Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start by saying how incredibly proud I feel about every single Year 6 student who have worked tirelessly this week completing their Sats exams. They have been superb! Taking everything in their stride, they have behaved maturely about the whole week, listening carefully to instruction and really have given it their best. Hopefully they enjoyed their afternoon with baby croissants and Danish pastries from me and then ice lollies on the field after the exam with Mr Redman. They thoroughly deserved it!

As well as Sats, we have also lost most of the Year 5 year group in Swanage on their first Trevelyan residential. And what a week they have had! The sun has shone every day and Mrs Dixon reports back daily with lots of news for me about the fun and enjoyment they have all had. Impeccable behaviour – the best yet apparently! I look forward to seeing lots of eager mums and dads this afternoon awaiting the coaches full of exhausted, sun kissed, happy children!

Last Friday we had a visit from Zoolab who met each Year 8 tutor group – they brought in creepy crawlies, a snake, a giant millipede etc and filled our heads with facts and knowledge about these furry animals. All pupils managed to stay in the room even if they were not brave enough to stroke or touch them! I was hesitant until I knew there was no tarantula on site!! Year 8 are also busy preparing for their transition schools to Upper Schools as well as planning their prom night and many leavers’ activities. Exciting times ahead for them.

It is also that time of the year when we are busy recruiting and planning for the next academic year – a time to reflect on what has gone well and what our school priorities will be going forwards. Although interviewing takes time, it is also exciting when you meet new people who are equally passionate to make a difference to childrens’ lives. I look forward to introducing new staff in our final term’s newsletters.

I hope you enjoy reading all our news and successes as it has been a busy few weeks. I always enjoy my Hot Chocolate Friday where I get to catch up on some of these events but there are far too many to name them all. Wishing year 8 boys good luck next week when they embark upon the football cup final in Arbour Park and also good luck to all our athletes who are competing weekly in all the different athletic events we have entered. We will update you in the next newsletter.

With very best wishes,

Mrs N Chandler
Head of School.
KS3 Update

Across both year groups:

The focus for this term is behaviour for learning within KS3 and I have tried to encourage this through a revised Head of Year Challenge. Each tutor group receives an overall rating for the lesson from the teacher and the scores are 2 for fantastic behaviour for learning, 1 for acceptable behaviour for learning and 0 for unacceptable behaviour for learning. It has provided form tutors with an opportunity to reflect with pupils what lessons are working well and what lessons are a cause for concern. There are 31 opportunities in the week to gain the points so a score of 31 would mean, on average, behaviour for learning is acceptable.

Rewards have been given for the tutor group in each Year Group who gain the most points and they have had the opportunity to roll the die on the Monopoly Board. There have also been rewards of an edible nature!

Serious conversations have also taken place with tutor groups when unacceptable scores have been highlighted.

The results for the two weeks of the Challenge so far have been:

**Week 1 HOY Challenge:**
- Year 7 – 7AH and 7EW joint with 45 points
- Year 8 – 8JB with 43 points

Other tutor groups:
- 8DA – 39
- 8GT – 35
- 8RT – 39
- 8SP – 34
- 7MP – 42
- 7VB – 28
- 7JM – 36

**Week 2 HOY Challenge (4 days):**
- Year 7 – 7EW with 40 points
- Year 8 – 8RT with 40 points

Other tutor groups:
- 7AH – 34
- 7JM – 33
- 7VB – 20
- 7MP – 39
- 8GT – 18
- 8DA – 29
- 8SP – 24
- 8JB – 39

**Year 8:**

Preparations are continuing as we move towards Transfer Exams, please ensure that your child has the required equipment for the exams. To help this I have copied the equipment requirements into this paragraph:

- **Pupils will be expected to provide themselves with a clear pencil case or plastic bag with the appropriate equipment such as blue writing pens, sharpened pencils, ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener, compass, protractor and scientific calculator.**

The tickets for the Year 8 Leaving Party (Friday 19th July 2019) are available to buy on ParentPay and the fundraising activities have already started towards this. The DJ is booked but if any parent/carer has anything that they are able to contribute to the party whether this be party lights, food or anything to make the party fantastic for them, please get in contact.

