Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you enjoyed your extended weekend in the snow. It is always a really hard decision to make but please know that it is always a last resort to shut the school after considering the health and safety of all our pupils and staff. With many members of staff travelling to school on a daily basis, we knew it would leave us very short. We also completed a risk assessment between 5-6.00am and the snow was pretty deep and with more forecast, we took the decision to close along with the majority of all other schools in Windsor, Slough and Maidenhead. We hope you received our early messages and it gave you the chance to make new plans for the day. We will also inform you of 5LB’s new assembly date as well as the new afternoon for our infamous PTA's donut and tuck shop.

It doesn’t seem that long ago I was writing the last newsletter but since then I have undergone two day intensive training plus online study modules to train to become a Pivotal behaviour Instructor – I am delighted I passed and am now looking forward to slowly embedding the positive and calmer approach to behaviour and culture at Trevelyan. It is all about understanding how the adult's behaviour has impact on a child and for us to reinforce the ‘over and above’, higher expectations. Already we do a ‘twice daily meet and greet’ at each tutor’s door and handshake and the anticipation of a Hot Chocolate Friday with me is really fantastic. I hope to be able to invite most pupils in their time here and I have my special personalised mugs ready with marshmallows to recognise this achievement. Every week the pupils are told why they have been recognised for doing ‘over and above’ and this is also sent home in a letter for the parents to read.

It was wonderful to see so many Year 6 parents and careers attend the SATs evening last Thursday. Despite being in our Governor’s meeting, I welcomed quite a few early arrivals and was delighted to hear how full the presentation was. The pupils are being warmed up slowly with a space theme introduced by Mr Redman and staff are busy planning different lessons, interventions, relaxing sessions and exam practices to help them along the way. Last week we also welcomed parents of 8JB for their assembly.

Looking ahead now to half term we have a few events going on – this Wednesday we have an invite only session for our parents and carers of ASD children and we are looking forward to this newly introduced interactive session. Following on from this, teachers have a twilight afternoon so we are more equipped and specialised in this learning trait. Then, on Thursday evening, we have our Spring disco for Years 5, 6 and 7 run by our PTA whilst our Year 8's travel back from their afternoon out to watch Shakespeare’s Macbeth in Woking theatre. Year 8 also have some time off timetable next Monday as Mrs Southard has organised a big STEM event with Heathrow where Year 8 pupils will attend a presentation and workshops designed to introduce them to different careers there. Finally, on Valentine's evening, from 4-7pm, Year 5 parents are invited in to meet the subject teachers for their child’s Parents’ Evening – their first one at Trevelyan. We look forward to greeting you in the school hall, after you have signed in, where we will be on hand to answer questions and direct you to where you need to be. Hopefully you will hear lots of positive news to start the half term off well.
Mrs Nicola Chandler - Head of School

Dates for the diary:
Thurs 7 Feb – PTA disco for years 5, 6 and 7
Thurs 7 Feb – Year 8 trip to Woking Theatre (Macbeth)
Thurs 14th Feb – Year 5 Parents’ Evening
Mon 25th Feb – Inset day – school closed for pupils
Thurs 7th March – YMOY auditions all day
Fri 8th March – PTA tuck shop
Mon 11th March – Fri 15th March – Year 8 trip to Reykjavik, Iceland
Thurs 21st March – PTA family quiz night

School Fund
As I am sure you are fully aware, costs are rising at a greater rate than school budget allocations and current indications are, therefore finances will be more challenging in the very near future. Trevelyan is fortunate to have a committed group of parents on the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) which continues to support the school raising much needed funds for a variety of larger purchases. In addition to this, the school also has a School Fund with voluntary contributions from all parents.

As a polite reminder, and in line with practice at most other schools, I write to appeal to your generosity for support and request that each family (if not already done so this academic year) make a voluntary contribution towards the school fund for 2018/19. We would like to suggest an amount of £25.00 for your first child and £10.00 for each child thereafter. School Fund has a variety of uses, some driven by the school’s desire to enhance students' education with enrichment activities and some following on from parental suggestions. For example, a few years ago, the pupil handbook was introduced at the request of parents who wanted a different way to communicate with staff. This has recently been updated using this money and we are already looking at ways to improve this for next year. School fund is also used to support the running of the school minibuses, which are essential to transport the pupils to lots of different enrichment activities off site, purchasing badges and jumpers for senior prefects and other small items of equipment which otherwise could not be purchased to enrich our pupil’s education. WE have extended our library and bought new books, updated some of the computers for the children, purchased sports and playtime equipment for the summer months and also have lots of ideas what we could do if this school fund proved successful. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your continued support and generosity – this is available on ParentPay if you are able to contribute.

