the year!

As always, it has been a very busy few weeks at Trevelyan Middle School. We had some external visitors last week with our Trust Senior leadership Team and they were most impressed with what we were up to. Our visitors went into classes, ran a few pupil voice exercises, spoke with the children in class, looked at our data and school improvement plans and there were several meetings throughout the day. During the feedback with myself at the end of the day, they commented upon our ‘lovely children’; ‘impeccable manners’; ‘courteous and polite pupils’ – it was so lovely to hear. The children’s enthusiasm for learning was clear as well as our behaviour for learning being a real strength – really positive feedback with everyone’s hard work and commitment evident to see.

The pupils have also been busy – Year 8 are just back from their French trip whilst Year 6 are busily working away, preparing for their SATs exams the week after next. We are so proud of their efforts and hope the exam papers will reflect all this hard work. Year 5 are getting ready for their forthcoming trip to Swanage in a few weeks and then, shortly after half term, the final residential of the year sees Year 7 go off for their outdoor pursuit week at Culmington Manor. Talking of trips, I am currently working on a plan for parents for all the trips we plan to run in a year, to help you plan and decide which trips you want to participate in. We hope to get this out before the end of the year.

As you may have heard, Mr Day, Miss Shaw and myself are taking part in the Pioneer Charity climb of Snowden in June. The pupil council have all met and decided they would like to support ‘The Make a Wish’ charity for terminally ill children. I am delighted we will be raising money for such a fantastic charity. As well as having the opportunity to sponsor us, I will also be planning and organising a whole school walk/run event to make this a real worthwhile cause. More information will follow later in the term.

The summer term is always busy for me recruiting staff for the following year and am delighted I have already been successful in this important task. All introductions will be made in the final newsletter of the year but I am feeling very optimistic for the new academic year ahead. We also are delighted that Mrs Bridges has stayed on in the English department and has taken the role of 8RR form tutor as well as Mrs Nottingham taking over the Art and Food Tech lessons as well as Mr Mason taking on Miss Vidal's timetable for the summer term. It is great to have them in the Trevelyan team.

With the production rehearsals now in full flow and sports day/week activities being planned, we are all looking forward to a busy but exciting summer term at Trevelyan. I will keep you updated with news and events in the next few newsletters but be prepared for lots to come. As well as our events, the PTA are also planning Year 8 film night as well as another tuck shop after school on Friday 18th May. I have also brought in a new Trevelyan school skirt in September for the girls, which will be compulsory if they choose to wear a skirt and after half term we are happy for boys to come in grey or black school shorts, instead of trousers, on those warm and sunny weekdays. No PE shorts can be worn – just the tailored school shorts – but we will welcome boys to wear these if the warm weather continues.
I hope you find the upcoming dates useful and I look forward to updating you again before the half term break at the end of the month.

Thank you for your continuing support for the school.

Mrs N Chandler - Head of School.

**French Trip**

With all the pupils on time and raring to go, our coach headed out of the school gates and off to France. We were blessed with an uneventful journey although for some pupils (and staff) it was the first time that they had taken *le Shuttle* so there was a little explaining to do – ‘Yes, the coach will fit’, ‘Yes the shutters will come back up again’, ‘No, that wasn’t a real fire alarm, it’s just the safety instructions repeated in French!’.

Our first stop, much needed after such an early breakfast, was *la boulangerie*. The pupils were given demonstrations of the process of making bread and croissants and had their first language lesson, covering ingredients, numbers and a rapid explanation of who Paul Hollywood is. The pupils tried their hand at making their own croissants, with differing degrees of success, and then we were given huge boxes of pastries to take away with us. The gastronomy did not stop there as we were whisked off to the snail farm. As well as some food technology, here we were treated to the life cycle of the snail (en français, naturellement); the process of farming snails for food and for skincare; and, of course, eating snails. Although not everyone partook, we are assured that they were delicious by those who did!! The award for bravery goes to Tara, who ended up with more than a handful of snails to look after during the visit – I think we counted over 20 in her hands at one point!

Hands cleaned and snails eaten, it was off to the hotel, where pupils were given a guided tour of the grounds by our guides, Quentin and Jean-Pierre. These two were fantastic – patiently re-iterating the French vocabulary for the pupils and even more patiently sharing idioms with Mr Day, whose French vocabulary expanded dramatically over the three days. We were looked after superbly at the hotel and our thanks go to all the staff there, especially François who made a mad dash to Boulogne with some lost property on the last day!