I am organising Year 8 Leavers’ Hoodies at the moment and these will shortly be on ParentPay.

The photographer will be at school for the Leavers’ Handbook on Monday 3rd June and the opportunity to buy this wonderful memento is also on ParentPay.

The Leavers’ Assembly will take place on Monday 22nd July 2019 – more details will be sent about this shortly. Part of that celebration is the awarding of Subject Prizes. In the past the pupils have known in advance who is receiving the award but this year we thought that we would try something different. All the year group have been thinking about the book that they would want to receive should they be awarded a prize which will
enable us to keep the winners of the prize a surprise for the actual assembly. These book choices will be finalised by Monday 20th July.

Kind Regards

Mrs Hill

**Foodtech in KS3.**

This week is National Vegetarian Week. In school we always have one vegetarian day per week but next week, once the SATS are finished, our Year 7 and Year 8 pupils will be preparing a HUGE vegetarian curry and rice. The idea is that all KS3 pupils will enjoy the fruits of their labour and enjoy the curry on Wednesday lunchtime. In order to fund this, the school have been awarded a small grant to cover the ingredient costs. All the children will have to do is the hard labour! This has been a particularly successful year for developing culinary skills and we certainly have some budding Delia Smiths and Jamie Olivers in our midst.

One of the aspects of Foodtech that we try to develop is that of trying things rather than immediately looking at something and deciding that it’s not for them. Many of our Year 7 pupils have discovered just how simple it is to create a very tasty breakfast bar or fruit crumble and our Year 8s have enjoyed their frittatas and cheesecake!

Hopefully they will all develop a taste for the healthy curry that they are cooking next week and will share the recipe with their families and friends. As part of the grant requirements all KS3 pupils will have to complete a survey after eating the meal and it will be interesting to read their comments. Bon appetit!

**News from the Science Department**

Once again, the Science Department have been very busy.

Ms Hayes has been running revision sessions for Year 8 in the run-up to the Transfer Exams. These are being held on Tuesdays in Lab 3. Please see Ms Hayes for details.

Mrs Wooders took four Year 8 boys to compete in the annual Salters’ Chemistry Festival at the University of Reading. Aadi, Adri, Matthew and Ali represented the school very well as they completed 3 chemistry challenges in the university’s chemistry labs. Although we didn’t win any prizes, we all had an excellent day and massively enjoyed the opportunity to work at the university campus as well as watching a ‘Chemical Magic’ show whilst the scores were totted up. Many thanks to Mrs Amphlett for accompanying us.

Miss Dixon and Mrs Wooders hosted an RSE information event to help parents prepare for the topics on Life Cycles, Reproduction and RSE that their children will be studying in the near future. We will be putting the slides from the presentation up on the school website once Miss Dixon returns from Swanage!
France 2019

We had a super 3 days in France with Year 7 at the start of the term. Huge thanks to all the parents for getting the pupils, and their passports, into school before the building was even open on the first day back after the holiday.

We travelled to the Channel Tunnel and, after a small coach-related delay, made the crossing over to France to our first stop at the snail farm, where pupils learned all about the life cycle of the snail and got to meet some snails up (very) close. We then got to eat snails in a variety of delicious sauces. After that, we went to the bakery where Bruno the baker gave the pupils a lesson in croissant making that they won’t forget in a hurry.

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On day 2, we bought our own lunches in Boulogne at the French market and learned, once again, that you don’t need as many lettuces as you think to feed a group of people. After lunch on the terrace of the hotel, we headed back to Boulogne to investigate the history of the old town and complete a treasure hunt. We finished the day with a trip to the chocolate factory – delicious.

And then came our final day, back to Boulogne to Nausicaa, the largest aquarium in Europe. We saw sealions, penguins, sharks, crocodiles, jellyfish and lots more besides.

