Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to our final newsletter of 2016 and a very Merry Christmas to you all. It has, as always, been a very busy 2 weeks and all our pupils have been busy preparing for Christmas in very different ways. From our PTA Christmas fair two weeks ago, to Christmas jumper day tomorrow; a yummy Christmas lunch is being prepared, Christmas assemblies and celebrations; house matches for all pupils this week and a host of different activities are busily being planned for Monday afternoon………..there is so much to report on. Most importantly, the pupils have had a lovely build up to this special time of the year as well as being focused on their targets and expectations for next term. Every pupil has had the opportunity to discuss their own achievement and attainment with their form tutor and to set their targets for the forthcoming term as well as all tutors also having the opportunity to discuss these with you last Thursday evening. It was lovely to see so many of you here.

Last week we saw 7SS host their assembly and tomorrow, on our Christmas Jumper and lunch day, we have 5VB leading their assembly. It is always so lovely to see the children leading on these events and also you parents coming along to support them. They have so very little time to prepare, which is so different than primary schools, but every class always comes up with their own unique way of performing.

We are delighted to welcome Mr S Denault to the French department, he has taken over from Miss Kopacka who left us temporarily last Friday to have her baby – no news yet but we are all eagerly awaiting her good news. We also say goodbye next week to Mr Stannard who has been working in the maths department for a term and also leading the Key Stage 2 boys with their football – we wish him all the best as he goes to pastures new.
On Monday we had our Christmas concert and it was wonderful to see so much support. The children, from all year groups, performed beautifully from brave solo singers and duets, to dancers, instrumentalists as well as a boys’ choir and a show choir – absolutely superb! A big, big thank you to Miss Ellis, Ms Mowat and Miss Saunders for all the rehearsals and working with the children, as well as all the PTA and staff who helped on the night to ensure things ran smoothly. Lizzi and her PTA team provided warm mulled wine, mince pies as well as cold drinks and refreshments which were all thoroughly appreciated on the night. Then there was more music yesterday as Miss Ellis and Mrs Hill organised another concert during the day for our elderly community and again they enjoyed the homemade mince pies and the Trevelyans entertainment we laid on. A big thank you to all involved.

So, final few days to get through now. Tomorrow we will see all our staff and pupils replacing their jumper with a Christmas jumper and paying a £1 for Save the Children, as well as enjoying their Christmas dinner at lunchtime. We have a record amount of children signed up for lunch so it should be a really fun and enjoyable day. Then on Monday the children have a host of activities lined up for the afternoon and then it is half day on Tuesday – polite reminder we finish at 1pm. All staff and pupils return in the New Year on Wednesday 4th January at the usual time.

Please enjoy all our news; final Trevelyans events in 2016!

START AND END OF DAY

PLEASE can we remind you, both parents and pupils, that the gates to enter school are open from 8.15-8.40am. The only pupils who can enter before this time are those who attend breakfast club and can enter at 8am.

The same goes for the evening (3.15pm open and locks at 3.45pm). This is to ensure all visitors and anyone outside these times have to enter the school via reception so we can keep the site secure and safe at all times. Thank you for your consideration.

PTA CHRISTMAS MARKET

For those that haven’t already heard, the final figure for the Christmas Market was £1419.64, which is another fantastic contribution to our fund raising efforts for the year. So thank you again to all those that played a part or came along and an extra big thank you to Lizzi Edwards, Claire Wheeler and Emma McLeod for all their amazing organising both before, during and after the event.
POKEMON and TRADING CARDS

Please can you reiterate to your children that Pokemon Trading cards are banned from school. These are causing a whole world of grief as people are trading/losing/stealing cards that are not theirs and this ends in name calling, parents calling in and general unpleasantness. These cards are for home and outside school only please. Thank you.

COMMUNITY CAROL EVENT

Today we were lucky enough to welcome visitors from King George V1 Day Centre for a Christmas Sing-Along. It was fantastic! The pupils who took part sang and played their instruments with great enthusiasm and to a very high standard. The rendition of 12 Days of Christmas made us all laugh as they worked hard to remember the countdown and to stand up at the correct time. Year 8 pupils served tea and coffee to the guests and prepared the going away gifts.

A huge thank you to Mrs Shirley, Miss Ellis and Mr King for the organisation. An even bigger thank you to all the pupils who took part: Harriet Moss, Jasmine Fogg, Libby Brake, Katy Anderson, Jonny Slade, Mariko Cauvelier, Reiya Shrestha, Anaya Chagar, Poppy Baynes, Tanya Zichawo, James Miller, Michael La Rooy, Joe Gerrard, Ali Sabbah, Tallulah Gregory, Amelie Maskell, India Finnke, Bo Palmer and Charlotte Batterham. Also to the Year 8 pupils for helping - Faye Haswell, Jess Tracey, Rebecca Riley, Maja Guzynska, Mohini Mair, Kete Djan and Anna Middleton-Jones.

