Newsletter – 6th December 2019

**Letter from Head**

Dear Parents and Carers

Where does the time go? Two weeks today we will be finishing school at 12.15pm for the Christmas holidays! Probably the most exciting time of the year for the pupils but still lots to complete and learn before then. Teachers have been busy this week completing the data for all pupils in all subjects so you will receive this at the end of term and pupils will all get the opportunity to discuss this with their tutor on a one to one basis during the last week of term. Amongst all the festivities, we also have house matches next week, concert rehearsals, a trip to Upton Court to see their Chicago production for some Key Stage 3 pupils as well as completing next week with our Christmas jumper, lunch and festivity afternoon next Friday.

May I take this opportunity to also reinforce the email about safety in our carpark and outside the school gates. You may have seen some community police helping us out but we again are shocked by adults dropping off children on double yellow lines, pulling into school without stopping at the zebra crossing, blocking the nursery entrance and generally not driving safe at all. We spend all day teaching the children to stay safe and yet we live in fear each morning and afternoon that one of our children are going to get seriously hurt by a parent/carer/adult dropping or collecting their children. PLEASE can we urge you to actually come into the car park and follow the one-way system, or alternatively, park further down the road and allow your son/daughter to walk the short distance to school. You must not park in the Cavalry Crescent area too – this is a private road and you will be ticketed if seen. Please be respectful of all our neighbours and also of each other at these very busy times of the day. Thank you all for your support and co-operation with this.

Today is mufti day for our PTA to collect as many items as they can to make next week’s Trevelyan Christmas Fair a real success. It is lovely seeing the pupils dressed in their own clothes and we thank you for your generosity of all sorts of lovely items we can use to raise money next week. Please do come along from 3.30pm next Thursday and join in all the festive fun – from choir singing, to tombolas, cake and food stalls, Christmas items to buy and of course our fantastic raffle with lots of fantastic prizes to win.

Polite reminder to ensure you notify us if your child is ill or absent; there are so many different illnesses at the moment so we really do need this information as early as you can give it to us. You will also receive an email from Mr Day about our focus on resilience and growing up to be the strongest and best young people they can be – therefore we do urge you to support us with ensuring your child is in school on time. Lateness happens occasionally, especially if you have to travel, but it should certainly not be a reoccurring theme. We pride ourselves on preparing our pupils to thrive and be successful in the outside world when they leave us at the end of Year 8 and all of this contributes to this transition.

I look forward to seeing you all in the next couple of weeks whether it is a simple Merry Christmas whilst I am on duty in the mornings or afternoons; at the Christmas Concert on the 17th, Christmas fair next Thursday or even if you are just picking up your child.

Wishing you all a restful, happy and festive weekend.

With best wishes,

*Mrs Nicola Chandler*

Head of School.
Key Stage 2 Science Clubs

We are extremely fortunate to be offering a choice of Science Club for Key Stage next half term.

Both running on Wednesday afternoons between 2.15pm and 3.15pm, pupils can be signed up for either FizzPopScience or MadScience. Both clubs are being run by outside providers and can be signed up for on their respective websites. In both cases, numbers are limited and there will be a charge. There is a flyer for MadScience in this newsletter and FizzPopScience can be found at www.fizzpopscience.co.uk/school-clubs

Looking forward to seeing twice as many keen experimenters in the labs each Wednesday!!

Battery recycling

Don’t forget that we have a battery recycling bin in school just waiting for all your dead AA, AAA, C, D and 9V batteries. It’s located outside Lab 1 and is the perfect place to drop off all those old batteries you’ve got lying around! Please note, we cannot recycle rechargeable batteries.

Mrs E Wooders

KS2 Waiting Area

At Trevelyan Middle School, our students’ safety is of the utmost importance to us both inside and outside of school. As the weather is changing and the light is dimming ready for Father Christmas, we are very aware that our students are outside waiting for collection. Therefore, in consultation with parents, to make it very clear that KS2 students are able to wait in the hall if parents or carers are late or students are unsure how they are getting home. If students need to contact home they can contact parents or carers through the office phone. The hall will be staffed until all buses leave school; the office is staffed until 4:30pm.

Please could you remind students that they need to wait for parents if they are being collected and not leave school grounds or walk home. Students should also have a school jumper with them at all times and a coat to wear outside due to the weather.

Miss A Dixon

Key Stage 3

Such a busy half term on the run up to Christmas and Key Stage 3 have been busy preparing for the launch of our first HOUSE music competition. Pupils across the school have been super excited and below are a few comments made in a pupil voice survey conducted last week:

"It is great! Amazing!"

"It brings joy inside of you!"

"The modern song gets to bring out the inner you!"

"We get to find a song that highlights the year!"

"It has really brought us together and we are learning new things about our form and form tutor”.

I am looking forward in seeing what the form groups have produced and the results will be announced in the newsletter so watch this space. Please encourage your son/daughter to rehearse their song as we only have two weeks left until performance day.
Les Misérables

Our pupils were offered the opportunity to go and see the Windsor School’s production of Les Mis and it was so nice to see ex-pupils but what a show! We were all blown away by the amazing performers and it has ignited the excitement for the end of production for our current students. Mrs Van Ot and I are still deciding but hopefully after Christmas we can announce to all students what we will be performing in the summer term.

