Dear Parents and Carers,

Hard to believe this is the penultimate newsletter for 2018! How time flies! As always, it has been a busy fortnight here at Trevelyan Middle School with so many exciting events going on during and after the school day.

A very big thank you to our fantastic PTA who planned a super fireworks evening two weeks ago, we hope you thoroughly enjoyed yourselves. These events cannot happen without your hard work and support so we are very grateful to every single one of you who helped, bought tickets or who invited friends and family along to join us for the evening. The drizzle didn’t put us off and we were almost at full capacity. We will announce the final total made later on in the newsletter and plans with what we hope to spend the money on in the New Year.

Year 8 have had a few events on this week – on Monday we took any pupils from Key Stage 3 who wanted to go and see Windsor Boys’ School dress rehearsal for Kiss Me Kate. What an inspiring and exciting evening it was. As always the children were impeccably behaved and were truly engrossed in the wonderful acting going on, on stage. We look forward to hearing about a joint performance with the Upper Schools later on this academic year. Then last night the PTA kindly ran a Year 8 film night so the pupils could relax, wear comfy clothes and enjoy a film of their choice. Lots of pizza and popcorn was eaten and they all enjoyed a fun evening with their friends.

Looking ahead at our next three weeks, we are all busy in the build up to the festive period. With form assemblies, Mufti day on Monday, Christmas Fair looming and Jumper Day and Christmas lunch day there are so many things to look forward to. On Monday the children come to school in their own clothes, bringing with them an item for the School’s PTA Christmas fair which is being held this year on Thursday 13th December. Do come along and have a browse as it is Trevelyan’s traditional event that is growing year by year. We then finish the year on Thursday 20th December at the earlier time of 1pm.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Nicola Chandler – Head of School

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Help UK Air Ambulance Services by recycling your Used Postage Stamps!!!

The UK’s Air Ambulance Services are charities which receive no government funding and rely entirely on charitable donations to continue flying and responding to life threatening medical emergencies.

We are now volunteering our time to help raise funds through the recycling of postage stamps.

All funds raised will be donated to the Association of Air Ambulances to be distributed equally to all UK Air Ambulance Services.

Whether they're British or overseas, new or used, send them to us and we'll turn them into funds to keep the UK Air Ambulance Services responding to life threatening medical emergencies.

All you need to do is cut or carefully tear the stamped corner from any envelope or packet that you receive in the post and start a collection.

Please bring your stamps into the office where we have a box! Many thanks for supporting this extremely worthy cause.

School Fund

It is not too late to contribute to our school fund via ParentPay at: https://www.parentpay.com/public/client/security/#/login

We hope to be able to update you with our plan for the school fund shortly when we review the contributions.
Winners of the House door decoration

KS3 Remembrance day door winner

KS2 Road Safety Door Winners

Next House Competitions

**House Competition 1**: Decorate a Christmas Tree! Each tutor group will be given a tree to decorate. It is a competition between all the tutor groups in the school and will be judged 18th December.

**House Competition 2**: Christmas Card Competition

- **Christmas card**

  **Criteria:**
  - Card must be A4
  - 5 house points for entering
  - 10 house points for runner up
  - 15 house points for winning and 50 for your house
  - Let’s get Christmassy

  The card must be handed in by Thursday 6th of December

- **Merry Christmas**

- **Happy Xmas**

  2017 Winner: Anthony Spencer-Martinez, Aged 9
Sports News

Year 6 Football Team

County Cup

The year 6 football team have been playing in the county cup and have done very well beating Pine School 3 – 1, they also beat Southlake 2 -1, but lost against Oldfield 3 – 0. Three teams have finished the pool stage on six points us, Pine and Oldfield so it will go down to goal difference, so fingers crossed we will go through to the knockout stages.

