Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the second newsletter of the term and we hope this finds you all well and looking forward to the weekend ahead. It has been a very busy fortnight at school as we have held our annual Open Evening for prospective parents and pupils as well as two Open Mornings – the final one took place this morning. It is always a great opportunity for the staff and pupils to show off our school in a positive light and for the Year 8 prefect team to be the ambassadors of the school that they all enjoy. It was fantastic to see so many attend and be interested in joining the Trevelyan community. The prefects have done us proud again, conducting tours and speaking to the adults and James and Poppy shone during the Open Evening where they had to join me and address over 500 people during the evening.

As well as focusing on our next intake, we are looking forward to meeting you all during our first ever Learning Review Day on Wed 17th October. This is a new opportunity for you to meet your child’s form tutor as well as participate in many different briefings and sessions and discuss and see your child’s work. Your feedback on the day will be most welcome and you will also be invited to complete a questionnaire about your own and your son/daughter’s experience of school life. We value all our stakeholders’ opinions and will always try our hardest to answer any queries and improve and issues that we learn about. This day will replace the old Meet the Tutor evening in December as we believed this never gave you enough time to discuss your child’s progress or there were no other information sessions on offer. You should have received the letter today about this.

Pupils have already been active in their extra-curricular clubs whether they have been taking part in netball or football matches, practising their skills in school or even learning a new musical instrument like the ukele! Your son/daughter should have also brought home information on next Thursday’s sports event where they will not only get to meet and attend a fitness session with a Para-Olympic athlete, they will also be sponsored and raise money for the charity and our school’s sports facilities. It is a great opportunity and the children were all engaged when Mrs Allen and Ms Mowat explained the day in this week’s assemblies. Their sponsor forms should have been shown to you!

At the bottom of my section I have included dates for your diary, please do take note as there are lots of exciting opportunities coming up – including a spooky disco, Year 5 KidsZania trip, and the PTA tuck shop all before half term!

I have to share with you as well, how lovely it is for me on a Friday afternoon to end the week in the company of winners of Hot Chocolate Friday. It is an absolute pleasure to sit and chat with pupils who have been nominated and recognised for going ‘over and above’ what is expected. The cookies, marshmallows and whipped cream are extra bonuses!! As parents you would receive a letter from me if your son/daughter is invited to attend but it is proving successful and very popular with the pupils – as well as with me!!
Wishing you all a wonderful weekend – let’s hope the sun continues to shine and I will update you again in a fortnight, just before the two week holiday. I look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 17th October at Learning Review Day – if not before.

Mrs N Chandler
Head of School

Trips update
At Trevelyan we pride ourselves on how many and how diverse our trips and activities are throughout the year. These are just 2 examples of visits made in the last two weeks with Year 6 and Year 7 pupils.

Music concert
On the 21st September 2018 a group of Y6 children went to the Old Court Theatre in Windsor to listen to a concert about Babar the Elephant.

‘I personally thought that it was really good. The first reason is that they introduced all the instruments to the audience. They hid people all over the theatre and picked them out one by one. Then they introduced the instrument, said what family it belonged to and played it so that we could hear what it sounded like.
Second of all I liked the performance and the way that they told the story, then played the instrument so that we knew the sound. I thought that it was amazing!’
Daisy 6MH

‘When I went with some other people from Y6 to a concert I got really excited and couldn’t wait. When we got there, there were other schools watching as well. One was St Peter’s. We all sat down and the lights dimmed. After an introduction the orchestra started the story of Baber. The instruments that were there were mostly a piano, violin, viola and woodwind. It was just like listening to a large orchestra. At the end of the concert you were allowed to go and ask the players questions.
Best experience ever!!’
Raphaela 6J

National Army Museum, Chelsea
‘This was really fun and lots of things stuck in my head. The main fact that I remember was: £4 million of bullets were used in one day of the war. They also used steel helmets in 1916 to protect their heads and their uniforms were made of wool!’
Stanley 7VB

‘I thought that the trip was very useful because there was a lot of interesting facts about wars. One of the facts that stuck in my head was that World War I cost (in today’s money) £33.8 trillion! It made me wonder where all the money came from.’
Harry 7VB

‘My favourite part of the trip was when we went underneath a tank. I also enjoyed watching a movie about a soldier’s life and how hard it was in the trenches. We got to see all the guns that were displayed in a glass case and we got to shoot 2 of them.’
I learnt that “Flanders Field” is so called because the field is in a place called Flanders in Belgium. This is where some of World War I took place and many soldiers died.’
Archie 7VB

PE Department News
Well what a lovely term we are having so far. There have been two girls in year 8 who have been absolutely amazing and been helping out above and beyond what I would expect. So I have decided to make these girls Sports Leaders. So congratulations to Manaal Siddiqui and Bethany Foster.

Year 8 Netball
On Wednesday 3rd October I took the Year 8 ‘A’ team off to Furze Platt for the first set of matches in the RBWM League. I decided this year to just enter one team into the League to be able to support them more and coach them within the game. This worked very well and they performed consistently in their games and has transferred all the skills learned in PE and training to their games. Excellent passing, movement on and off the ball and strong defending. They won three games, drew two games and lost two games. Well done to all of the girls who played: Jemima Gregory, Sydney Stapleton, Chloe Smith, Tallulah Kingsman, Issy Murrell, Amba Desoura and Mia Greenwood. I nominated Issy Murrell my Player of the Match but would like to make a special mention to Jemima Gregory who for her first netball game representing the school was phenomenal in her defence. We have another tournament next Thursday and hopefully we will build on this week’s success.

