Dear Parents and Carers,

A very good morning to you all on our second mufti day this year. We have lots of brightly coloured clothes and happy children with plenty of wonderful donations for our Christmas market – thank you. If you are having a sort out this weekend, it is not too late to bring in any goodies. Please feel free to hand over any raffle prizes, chocolate, books, brick and brac etc for the Christmas fair to the front office anytime up to until Thursday 3rd December. Thank you.

I would like to start the newsletter with a reminder about road safety. As you may be aware, next week is Road Safety Awareness Week which is a prime opportunity to remind our pupils about how to stay safe. However, we also have huge concerns about the way our car park is used and the dropping off and collection of children on St Leonards Road. PLEASE follow the Green Cross Code and do not park on the yellow lines waiting for your child; do not obstruct our neighbours’ houses or local nursery; do not mount the kerb when coming in and out of the school grounds; please follow the one way system; look carefully when reversing and most importantly, drive slowly. There is a zebra crossing at the top of St Leonard’s car park – please stop if children are crossing and slow down before entering the school premises. We are a school and it is our responsibility to take care of the 450 children here. We have more incidents in the car parks and surrounding area than we do in the playgrounds! Thank you.

Also, if your child cycles to school, a reminder they MUST wear a bike helmet. If they are walking to school, please ensure they are wearing coats and know not to be on their phones crossing the road. There was an incident in a school this week in Maidenhead where a man indecently exposed himself – we talk to the children about such dangers but please could you re-iterate this also at home? We thank you in advance for your support. A final plea is pupils coming to and from school on mini skateboards – please can these stay at home?? Today, yet again, a parent has come in to speak to us as one of our pupil’s skateboards went into the road and they ran straight out after it – the lady just missed him! She was very shaken and the little boy just ran off!!!! They are not allowed in school on them so why travel to school on them?

Away from cars and outside of school, Trevelyan as always has been a busy and bustling place to be. Thank you to those parents who supported 8AH in their assembly last week and we look forward to welcoming parents from 5DA next Friday in their tutor assembly. There has also been various sporting activities and matches that have taken place – it was lovely seeing the young Year 5’s all muddy last night after their away game playing football.

Our pupils had their second inset day of the year a fortnight ago and they all seemed to enjoy their long weekend, and us teachers enjoyed a very productive day here with an outside agency delivering some training on positive behaviour strategies. We have also been busy
compiling our first set of progress reports to go home in a fortnight’s time – our first set assessing without levels. This has brought us lots and lots of challenges but as a school we have achieved what we set out to and will be sending some information home explaining this. Following the progress reports, parents will then have an opportunity to meet your child’s form tutor on Thursday 10th December where we can go through the report and highlight with you your child’s strengths and areas that they need to work on.

So as always, lots happening and lots to plan and with Christmas fast approaching we have many activities coming up for both you and your children so please take note of the dates at the bottom of the newsletter.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and I will update you in a fortnight with further news, successes and reminders on upcoming events.

**YOUTH SPEAKS**
Yet again, a big thank you to Mrs Wooders and Mr King for all their hard work and efforts in putting together 2 teams for this year’s Youth Speaks competition. After last year’s massive success, there was lots of pressure on these young, brave, talented pupils – but as always, they did extremely well.

A massive well done and thank you to our Youth Speaks teams – Alysha G, Eliza and Juliet in year 7 and Husnayn, Natasha Goldsworthy and Emily Helsby in Year 8. We lost our title to St Edward’s BUT we do have the best speaker in the competition because that award went to Alysha! Well done Alysha – amazing news!

We can claim a small victory in the senior competition too. That was won by former Trevelyan pupils James Matthews and Michael Smith – so a fantastic night for all!

**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR WINNERS**
The winners of the positive behaviour reward of a ten pounds Amazon voucher for the past 4 weeks were –

5RW – Nawshin Shelim
6SS – Azaan Khalid
7EJ – Aidan Atkins
8AH – Tayla Heath

Congratulations to all four of you and I am looking forward to the next draw just before Christmas.
PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Last week we celebrated success in RE:

Year 5 - Lara Talbot – consistent effort in Religious studies

Year 6 – Veena (6TF) Enthusiastic and has interesting and thoughtful ideas!

Year 7- Ishwar (7DK) – for contributing great ideas during class discussions and completing tasks to a good standard.

Year 8 – Fraser (8AH) Fantastic work on challenge tasks and working well on group work.

MUSIC - GUITAR

Recently Maestros came in to do a short presentation to some of Mr Elvie's music classes about taking guitar lessons with Berkshire Maestros. They seemed to be quite successful and a number of students were interested in taking lessons. Berkshire Maestros are recruiting students for guitar lessons, available in small groups (3-5) or as an individual and covering all styles of playing. Further details can be found at www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk

Letter to the King Louis XVI

In year 7 French we discuss the topic of the French Revolution. As a part of it our students had an opportunity to participate in a letter writing competition.