Mrs Hill
**House Christmas card competition**

It was an absolute pleasure, this week, to reward all the participants and winners of the House Christmas Card competition. The entries were of a high standard and judging them was great fun. The winner of the Year 6 competition was Nawshin Shelim (6RT - Eadig) and the runner-up was Joe Gerrard (6JB – Eadig). The winner of the Year 5 competition was Hannah Riaz (5TF - Tilung) and the runner up was Hedy Davies (5TF - Tilung). Well done to those pupils and all who took part.

Mr Brazier

![Christmas cards](image)

**A WONDERFUL FESTIVE OPPORTUNITY………..**

34 Year 5 pupils, very much due to the kindness of the Rotary Club, had the opportunity to go and watch ‘Jack and the Beanstalk’ at the Windsor Theatre Royal. The pupils walked to and from the theatre and enjoyed the bright Christmas lights of Windsor Town Centre. On entering the theatre they were presented with a goodie bag in which they had funny glasses (see the photos) and fluorescent lights (see the photos). The performance was amazing, hilarious and full of what you would expect from a pantomime. The children all really enjoyed themselves and they were an absolute credit to the school.

Mrs Hill
YEAR 5 AND 6 BOYS FOOTBALL

Some of the boys from the Year 5 and 6 football team represented Trevelyan in the English Football League Kids Cup at Cresssex playoff. The boys had already done exceptionally well to reach the playoff and had a fantastic day hosted by Wycombe Wanderers.
The day began with a visit to Wycombe Wanderers training ground, where the boys watched the 1st team in a training session. They were then shown around the other facilities, gym, boot room, canteen, medical room, manager’s room, team room, kit room and the players chill out room. This was rounded off by meeting three of the players, Captain Paul Hayes, Matt Bloomfield and the strongest footballer in the world, Adebayo Akinfenwa (which the children loved) and the manager Gareth Ainsworth, whom they asked lots of interesting and thoughtful questions.

Then these very excited players went to Cressex and played Chippenham Primary in the play-off. Thankfully the boys were able to focus on the task in hand and put in a fantastic performance to win this hard fought contest 3-2. Trevelyan played some flowing football at times but the speed of the astro turf made it difficult, as both teams worked hard to close each other down and put in some strong tackles. It was a real team effort with every player giving everything they could to the cause. After going a goal down, the boys held their heads high and scored goals from Jack and Max (2) to give us a 3-1 lead. There were chances to increase this, but Chippenham kept battling and made it a very nervous last 5 minutes after adding a second. This victory now means the boys go on to represent Wycombe Wanderers in the regional finals sometime in the new year. A big well done to all the boys that took part so brilliantly: Max Kingsman, James Miller, Finlay Creffield, Stoyan Ilkov, Freddie Ramsden Head, Jack Arnold and Lockie Lee.
YEAR 6 P2I

As promised in the last newsletter, we would announce the Year 6 winners having astounded us with their hard work, exciting ideas and effort! So much so that we have decided to reward one overall top prize, a prize per maths class and because the P2I's were at such a high standard, we have also decided to give more prizes per class! See all the winners below:

**Outstanding Achievement Award - Overall Winner in Year 6**
Freddie Chandler

**1st Place**
Michael La Rooy, Sophie Worrell, Ali Sabbah, Lucy Wilson and Kairav Singh

**Top Award**

**Special mention**
Jack Ranner, Sophia Farhad Parvani, Sophia Stevens, Lara Talbot, Aeryn Bartlett, Aadi Deshpande, Martina Jimenez, Joe Gerrard and James Miller.

A huge well done to you all
Miss Lane and all the Maths’ department

YOUTH SPEAK VICTORY

On the 15th November this year, Trevelyan Middle School entered the Rotary Club’s Youth Speak competition. We fielded two teams, both from Year 8 and both coached by our talented former colleague Mr King.

We are delighted to say that one of the two teams - Annabel Hodgkinson, Juliet Bryant and Aleysha Goldsworthy - won their round of the competition. They delivered a fantastically entertaining presentation, engaging the audience from start to finish. Annabel, as the lead speaker, really shone; she had worked very hard in preparation for the evening and - despite not feeling at her best - gave it everything on the night!