Mrs Wooders would like to thank the children for being generally well behaved and for really giving their French a go whilst they were away. Thanks to Quentin, our lovely animateur whilst we were in France, and hotel manager, François. Thanks also to Miss Lara, Mrs Neal, Mrs Cottrell, Dr Jervis, Mr Laidler and Mr Dixon for giving up their time to come with us – not an exaggeration to say that we couldn’t have done it without you!

More able girls

Last term, the second cohort of More Able Girls enjoyed an action-packed and stimulating programme of activities designed to develop their LORIC skills and engage them in campaigning for important causes. This year’s theme was Rebel Women.

As part of the project, the girls and young women ventured into Windsor Yards to poll the public on their attitudes to various issues. This certainly pushed the girls out of their comfort zone but provided them with a great experience to develop their confidence. The girls were also assigned a famous ‘Rebel Woman’ to research in their groups before descending on the National Portrait Gallery in London where they had to present what they learned to one another … and members of the public who stopped to listen in awe of the girls! The girls then developed campaigns that they felt passionate about, before then campaigning in their
schools to raise awareness. It was great to see vibrant and informative posters popping up unexpectedly in corridors!

The girls’ endeavours culminated in a wonderful celebration of their achievements on 2nd April at Upton Court Grammar School. Every girl participated in the presentations and showcased their group’s work to a host of parents and family members who attended the event. The girls shared their pledges, what they had learned and their campaigns. After which, Slough mayor, Paul Sohal, congratulated every group for their campaigns and their determination.

We are all very grateful to all parents who attended but are particularly proud of every girl who took part in the project. They committed themselves fully demonstrating passion and intelligence.

Colleagues across the Trust are now planning next year’s more able project. Who knows what amazing and pioneering ideas they will come up with for next year’s cohort …

Pioneer Parliament

The Pioneer Parliament is fully underway with the School MPs busy at work for their respective Departments. Through the Pioneer Parliament, we aim to give all pupils the chance to engage in improving their schools and making a meaningful contribution to positive change. We aim to bring pupils from across Pioneer Educational Trust together and promote fundamental British values: democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance.

On 1st April, Pioneer Parliament pupils travelled to the Houses of Parliament for a tour of the heart of British democracy. During the tour, pupils were able to see the House of Lords and the House of Commons. (Fortunately, our tour had finished before the protestors made their appearance that day!) The pupils were full of interesting questions for our tour guide including a question about the coats of arms displayed in the House of Commons. Our guide explained that these were for MPs who had lost their lives in the two World Wars but also that a Coat of Arms had recently been added to commemorate the life of Jo Cox, MP. We were all amazed at how much smaller the House of Commons is than how it appears on the news!

The pupils were mesmerised by a new art installation that was erected last year to recognise 100 years since women gained the right to vote which lights up or dims according to the tides of the Thames. We also saw the spot where Charles I had been tried for treason.

After the tour, the pupils enjoyed a workshop on protesting and were fortunate enough to be visited by Windsor MP, Adam Afriyie, who answered questions about life as an MP and what he hopes to achieve during his time representing his constituency.

It was an inspiring day for all who attended and the pupils were a credit to themselves, the school and the Trust.
Charity Challenge

On Saturday 6th July, colleagues from across Pioneer Educational Trust will undertake the 2019 Charity Challenge. Following on from last year’s successful climb up Mount Snowdon, this year’s challenge sees over 50 members of staff from across the three schools completing a marathon walk from Richmond to Windsor. This will be a huge challenge for all involved!

As with last year, the job of selecting a charity to raise money for fell to the pupils in the schools. The Pioneer Parliament’s Department for Inclusion led an assembly launching the event to the pupils and asking them to select a charity which promotes inclusion and which cares for the vulnerable in society. Trevelyan pupils have selected the very worthy charity Mind: The Mental Health Charity. So far, £90 has been raised but we would love to smash our £1000 total from last year!