Students were asked to write a letter to the king in French!

They all did really well, but I would like to congratulate eight students for putting a lot of effort into their work and winning the competition:

7EJ: Alysha and Hasan
7CO: Ted and Juliet
7DK: Jonny and Libby
7DE: Wendy and Paige

Well done!!!

Miss Kopacka
YEAR 5 TRIP TO THE FRENCH INSTITUTE

We regret to inform you that those Year 5 pupils who were selected for the French Institute Trip on Friday December 4th will have the trip postponed. We have taken advice with the recent tragic events in Paris and decided, at this time, that the trip will not go ahead. They will inform us when we can reschedule and we will be delighted to run the trip again. Parents will be informed by letter. Thank you for your understanding and support.

SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS

On Tuesday 17th November we took 58 enthusiastic athletes to TVAC to compete in the Sports Hall Athletics. The students were extremely well behaved and set a great example to Trevelyan Middle School. All of the students we took with us pushed themselves to their limits and made us very proud.

The teams from other schools consisted of mostly years 6 and years 8, whereas Trevelyan took a team from each year. This meant that our year 5 students, who have only been at the school for a short time, were competing against year 6 pupils in events they had never done before. Likewise for year 7 who were competing against mostly year 8 pupils. Unfortunately only 4 year 8 boys were able to make the competition so we had to split the year 7 boys up to make equal year 7 & 8 teams. The Year 7 boys held their own against other schools who had their strongest year 8 athletes competing - well done to them!

The final results (below) were pleasing and well done to all students who took part:

Year 5 - 4th
Year 6 - 3rd
Year 7 (Girls) - 4th
Year 7 (Boys) - 5th
Year 8 (Girls) - 2nd
Year 8 (Boys) 3rd

BREAKFAST

Please read the link below (thanks Mrs Hill for this).
http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-34834832

Breakfast is so important for our pupils so if time is short, please ensure they arrive in school from 8.00am where they can have breakfast before school starts. See the poster at the end.

PTA

An update from the PTA following our very successful Fireworks Extravaganza. This year we made a net profit of a whopping £3870.19 - up £1000 on last year. A very good start to this academic year’s fund raising! We will be booking the event again for next year so watch out for the date nearer the time.

The next events organised by the PTA are the Christmas Market to be held from 3.30 to 5.30pm on Thursday 3rd December 2015 and the Discos on Thursday 17th December from 6.00 to 7.30pm for KS2 and from 8.00 – 9.30pm for KS3. Tickets will be on sale soon.
Please come along and support the school and PTA; all offers of help and support are warmly welcomed. Please contact the PTA at pta@trevelyan.org.uk if you are available to help or can offer support on the day or behind the scenes.

**MND QUIZ**

Last Thursday the Windsor and East Berks Motor Neurone Disease group held their annual quiz at Trevelyan – we had a fantastic evening and raised a superb amount of £880. Joy and Ralph Cooper ran the event and would like to thank everyone for coming, for the kind donations and for helping spread awareness of this terminal illness. They will be organising another quiz in the New Year with all funds going towards our Sports Bid so hopefully we can top the £1000 on this night!

**Upcoming events at Trevelyan**

Today is mufti day for the Christmas Market

Friday 27th Nov – 5DA assembly (parents/carers welcome)

Tues 1st Dec – PTA meeting 7pm – all welcome

Thursday 3rd Dec – PTA Christmas market held in Trevelyan school hall

Wed 9th Dec – Tutor Progress afternoon

Thurs 10th Dec – Meet the Tutor evening

Fri 11th Dec – 6SS assembly (parents/carers welcome)

Wed 16th Dec – Christmas jumper and Christmas lunch day

Christmas concert 7pm

Thurs 17th Dec – Christmas PTA discos KS2 6-7.30pm and KS3 8-9.30pm

Fri 18th Dec – School finishes at 1pm

We hope you enjoyed reading our newsletter and we look forward to updating you in a fortnight.

*Mrs N Chandler - Deputy Headteacher*
WANTED!

If you have got any unwanted Chess Sets that could be used for the children to play with in Mr Fletchers Lunchtime Chess Club, we would be really grateful.

LEGO CLUB

If you have any unwanted Lego lying about the house that your children no longer play with, we would be really grateful to take it off your hands so that we can get our Lunchtime Lego Club up and running. If you need it collected, then please contact us.

BREAKFAST CLUB

All Welcome!

8.00am to 8.35am

Every morning in the School Hall