Dear Parents and Carers,

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy New Year if I haven’t seen you myself either in school or on the gate – hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. Term has started well here with so many different things going on across the school or in individual year groups. It is really lovely to hear the buzz around the pupils about the new ENRICH reward system and hearing how they are logging on at home checking how they are measuring up against others in their class, year group, house or even their position in the whole school. The competitive nature of some is really inspiring to hear! Please remember to log on yourselves to see how your son/daughter are doing.

Since our return from Christmas, we had a Trust Review where we had twelve visitors in the school experiencing different aspects of school life. They came in to see staff teach, listened to staff and pupil voice, looked at all standards across the school and evaluated where we are on our School Development Plan. Although we have not received our formal report just yet, we have some really positive feedback and are delighted to hear that we are well on our journey towards becoming a fantastic school. The pupils, as always, were polite, courteous and really willing to share their experiences of life in Trevelyan. They thought the uniform was smart and worn with pride and the behaviour for learning in class and around the school buildings had notably improved.

As no doubt you are aware, the children had assemblies this week and were informed about the upcoming Summer production, ‘Mary Poppins’. The buzz around the school was so exciting. Mrs Van Ot and Mr Creasey have over 150 children signing up for auditions which is truly fantastic to see. We will keep you posted as the year goes on. As well as the exciting things, Year 6 start their fortnightly SATs preparation on Monday and Mr Redman, Mrs Philpott and Mr Day have worked on a space and Star Wars theme to help engage the pupils and make it more interesting. As parents, you should have received an invite to our Year 6 SATs evening next week where you will be informed about the exams themselves and what we do to help prepare the pupils in advance.

Year 8 pupils who are off to Iceland in March have received their hoodies and all the information on the trip so there is another buzz of excitement from them – they have allocated their rooms, been informed about the different excursions during the five days and seen photos and a video of where they are staying. I have to say I am jealous! A very exciting opportunity. Plans are also coming along for all the other year group residential this year – Year 5 are off to Swanage, Year 6 are off to Culmington Manor PGL and Year 7 have 3 days in France to look forward to. All these trips will have an information evening for you well in advance of the trip itself.
Can I also end with a polite reminder about a few things: the weather is cold and is forecast to get even colder! We do expect pupils to arrive in school in coats. It is quite shocking to see so many without winter coats on! School jumpers are also compulsory this time of the year. Can we also remind you that there should be no parking on Wood Close – this is a residential road and we are receiving daily complaints from residents. Our parking is on St Leonards Road. This is a ONE WAY system for cars and please do not double park or block the road in any way. It is very busy at this time of the year and we certainly do not want any accidents caused by cars. We really appreciate your support in this. Any pupil cycling to school should wear a helmet and should lock their bikes up in the bike sheds provided for them. This also goes for those children using their scooters.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend and please take note of the upcoming events going on at Trevelyan.

Mrs Nicola Chandler
Head of School

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 24th January – Y6 SATs Evening (6-7pm)
Friday 1st February – 5LB assembly (8.50am)
Friday 1st February – Tuck shop (set-up from 2.30pm, selling from 3.15pm)
Wednesday 6th February – ASD afternoon 2.15-3.15pm
Thursday 7th February – Y5,6 & 7 School Disco (6.30-8.30 pm)
Thursday 14th February – 6EH Assembly
Thursday 14th February – Year 6 Parents’ Evening
Monday 25th February – INSET day – school closed to pupils
Thursday 28th February – 6MH assembly
Thursday 7th March – 7JM assembly
Thursday 7th March – World Book Day
Thursday 7th March – Year 5 Parents’ Evening
Friday 8th March – Cake sale
Monday 11th March to 15th March – Iceland trip
Thursday 21st March – 5ER assembly
Thursday 21st March – Quiz night at Trevelyan
Thursday 28th March – 8RT assembly
Friday 29th March - Mufti Day & Easter egg donations
Thursday 4th April – Y8 Parents’ Evening
Friday 5th April – Easter Egg Tombola
Exciting news from the Drama and Music Department

The whole school production this year will be ‘Mary Poppins’. Auditions will take place during lunchtimes and afterschool sessions on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd January in the Drama Studio. Rehearsals will take place on Mondays 3.30pm-4.30pm and Tuesdays 3.30pm-4.30pm once the production has been cast.

Pupils should sign up to an audition slot on the notice board by the Music Room if they haven’t done so already and collect the audition sheet from Mrs Van Ot or Mr Creasey. We already have over 100 pupils signed up to audition!

Message from the Chair of Governors

Dear parents, careers, extended families & friends;

We are looking to co-opt new governors with the right skills on to our school governing body.

As governors we are all immensely proud of the school. This is a great opportunity for you too to get involved in the strategic direction of the school and be part of ensuring its continuing improvement.

While no particular experience or qualifications are required, we are particularly interested in candidates with a strong background in:

- Safeguarding & Child Protection;
- Health & Safety;
- Well-being and mental health;
- Education

Your role would be as a typical member of the local community, bringing an external perspective to the running of the governing body and the school.