National cup

Our Year 6 were involved in a National cup competition first round to go on and represent Windsor and Maidenhead, which was held at Dedworth school. The boys did extremely well coming 2nd in their league winning 2 and drawing 2. The boys then played against Lynch Hill Academy in the semi-final beating them 1 – 0. The final was between ourselves and Dedworth, after drawing with them in the pool game it was going to be a tight final. The game was very close with both teams having chances to win the match, unfortunately Dedworth sneaked a goal and managed to hold on to win the game. Well done boys.

Mr Brazier

Year 6 Netball

On Tuesday 13th November three Year 6 netball teams headed off to Dedworth Middle for a tournament hoping to qualify for the Level 3 games next year. There were fifteen teams in total and a huge turnout compared to previous years. The competition was high and matches turned around very quickly. All three teams did a great job of ensuring they were on the correct court at the correct time. Our A team made it through to the finals and after fierce competition and lots of debate over the final score (!) WE WON! Well done to the winning team who will head off to represent Windsor Schools next year: Mary Ambidge, Isabelle Clark, Archie Creffield, Zainab Hussain, Isabella Imberg, Verity Mitchell, Delphi Perkins, Thomas Roberts.

Sports Hall Athletics

On Thursday 22nd November I took a year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics team off to Thames Valley Athletics Centre to compete in the annual Sports Hall Athletics competition. We competed well and put 100% into all our events. The girls team particularly Molly Cann, Delphi Perkins and Poppy Warren particularly impressed me but the whole squad tried their hardest and managed to finish in 3rd place. Well done to everyone who took park.

Olympian Day

On Thursday 11th October we were blessed to welcome Luke Delahunty to Trevelyan Middle School to run a day of fitness activities for the whole school. It was a fantastic atmosphere and the students got stuck into the activities and worked really hard for their allocated slot. Some even did the activities twice! The day was so much fun and was all in aid of raising money for Sports for Schools (40% of the money raised) and also Trevelyan Middle School (60% of the money raised).
We are pleased to say that in total we managed to raise £4,661.91 of which we will receive a voucher for 60% to spend on sports equipment. Thank you to everyone who made this possible through sponsorship and encouragement. The Sports Leaders will soon be visiting the children to get ideas of some playground equipment they might like.

**General Thanks**

I just wanted to say thank you to all of the parents who have been kind enough to come and collect their children and take them to fixtures. This is amazing as it means I can enter more children to more events when I know I don't have enough minibus space. I really to appreciate your help and without you the children wouldn’t be getting as many opportunities.

**Mrs D. Allen** - Head of P.E & 8DA Tutor
**English Department**

*A term of exciting trips!*

What a busy time we've had so far and still three weeks to go. Last Tuesday our Year 8 pupils had the opportunity to watch “A Woman in Black” at the Fortune Theatre in London. It was a very wet and cold afternoon but we arrived just in time.

As part of our Gothic literature topic we had briefly looked at an extract from this story but they really had no idea what they were going to see.

The play is a very clever piece with only two actors playing every role. I won’t spoil anything by explaining the story but we did have several cases of “the frights!” Needless to say the behaviour was excellent and just confirms to all of us what a great experience a theatre trip is.

Our next outing for Year 8 is Macbeth at South Hill Park in Bracknell. The same theatre group that performed Jekyll and Hyde last year will be putting on “the Scottish play” and we will be studying the whole text in English.

**Year 5**

Year 5 have had a very busy time with Kidzania, A Wrinkle in Time at Slough Cinema and A Christmas Carol at Windsor Theatre. What a great introduction to Trevelyan for them. They were all brilliant at the theatre and it encourages us to find further ways of extending their extra-curricular activities.

Please continue to check messages and Parent Pay for new offers and opportunities. Also remember that trips are on the school calendar, on our website, and this is always worth looking at.

*Miss Mowat*

**Science Department**

*Black holes and extra dimensions*

On Tuesday 13\textsuperscript{th} November, we went to a lecture at Eton College to learn about black holes and extra dimensions. When we first got there, we soon realised that we were the only girls there and we were the youngest as everyone else were 16-year-old boys who were all wearing suits and tailcoats. Our lecture-led by professor Tony Padilla- was filled with interesting information and we all, to our surprise, understood most of it.