Sports Leaders Conference – Thursday 20th September
Report by Lily Toy – 8DA
I really enjoyed the leadership day. All the coaches delivering the activities were really nice and explained the games very well. It was great working with some year 9 pupils from Windsor Boys School as they were very helpful. It was interesting learning about coaching techniques allowing us to deal with bad situations. I can’t wait to use what I have learnt.

Year 7 Netball
On Thursday 4th October I took the Year 7 A and B teams off to Dedworth Middle School for the Windsor Schools Netball Competition. The girls haven’t really played together and so we had a bit of a shaky start. However, they developed throughout their games and finished in 5th (B Team) and 6th (A Team). The girls definitely improved throughout the evening and were playing stronger netball by their final game. The teams have a great deal of potential and we now know what we need to improve on for the next matches. Special mention to Cai'er Hui who scored in the penalty shoot-out and took the B team through to the 5th 6th play-off, rather than the 7th 8th play-offs and then scored against our A team! Well done girls!
WINDSOR U13’s RUGBY TEAM NEEDS YOU!
Did you know that Rugby was invented in Great Britain nearly 200 years ago? Did you know there have only ever been 4 Rugby world champions nations?

No matter your ability level or experience, you will learn while having fun, keeping fit and being part of a team that sticks together no matter what!

Contact the U13’s team manager (Des):
• Des.nelhams@btinternet.com
• 07956532771

Upcoming PTA Events

Reminder – Bags2School
Remember to bring in your unwanted clothing in for the Bags2School collection on the morning of Thursday 11th October. If you haven’t received a dedicated Bags2School collection bag, just use any bag that can be tied together. You are more than welcome to donate more than one bag-full too!
Just note that they DON’T accept any type of uniform (school or work), textile off-cuts, no carpets, rugs or mats, no bedding, blankets or cushions and of course everything has to be clean, dry and with not stained. Let’s see if we can beat last year’s donations and earn some more money for the school!

If you have lost your bag or need more then please just use refuse bags. Many thanks.

Reminder – After School Tuck Shop Friday 12th October
If you’re happy for your children to have a Friday treat, remember to send them with some money next Friday! Any picking up parents are also very welcome to the Tuck Shop stall, which will be at the school end of the St. Leonard’s Road car park!

Spooky Disco
On Thursday 18th October it’s time for the Spooky Disco, the first school disco of this academic year. The discos are a big highlight for many of the children and they are great fun to organise!
A hot dog or a pizza slice is included in the ticket and there will be sweets and glow stuff to buy as well as a lucky dip, face painting and other fun activities.

Date: Thursday 18th October
Time: 18.30 – 20.30
Cost: £5.50
Last day to buy tickets: 16th October
Fancy dress optional

You buy the tickets through Parent Pay. Please remember to select hot dog or pizza, (pizza is the vegetarian option). We need lots of helpers for the disco. To help setting up, manning stalls during the disco and clearing up afterwards. And also with some prep beforehand, such as wrapping lucky dip items. Set-up starts straight after school, and you are welcome to help for the whole evening, or just for an hour or two. Any help is appreciated and makes a big difference. If you're new to the school, this is also the best event for getting to know your child’s new friends, chatting to other parents and you’ll often get the opportunity to chat to some of the teachers helping too.

Could you lend a hand on Thursday 18th October? Please email pta@trevelyan.org.uk to let us know if you can help!

Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a part-time Food Technology Technician. Please see the website for further details.

http://www.trevelyan.org.uk/34/vacancies/cat/2/support-staff-vacancies

Important Dates

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Halloween 2018

A Police message for parents from PC Graham Slater

• Halloween will soon be upon us again on 31st October, which this year falls on the Wednesday after half term break. In previous years, we have had a few problems in the local area with anti-social behaviour caused by a small number of teenagers who think this period is an excuse to behave in a disorderly way. Examples include vandalism, egg & flour throwing, underage drinking and illegal use of fireworks.

Parents, please speak with your children if they are planning to go out on Halloween night and evenings across the holiday week. Make sure you know where they will be going, who they will be with and what they plan to do!

• In the lead up to this period there has again been a combined effort between a number of local agencies including Police, Berks Fire & Rescue Service and Local Authority staff to try reduce any such problems across the half term week. There will also be increased Police and Community Warden Patrols during this period to reassure residents and deter any antisocial acts. Those that do decide to behave in this way will be dealt with firmly.

• Please also consider the safety of your children. Trick or Treat is really an activity for younger children who should always be escorted by a responsible adult. Ideally, arrangements should be made in advance with householders that are happy to receive them. Teenagers should know that going around in large groups can be intimidating to many residents, road users and pedestrians. Elderly and vulnerable members of the community can find Halloween a particularly worrying time when they receive repeated calls at their door. Many residents do not want to receive Trick or Treaters at this time and their privacy and peace should be respected and not result in them becoming targets for abuse and vandalism.

For further Halloween advice please contact the Schools Officer or your local Neighbourhood Policing Team via the central police number: 101

Further details can be found on the Thames Valley Police website at:

https://www.facebook.com/thamesvp/