The role requires commitments to ensure the school is well led and managed, including:

- Sharing the responsibilities of the governing body;
- Abiding by its code of conduct, including the seven Nolan Principles of Public Life;
- Attending and participating in regular meetings - usually one per half-term;
- Undergoing appropriate training;
- Making at least 3 school visits each year - to a linked topic or faculty;
- Seeking other opportunities to visit and get involved with the school.

If you are or know someone who is interested, please contact me via governors@trevelyan.org.uk for more information.

Mark Jervis

Chair of Governors.
Rebel Women
We are thrilled to have launched our 2019 More Able Girls cross-trust project, this year rebranded as "Rebel Women." Initially intended as a one off last year, to celebrate the centenary of women gaining the right to vote, such was its success that we have decided to run it for a second year.

The ambitious project focuses on addressing the wrong that, even in 2019, women still earn on average less than men and are still less likely to found in senior leadership positions across most sectors. With this in mind, the project seeks to develop pupils’ confidence, communication and collaboration skills - the key skills we need our leaders of the future to hold.

However, while the project seeks to develop pupils’ individual skills and personal aspirations, it also places a heavy focus social injustice. The girls will spend time learning about - and even meeting - inspiration women across the coming weeks; these will be women who have changed society for the better from across the world.

Excitingly, the main bulk of the project will provide the girls with an opportunity to run a campaign of their own - aimed at their own peer groups. This will give the chance the wider school community to participate in this exciting project. We look forward to sharing the girls' progress with this!

Mr Day
Assistant Head Teacher and Cross-trust Lead for More Able Girls Project

PTA News

Christmas Fair Results
Hope you have all had a good Christmas break!
We are very happy to report that the Christmas Fair was another record breaker and together we managed to raise £2,067!

This event is completely dependent on the goodwill and help from all the school’s families, so from the PTA we’d like to say a very BIG THANK YOU for all your donations and support for the Raffle and the Fair. The children had lots of fun and the money raised will go a long way towards helping the school in these times of ever tighter budgets.

Digital Camera
We are still looking for a digital camera for school – not a flash DSLR (though won’t say no of course), but a simple pocket camera will certainly do the trick! It will be used to capture the children’s work, particularly in classes such as food tech where the output will be consumed soon after it’s completed.

With the school policy of no mobile phones the school needs an actual camera and we are hoping there might be one going spare. If you’re able to help, please email us on pta@trevelyan.org.uk
Helpers needed for Tuck Shop and Spring Disco
The next two events we have coming up is a Tuck Shop on Friday 1st February (set-up to end 14.30 – 16.00) and the Spring Disco on Thursday 7th February. The disco runs 18.30 – 20.30 and we can do with helpers for set-up from 15.30, disco from 18.00 and clear-up from 20.30 to 21.00. We are after disco helpers for one, two or all of the above stints.
Can you help at either or both of the Tuck Shop and Spring Disco? Please email pta@trevelyand.org.uk to let us know!

Amazon Smile
We are now permanently set up on Amazon Smile to support the school fundraising.
If you haven’t yet signed up, do remember to do so before your next Amazon transaction. Then as long as you shop through smile.amazon.co.uk, 0.5% of all your purchases (ex. VAT and delivery costs) will automatically be donated to our PTA.
(Just go to smile.amazon.co.uk, log in as normal with your Amazon credentials, once prompted search for ‘Trevelyan School Parent and Teacher Association’ and select us as your nominated charity. You’ll only need to do this once as it will then be linked to your account.)

The Easy Fundraising is also still up and running, but Amazon Smile is actually even easier and will be a great help to the school!

New PTA Committee roles
Our PTA calendar is busy with events and we are looking to add two Event Organisers to the committee. 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. If you'd like to find out more, come to the next PTA meeting or email us on pta@trevelyand.org.uk

Next PTA meeting
The next PTA meeting is on Tuesday 5th February at 19.30 in one of the classrooms off the crush hall. Entrance from reception. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Lost Property
We currently have 10 un-named coats in lost property plus lunch boxes, water bottles, school uniform and football boots! We only keep un-named items for two weeks as we do not have the storage space to keep them any longer. Please come to the office (or ask your child to) if you have lost anything. Named items are returned to your child’s form within 24 hours of them reaching the school office.

Parking complaints
Please can you all be mindful of our residents when picking up. Please do not block driveways on Wood Close and Cavalry Crescent as we are receiving almost daily complaints about this. Thank you.

Vacancies
We still have vacancies for cleaners to work from 3- 6.30pm Monday to Friday. Please contact office@trevelyand.org.uk if you or anyone you know is interested.
11+ Techniques Club
If your child is interested in this club then they need to go and see Mrs Southard in the first instance, who will register their interest.

11+ Techniques

The club covers key information on learning or improving 11+ techniques.

The club covers:

- Comprehension
- Vocabulary
- Maths Techniques
- VR Techniques
- NVR Techniques

The club is open to Year 5s and it has very limited places. Places will be allocated on a first come first, first served basis.

The aim is to improve skills or learn new skills and may help with studies in general.

Students will be required to bring along a note pad or exercise book, pencil and rubber.

Every Tuesday – Room 16
3.30pm – 4.30pm
Starting 22nd January 2019
Mrs Southard