The Trevelyan trekkers brave enough to take on this challenge are:

Mrs Dixon, Mrs Paton, Mrs Chandler, Mrs Hill, Miss Shaw, Mr Day, Ms Lane, Mr Redman, Mrs Redick, Mrs Van Ot, Mrs Wooders, Miss Rana, Miss Chauhan, Mrs Allen.

The finishing line is at Windsor Rugby Club in Home Park where all of the walkers will be welcomed in from their gruelling walk. Our thanks go to our sponsor for the event: Winshaw | Advancing enterprise access to emerging technologies (https://winshaw.com/)

If you would like to donate to this year’s endeavour, then please donate at: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/trevelyanmiddleschool

Latest News and Appeals from the PTA

Bags2School – Result
First, a Big Thank You to everyone who donated to Bags2School! We beat last year’s result and raised a tidy £287.20 from 718kg of clothes. Thank you also to our helpers on the day; Abi Stiegletz, Ruth Horsfall and Sarah Hawkins!

After School Ice Cream
On Friday 24th May we are running an after school ice cream stall in the usual tuck-shop location. Ice creams will be significantly cheaper than from the corner shop and all proceeds go back to the school. Do send your child with some pocket money on the day if you can!

As usual, anyone on pick-up duty is also very welcome to the stall!

Helpers Needed – if you’d be able to help set-up and/or man the stall (set-up from 14.30) do let us know on pta@trevelyan.org.uk

Match Funding – Can you do it through your employer?
The PTA has just received a very generous donation of £1,364 from a parent donating through Benevity. That made us realise we should throw the question out there to see if any other parents or carers (it can even be your friends, they don’t have to have a direct link to the school) have Benevity or a Match Funding scheme set up at work. If you do, get in touch and we can look at how we can make a donation happen.
Trevelyan Outdoor Cinema and Family Picnic – EXCITING NEW EVENT!
Friday 14th June will see a big cinema screen go up on the Trevelyan playing fields ready for a new event for our social and fundraising calendar. It will be a screening of School of Rock, suitable for all ages. Bring your own picnic, a rug to sit on and join in the fun! There will be a bar and stalls selling pizza, popcorn and candy floss too.
Date: Friday 14th June
Time: Gates open at 7.00pm, film starts at 7.30pm
Duration: The film is 1h 49min and closing time is 9.30pm
Price: £6 for adults, £4 for children and under-4s go free.
If the event is cancelled due to bad weather you’ll get a full ticket refund.

Tickets will be available through Parent Pay from Friday 24th May.

 Helpers Needed – We’ll need helpers for set-up as well as for manning stalls during the event. If you’re able to help, email us to put your name down via pta@trevelyan.org.uk

Next PTA Meeting
The next PTA meeting is on Tuesday 4th June at 19.30 in one of the classrooms off the crush hall. Entrance from reception. Everyone’s welcome!

Just a reminder from the school office ...

Please park considerately in the parent car park and do not leave engines running. Please also do not park on any zig zag or double yellow lines or block residents’ driveways. This is for the good of our pupils and the community and we appreciate your support.

Please ensure all clothing, equipment, lunch boxes and water bottles are named. Lost items usually remain where your child put them until someone thinks to bring them to reception where they are sorted within 24 hours of being received. Named items will go back to your child in the register folder and un-named items will sit in the lost property box for two weeks before being disposed of.

Please remember to phone in 01753 864371 and leave a message on the absence line if your child is off sick. If a message is not received by 9am your child will get an unauthorised absence mark in the register.

The Royal School
The Royal School is celebrating 175 years of education in The Great Park in June this year. As part of our weekend of celebrations the current pupils will be singing in St George’s Chapel on Friday 28th June and we would like to invite as many ex-pupils as possible to join them. If you are an ex-pupil and would be interested in joining this Celebration Choir please e-mail the school in order to receive further details - theroyalschool@rbwm.org.uk. Thank you.
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