Reminder
The first day back after half term (mon 25th February) is an Inset Day so school is shut for all our pupils. School will re-open at the usual time on Tuesday 26th Feb. Thank you.
Music News

Firstly a thank you to all those (120 plus!) who auditioned for parts in Mary Poppins Jr. Mrs Van Ot and I are busy deliberating and will have further information about parts and rehearsal schedules in the coming weeks.

Young Musician of the Year (YMOY)

The annual YMOY competition is approaching and will be announced in the following weeks for late march. Students are encouraged to start learning music in preparation, the first round auditions will be held on the 7th of March. There are three competitions this year, Young Vocalist of the year, Young Instrumentalist of the year and Young Band (or ensemble) of the year. Signup sheets will be on the music noticeboard.

Berkshire Maestro’s

Currently we have spots available for individual and small group peripatetic instrumental tuition at Trevelyan. Woodwind, drums, guitar, piano, string and brass lessons are all available. Contact Berkshire Maestro’s directly through their website www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk or email windsor@berkshiremaestros.org.uk

Taster sessions can be arranged for students to trail instruments before they commit to learning.

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN A WOODWIND INSTRUMENT?

**RECORDE**R  **SAXOPHONE**  **FLUTE**  **CLARINET**

If so, then please register on Berkshire Maestros web page and our teacher will contact you asap. Trails and tasters available on request. Lesson times and further details can be found online

**Our Website**

https://www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk

Our woodwind tutor is Mr. Vlatko Ivanov

vlatkoivanov@berkshiremaestros.org.uk
**Rockacademy**

Rockadamey have started individual and small group peripatetic tuition at Trevelyon 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.

*Mr Creasey*

**Sports News**

**Trevelyon Boys Help Slough District Win the Berkshire Cup**

We are happy to inform you that the Slough district football team have been crowned Berkshire County Champions. After a tough trial 10 boys were selected from schools around Slough and Windsor: Trevelyon, Dedworth, Paurlant Park, St Peters and Lynch Hill were to represent the District in this seasons tournament. Our first game was against Wokingham (last season’s winners) who we beat 2-0. There were early goals from Tyler and Sam – our team mates from Dedworth. Our second match was against Newbury and we beat them 1-0 with an amazing winning goal from Trevelyon’s Right Winger Thomas Roberts which the goal keeper stood no chance of saving. In the final tense match against Reading we had to win or draw. The defensive fortress of Archie Seeburg from Trevelyon, Archie M from St Peters and Luca from Lynch Hill helped Leo Murrell from Trevelyon keep a clean sheet for the whole tournament. The results mean that Slough district team were crowned County Champions for the first time in their history and will now represent Berkshire Schools FA County in the Southwest England Regional Finals at the end of March.

Well done boys!

**House point total**

So far the housepoint totals are:

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**Vacancy**

We are still looking for one more cleaner to join our team. Please contact the office office@trevelyan.org.uk if you or someone you may know might be interested.

**A little bit of history**

Deep in the recesses of the school our caretaker has found some very old school log books which Mrs Mealing now has locked away for safekeeping but in one there was something quite remarkable!

A handwritten letter, dated 1943 from 10 Downing Street, Whitehall... thanking the school pupils and staff for their donation for the Red Cross Aid for Russia, written and signed by Winston Churchill’s wife Clementine!

We wait with bated breath to see what else is uncovered!

**No Nuts in school please**

A polite reminder that we have a no nut or nut product in school. No Nutella etc either and certainly no nut of any kind for snacks or lunch. We have a high number of children with severe allergies to nuts. Many thanks.

**Mindful of our neighbours**

We are still receiving almost daily complaints from residents complaining about inconsiderate parking Wood Close and St Leonards Rd. Please ensure that you don’t park over peoples drives while waiting or park on St Leonard’s Road.

**Bikes**

Please ensure your child wears a helmet if they are riding their bikes to school (they should also be cycling on the road, rather than on the pavement). Please also ensure that their lights are in good working order too. Thank you.
Reminder about extreme weather procedure

As it gets chillier we would like to let you know about our process in the event of extreme weather conditions. In the first instance it is always best to check the homepage of the school website (www.trevelyan.org.uk) for information regarding potential or actual school closure. Information should be available by 6.45 am on the day. Alternatively listen to the following local radio stations:

**BBC Radio Berkshire** (available on 95.4FM; 94.6FM; 104.1FM; 104.4FM and DAB) publish a list of all school closures and also announce these on air.

**Heart Thames Valley** (available on 97FM and 102.9FM) will also announce any closure of Trevelyan Middle School.

Please note that the school will remain open unless you are specifically informed otherwise via the website/radio stations.