However, that was not our only great news. Harriet Moss, from the other team, won the award of best overall speaker. This was an especially grand achievement given the stiff competition.
The overall quality of the speakers was immensely high. Zander Walker and Jonny Slade also deserve to be highly commended for their contributions. Zander delivered an introduction packed with humour, while Jonny gave a heart-felt and maturely constructed talk on his passion for music.

The overall quality of speakers was incredibly high, so please also congratulate Zander and Jonny for taking part. I personally felt Zander was the most entertaining of all the speakers, while Jonny really ventured outside his comfort zone taking on the role of main speaker!

It was also great to see ex-Trevelyan Youth Speak veteran Michael Smith as the younger (and smallest) member of the Boys School senior team.

Our winning team will now go through to the next round, so watch this space in January!

Thank you to all who supported our young speakers in different ways. In particular to Simon King for his diligent and robust coaching, but also to Emma Wooders for initiating Youth Speaks once again.

Bradley Day - Head of English

ACCELERATED READER

Just a quick reminder to ensure your child keeps on reading over the Christmas holidays. They will no doubt take at least one book home from the library, but a reminder that hundreds of thousands of books are on Accelerated Reader - you can check these here: http://www.arbookfind.co.uk

We look forward to welcoming pupils back in January ready to get quizzing on all their holiday reading.

Bradley Day - Head of English

AR PUPILS OF THE WEEK

5EW  Evie Mealand; 5TF  Harvey Sahota; 5VB  Gracie Mynard; 5JM  Amber Simpson and 5AH  Maryam Nothelfer.
6BD  Natasha McKie; 6DA  Manahel Hafeez; 6JB  Anna Babis; 6JJ  Rebecca Carpenter and 6RT  Katherine Hague
7AD  Archie Hocking; 7KE  Lorenzo Olivieri; 7SS  Tiggy Morris and 7MJ  Harry Smith
8CO  Nikolai Smith; 8DK  Mate Bagi; 8MH  Dominic Richards; 8SSt  Alysha Goldsworthy
**SCIENCE P2i.**

Every November, the Science department look forward to seeing the P2i projects produced by our Year 7 pupils and this year was no exception. Given the opportunity to research any science stories from the previous month’s news, Year 7 have once again produced a varied and interesting crop of work. We would like to congratulate all those children who put in a great effort for this project and in particular these pupils who went above and beyond expectations.

Highly commended certificates went to:

Alex Silk
Spike Seymour
Sam Lee & Louis Toy
Olivia Burke
Evan Smeath
Tara Francis & Kirsty Elderfield
Tallulah Gregory & Charley West

The Top 3 P2i projects for the year were produced by:

Alix Aigle-Boucher
Mia Fothergill
Catherine Newton

Don’t forget the **Royal Institution Christmas Lectures** will be on the BBC between Christmas and New Year. This year’s topic will be Supercharged: Fuelling the Future and they will be given by Saiful Islam, Professor of Materials Chemistry from the University of Bath. **The lectures are all about energy which will be particularly useful for Years 7 & 8.**

Lecture 1: Armed initially with nothing but a single candle, Saiful’s challenge is to go back to first principles and bring back the power in the energy-hungry lecture theatre. Along the way he explains what energy is, how we can transform it from one form to another, and how we harness it to power the modern world.

Lecture 2: Saiful investigates how humans as living pulsing machines actually use energy, asking whether it’s possible to ‘supercharge’ the human body and increase its performance. He will repeat some of the most exciting (and dangerous) experiments and demonstrations from past lectures.

Lecture 3: Saiful tackles his toughest challenge yet: trying to work out how to store enough energy to power a mobile phone for a whole year and still fit it in his pocket!
With the UK generating nearly twenty times as much energy today as it did 80 years ago, finding better ways to store it is vital for all of our futures. Live experiments include an attempt to break the world-record for the most powerful battery made of lemons and a clear-eyed look at the most energy-packed fuel in the world – hydrogen.

**E-SAFETY AND INSTAGRAM**

At Trevelyan, 94% of pupils go online in their spare time; 74% say they spend their time on “causal, social, gaming and relaxing”. Among a small list of favourites, Instagram, YouTube and Snapchat appear as the most popular choices for our pupils.

With this in mind, please consider these points:

- Instagram and Snapchat require a minimum legal age requirement of 13 years of age;
- To have a registered YouTube account, the legal minimum age is 13 years old;
- 13 years old is also the legal minimum for Facebook, Twitter and Musical.ly.