Day 2 began with a traditional French breakfast – *du café, de la jus d’orange, du chocolat chaud, du pain et les pains au chocolat*. Then, after a lesson from Quentin, it was off to the market for some shopping. The pupils were shocked by the sight of live animals for sale on the market but they found other aspects far more familiar. Quite a few of us headed straight for the scarves as we were caught out by the chilly weather. Pupils were tasked with buying their lunch on the market from traders who spoke very little English. They did a great job; it was good to see so many of them lined up for *la salade, des tomates et des fruits*, even though we found a few in *la patisserie* too! After going back to the hotel to prepare and eat lunch, we returned to Desvres for a town trail; an excellent opportunity to test out their reading, map-reading and observation skills. We were especially proud of those who plucked up the courage to ask for directions or information from the locals – *Quel est le plat du jour s’il vous plait?*

Almost as soon as we had arrived, we were heading home. With the sun finally beginning to peep through the clouds, we headed into Boulogne for a visit to Europe’s largest aquarium, Nausicaa. We saw sharks, jellyfish, sealions, penguins, cayman – it was incredible. Many of the group enjoyed the 4D film of a ship in a stormy Arctic Ocean although it was too life-like for some. After a brief stop-over at the Auchan hypermarket, a chance to spend those last remaining Euros, we made a dash for the tunnel. Quite literally running through passport control, we made it onto an earlier train than expected and whizzed home in great time.
It was a fantastic trip. We were so proud of our pupils for the independence that they showed whilst out and about and very happy that the majority of their behaviour was respectful of the adults and other pupils around them. We look forward to seeing their improved French in use in their transfer exams in June!!!
Well what an amazing amount we managed to raise for Sports Relief. Unfortunately the weather was not on our side (although it hasn't been all year so I am not sure why we were surprised!) but the children still came to their PE lessons and changed into some amazing, bright coloured, sports kit. The buzz in the lessons was great, and the children that had to stay in enjoyed a continuous lesson of benchball and the students who did manage to get out to the field enjoyed a varied run. We saw all sorts including backwards walking, walking like a 99 year old man, front walkovers, cartwheels, dabs and the list could go on. Of course, the main reason we did all of this was to raise money for those who are sadly not as fortunate as others and I am so pleased to confirm our final total raised was £1,367.14. Thank you to everyone who fundraised, donated, collected, pestered, organised and sent their children in with the amazing Sport Relief spirit. Here’s to next year!

Mrs Allen
Football

Well done to both the year 8 and year 7 football teams, who have both been quite successful.

The year 8’s have reached the semi-final of the Slough Cup which is to be played Tuesday 8\textsuperscript{th} May against St Bernards Grammar School.

The year 7’s won their last game beating Dedworth 8 – 1 last week, meaning that they are unbeaten in the league, so have won their League. They have also reached the Final of the Slough Cup against Ditton Park School during the week commencing Mon 7\textsuperscript{th} May. Again a very successful year for the year 7 team who have only been beaten once in the County Cup in extra time. Well done to all the boys who have been involved.
Online Gaming Warning
As we are aware, gaming and internet usage has become a daily activity for many. However, as a school we are very aware of the risks and try to as much support all to manage these risks effectively. We have received an update from the NSPCC outlining the risks of one of the newest gaming crazes ‘Fortnite.’

It has come to our attention that ‘Fortnite’ has online voice chat and in-game messaging features. We are advising parents to check the safety and privacy settings on your child’s game and parental controls as the online voice chat feature can be disabled. However, this does not mean that the in-game messaging can be- so it is advised that all parents take this opportunity to talk to your child regularly about what they are doing online and how to stay safe. Let them know they can come to you or another trusted adult if they’re feeling worried or upset by anything they have seen.

Music News

Rockadamey
After a successful assembly from Leigh Jones (Rockadamey Director) Rockadamey have started individual and small group peripatetic tuition at Trevelyan Middle School. If your child is interested in learning to play a contemporary musical instrument (drums, guitar, keyboard/piano, bass) or even singing lessons. Have a look at their website: www.ROCKADEMY.co.uk

The ethos of the lessons are based on the children’s interest, so if they want to learn to play a song by Adele, AC/DC or Ed Sheeran, the teacher will start there. If you would like to speak to Leigh for further information you can contact him on: 0800 058 2485

Young Musician of the Year (YMOY)
The annual YMOY competition will be on Thursday 14th June. Tickets will be available over the next few weeks and open to all. Make sure the date is in your diary.