He first talked about how when Usain Bolt broke the world record in the Beijing 2008 Olympics, but he didn’t run 100m and he didn’t do it in the time he did it in; he was relative to different things like the crowd, so the track got smaller but by only a very small bit. Also, his clock was different to our clock: everyone has their own clock meaning everyone has a perspective of time so if you were doing a certain action. Reference frames are fundamental to relativity because observers perceive things differently if they’re in different locations. Think of it like this: you are in a car driving at 60mph and another car was driving at 60mph
but the other way. It would seem like it was going so fast, but it is because it was in a different direction making the relative speed 120mph.

Furthermore, the professor was also teaching us about string theory - the best, according to the professor, quantum theory. It is basically when particles are held up by one-dimensional strings that are vibrating but, if this is true, we have ten different dimensions and six are unknown to us! We also learnt about many other things: how black holes are formed, a journey into a black hole and this amazing machine (which is the largest machine in the world) where it is blasting protons together to find extra dimensions (but they could also find dark matter particles). However, this machine could create a black hole on this Earth and even light can’t escape a black hole!

Overall, it was an amazing trip and experience and a humongous thank you to Ms Hayes who organised it all.

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Latest News from the PTA

Mufti Day Reminder
Don’t forget that it’s Mufti day on Monday and the children can come into school in their own clothes providing they bring a donation to the Christmas Fair tombola.

Year 5 – chocolates
Year 6 – toys (new condition)
Year 7 – toiletries (new)
Year 8 – bottles

There are lots of offers out there at the moment, particularly in the supermarkets, but if for any reason you are unable to make a tombola contribution then we ask for the standard £1 mufti day donation as an alternative.

Results from Fireworks Night
A big thank you to everyone who came along and helped making the Fireworks Night such a success!
The new games area on the courts proved very popular, and the burger queue was very speedy this year. Hope you had as much fun as we did! We raised a record £4,636.36 – we do like a record breaking fundraising result!

New PTA Committee roles
Our PTA calendar is busy with events and at our last meeting we took the decision to add two more roles to our organising committee and recruit two Event Organisers. This is a great opportunity for anyone who would like to get involved in organising a specific event, without taking on responsibility for more than one project at a time. If you’d like to find out more, come to the next PTA meeting or email us on pta@trevelyan.org.uk
Next PTA meeting
The next PTA meeting is on Tuesday 4th December at 19.30 in one of the classrooms off the crush hall. Entrance from reception. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Many thanks
The Trevelyan PTA

Can you help - Defibrillator
We would like to purchase a new defibrillator for the school but they cost approximately £800-£1000. It is important that we have one with over 600 people on site it could save someone’s life “If defibrillated within the first minute of collapse, the victim’s chances for survival are close to 90 percent. For every minute that defibrillation is delayed, survival decreases by 7 percent to 10 percent. If it is delayed by more than 10 minutes, the chance of survival in adults is less than 5 percent.” We wondered if anyone worked for a local firm who have a ‘community budget’ and would be happy to sponsor one? If this is something you could help with, please let us know.

Cleaner needed
We currently have a vacancy for a cleaner here at Trevelyan. Hours are 2.5 hours per day, Mon-Fri. If you or someone you know is interested please email: office@trevelyan.org.uk

Parking Issues
We have received quite a few calls from residents complaining about the parking in Wood Close. Some parents are double parking and refusing to move when the residents can’t get their cars out. Can we be considerate to the neighbours please! Thank you.
TREVELYAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thursday 13th December
3.15pm - 4.45pm
In the School Hall

Lots of fun games & activities
Musical entertainment from the school choir
Hot and cold drinks, mince pies & homemade cakes
Festive raffle with a selection of great prizes
Tombolas, chocolate, toys & more
Gift stalls with toys, sweets & jewellery
Year 8 food tech stall

Wishing you a Merry Christmas

Pupils enter directly from school.
Parents, siblings, friends and relatives enter from reception.