Pupils should not be involving themselves in the out-of-school social media activities of staff. For example, we would deem it inappropriate for a child to follow a staff’s Instagram account, or make a Facebook friend request. Whilst we acknowledge that some children may do this, please be aware that any issues in school resulting from these activities will be dealt with by the school in line with Trevelyan’s E-safety policy and Behaviour policy.

I would like to impress upon parents to be vigilant. Many issues have come into school relating to out-of-school social media use.

If you would like to empower yourself with knowledge on the impact of your child’s use of social media and be in a position to control its use at home, please have a look at the following websites which offer help, advice, guidance and a host of resources on E-safety.

- [https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/)
- [http://www.childnet.com/resources](http://www.childnet.com/resources)
- [http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/](http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/)
- [https://ceop.police.uk/](https://ceop.police.uk/)

Positive intervention at home will help prevent your child falling out with others at school and will enable them to understand the impact that misuse of social media can have on their relationships.

In the Spring Term I will be hosting an E-safety evening for parents and carers.

Mr Jerrold.
STEM AMBASSADOR WORKSHOPS

Our Key Stage 3 pupils have been fortunate this term as some have had the benefit of a programming workshop with a Computing industry professional.

David Hicks is an architect / designer and leads coding teams to solve complex problems. He spent the day working with 30 Year 7 pupils, teaching them how to write a program that solved a Sudoku puzzle with the click of a button. The programming language that he used with the pupils was Python.

Matt Sendorek has been running code clubs at schools for a number of years. As a STEM Ambassador, he came in to teach 20 Year 8 pupils how to create games using the Raspberry Pi and the Sense Hat. One of his games utilises the accelerometer on the Pi to create the challenge of moving a ‘ball’ through a series of pathways. He also taught the pupils how to turn the Pi into a thermometer, with the Sense Hat showing you a live graph of temperature change.

As a Computing Lead School, Trevelyan has benefitted from links with our local STEM University, which is now Winchester.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) is a key part of our pupil’s education and we value the time given by these professionals to show us what it is like working in a STEM related job. Many thanks to Winchester University, David Hicks and Matt Sendorek.

You can learn Python for free here (all you need is a networked computer):

https://www.codecademy.com/learn/python
http://www.learnpython.org/

You can read more about the work of STEM Ambassadors here: http://www.stemnet.org.uk/ambassadors/

Mr Jerrold

For a second year running, Trevelyan has Lead School status with the Network of Excellence and Computing at School. We are proud to be a provider of teacher training, CPD and the general sharing of good practice in Computing
COMMUNITY USE

On behalf of Alexander Devine Children’s Hospice Service, please accept our huge thanks for all your wonderful support of our 4th annual Santa Dash and our 1st ever Santa Dash through Windsor Town Centre on Sunday 27th November. You’ll be really pleased to know that we had 240 Dashers on the day and to date have raised £6,000 with more sponsorship money still coming in! We are absolutely thrilled and rest assured all of the money raised will go directly towards supporting local children with life limiting and life threatening conditions. We couldn’t have organised such a successful event without wonderful local support like yours – the banners created such great local awareness for the event and we know helped to generate more Dashers this year than in previous years. We are so thankful to you for your continuous support and everyone at Trevelyan, please do extend our grateful thanks to everyone there.

We had great coverage in the local papers and we hope you’ve had the chance to see some of the great pictures that were caught around Windsor on the day. If you haven’t there are some great photos here.

http://www.maidenhead-advertiser.co.uk/gallery/windsor/107945/in-pictures-alexander-devine-santa-dash.html

As you may know, Alexander’s Care Team are providing the specialist care that families need to stay at home together for as long as possible, creating life-long memories – this year we have doubled the direct care delivery to families in the community. We are currently supporting 86 families in our community. Our Santa Dash fundraising is enabling us to continue to expand our services to reach even more of our local extraordinary children and their families.

Our children’s hospice, the ‘home from home’ we all eagerly anticipate will enable us to deliver even more specialist paediatric palliative care to children when it opens its doors next year and is already a very inspirational building – we cannot wait to see families using the beautifully designed space. We do hope that you will take great pride in watching our wonderful children’s hospice grow, knowing that you are an integral part of its journey and success.

We really hope to do the Santa Dash all over again next year on Sunday 26th November in Windsor and we hope to have even more Dashers – it will be a big year for us, celebrating our 10 year anniversary and our children’s hospice opening, we really hope that we can count on your support again.
Thank you once again for your valued support – together we are making a huge difference to the lives of local children suffering from life-limiting and life-threatening conditions.

We hope you enjoyed reading our news and look forward to seeing lots of parents collecting their children next Tuesday at 1pm.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all again a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2017.

Kindest regards

Mrs N Chandler

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