Legally Blonde Jr.
Our summer production is well on its way and rehearsals are going fantastically. Every two weeks parents will receive an email with the schedule. If your child’s character name is not on the schedule they will not be needed and if they have a small character part they will receive a photocopied script from Miss Ellis before their rehearsal. If your child would like to check the schedule, they are on the tutor slides. Tickets will become available over the next few weeks with priority to cast members then open to all.

SATs Revision
With the SATs 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. On the school website under curriculum and Maths you will find some links to revision booklets. Just 10 minutes a day will keep your child’s mind sharp and prepared. Preparation is key in helping your child to feel calm and confident and ready for the tests.

If your child would benefit from some extra support, they are more than welcome to attend our Tuesday session after school between 3:15 and 4:15. Just pop a note in your child’s planner to give your permission for them to attend.

Practicing written arithmetic skills is essential and an easy way to boost marks - any written arithmetic books from WHSmiths, Lett’s, Scholastic or CGP will be very useful. In addition to this Education City has some practice tests 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.

**Maths Resources (YEAR 6 SATs)**

Education City - Test practice for all levels including advanced level - Free of charge with Trevelyan login

**My Maths Boosters (all levels) - Free of charge with Trevelyan login**

BBC Bitesize KS2

Written arithmetic 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/](http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/)
- Woodlands SAT’s support - [http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/revision/](http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/revision/)
- [http://www.compare4kids.co.uk/maths.php](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/](http://www.adamup.co.uk/) - Maths Adventures and Songs to help remember facts

On the Trevelyan 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.

**YEAR 8 TRANSFER TESTS**

Transfer tests for year 8 will be in June however now is a good time to begin supporting your child in their preparations for the tests. The transfer tests are organised and set by the upper schools and each middle school will be taking the same test at the same time. The results will be used to ability group (set) the pupils in The Windsor Boys and Windsor Girls Schools, or carry forward with your child to their new school. The upper schools will also complete a CAT test when the pupils arrive but initially the groupings will be based on the results and reports sent by us. We hold formal meetings with TWBS and WGS in July to enable fair decisions regarding your child however I would like to stress that the transfer tests are very important and all initial decisions will be made depending on test results.

**Maths Online Resources**

Thank you to our Maths Link Governor Dr 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 Trevelyan login for Key Stage 3.

My Maths Transfer Boosters - Free of charge with Trevelyan login

**Revision packs are on the school website under the curriculum and Maths section.**
Pupil of the Week

5EH  Verity Mitchell
5JR  Isabelle Clark
5LV  Lybah Hussain
5MH  Bella Wright
5NS  Aisha Alam
6AH  Haris Syrmos
6EW  Khizra Wasif
6JM  Arthur Gerard Kohlen
6TF  Charlie Bowyer
6VB  Caitlin Miller
7DA  Wiktoria Perolwska
7GT  Kai Postigo
7JB  Anastasija Jakovleva
7RT  Terri Hofacker
7SP  Ali Hassan & Mustafa Karbani
8AD  George Brooks-Sayward & Isaias De Leon
8KE  Zoe Lukacsi
8KS  Mohammad Heerah
8RR  Sophia Ahmed

Pupil of the Week winners for w/c 16/04/18 were:

5EH  Verity Mitchell
5JR  Arran Eden
5LV  Zainab Hussain
5MH  Bella Wright
5NS  Amy Rossiter
6AH  KahuWah Ho
6EW  Khizra Wasif
6JM  Mark Osgood
6TF  Anushka Sagar
6VB  Hannah Dyson
7DA  Thea Perkins
7GT  Natasha McKie
7JB  Poppy Wallace
7RT  Kathryn Hague
7SP  Jemima Gregory
8AD  Elyse Forster
8KE  Zoe Lukacsi
8KS  Theo Jervis
8RR  Alex Silk

5 house points each to the winners!

House Point News

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SATs week, 14th – 17th May
PTA meeting - 15th May
Year 8 movie night - 17th May
PTA tuck shop 3.15pm – 18th May
Y7 Horrible Histories theatre trip – 18th May
Y5 Swanage trip, 21st – 25th May

TRY SAILING IN MAY
TASTER SESSIONS
Silver Wing Sailing Club
Sunday 6th May 1.00pm - 4.00pm
www.silverwingsailingclub.co.uk/trysailing/
www.silverwingsc.co.uk