Christmas concert

The Christmas concert will be on **Tuesday 17th December** and there are a number of key stage 3 pupils performing. Please can you make sure all slips have been handed into the office or Performing Arts department. Tickets are available to buy on Parentpay and are priced at £5.50.

General information

As the weather is getting colder please can you make sure of the following:

- Your son/daughter is wearing an appropriate school coat
- Girls have black tights – I am seeing a lot of girls in short ankle socks and looking terribly cold. Please can you encourage them to wear tights to keep them warm.
- Have a base layer on especially if they are not wearing tights.
- Remind your son/daughter to be safe in the morning with the frost and ice. There are a number of pupils picking up ice or running!

*Mrs K Gingell*

Humanities

This term myself and Mr Redman have been hugely impressed by the quality of the Year 7 History and Year 8 Geography P2I’s that we have received. Year 7 were challenged to present what they believed was the most significant invention ever and year 8 to produce a news report on at least one recent story of their choice which was linked to Geography.

We received some fantastic efforts which demonstrated outside the box thinking in terms of their choices and the way their work was presented. It was a very challenging decision for us to choose one winner from each teaching group yet alone to narrow this down to just one winner from each of the two-year groups. I would like to commend all pupils for their efforts on their P2i’s. A massive congratulations however must go to our following winners:

Year 7 History – Tallulah Callick-Reid (7.2), Scarlett Marsden (7.1), Isaac Thornton (7.5), Milan Martinez (TG4) and Sienna Freestone (TG1) all unique p2is with demonstrated excellent thought and effort.

Year 8 Geography – Ava Hutchinson (8.2) and Gracie Mynard (8.3), Hannah Dyson (TG5), Matilda Kemp (TG1) and Harry Strophair–Best (TG3) which demonstrated a fantastic effort, geographical content and originality in their P2i stories and presentation.

Our two overall winners for each year group, each receiving an Amazon voucher were Tallulah in Year 7 whose video on the significance of wheat was produced to a professional standard on wheat and how this changed the way that we live forever and Harry in year 8 whose presentation was really thought-provoking, well done to you both.

*Mr M Hooper*
Mental Health Ambassadors

After much competition and an overwhelming response of over one hundred applications, we are thrilled to announce the names of our mental health ambassadors.

These pupils will play a critical role in developing our whole school awareness of mental health with a key focus on developing healthy and positive attitudes.

We launched this new initiative with a session planned and delivered by our Year 8 Senior Mental Health Ambassadors together with their two deputies from Year 7. The session focused on how we can positively understand and respond to worry - an aspect of mental health the senior ambassadors themselves identified as a key priority.

This session will soon be delivered by all our mental health ambassadors to their respective tutor groups, resulting in all pupils making a positive pledge for something they will do to support their own mental health and something they will do to support their peers.

5KS - Franeesca Bergin
5MS - Onali Gunawerdena
5RT - To be announced
5RA - Alice Nuttall & Bethany Issit
5JB - Tom Rossiter

6GJ - Lilian Hawkins
6JG - Evie Rogers
6KS - Miriam Martins
6DA - Demi-Rose Gray
6VB - Finlay Crotch

7MH - Leo Murrell & Katherina Gilbert
7JR - Illeana Delin
7NS - Ricardo Djau
7EH - Danny Parsons and Zarah Dockrell
7GT - To be announced

8EW - William Laurie and Gracie Ranner
8MP - Kierra Gibbs
8AH - Salwa Ifsasse, Khadija Asif and Haris Symros
8JM - Natalie Tate
8HS - Hedy Davies

With "forward-thinking" as one of our key values, we strive to be on the cutting edge of positive mental health education and support as a school. While the ambassadors is only one strand of many, it is the strand we are most excited by as it is led by the pupils themselves. We can't wait to see what they will all achieve as the year progresses.

Mr B Day
Assistant Head Teacher
**Skate Park**

Thanks to our socially responsible pupils, we have been made aware of some concerning behaviour at the skate park recently on the part of much older students than our own (and possibly some adults as well). We know of reports of verbal abuse, physical assaults and drug taking at the facility. We deeply regret the fact that a local facility is being used in this way and want to let you know that we are working closely with the police to restore the skate park to a facilitate that can be properly enjoyed by our pupils and others for its proper purpose.

In the meantime, we ask you to be vigilant of the potential risks and consider maintaining a presence yourself if your child is using the skate park at this time. We will keep you updated of the progress we make in our continued work with local police.

*Mr B Day*
*Assistant Head Teacher*

**Message from the School Office**

All lost property will now be placed in the Lost Property box at the bottom of the stairs in the English corridor. Please encourage your child to look there if they have lost anything. Every Friday afternoon we shall sort this out and un-named items will be disposed of. Please ensure you name all of your child’s belongings.

If your child is not going to be in school, please ensure you leave a message on the absence line for every day they are absent.

*Mrs K Mealing*

**Cake Sale**

Imogen Gordon-Smith (SRT) and some helpers raised £114.35 for ‘Make a Wish Charity’ through their cake sale. Amazing! Thank you so much for all your cake contributions and donations.

*Mrs R Thompson*

*Thank you for all your help so far.*