Welcome to the first newsletter of 2017! Christmas seems a long memory away now but hoping you all had a lovely, relaxing holiday and the New Year brings you good health and happiness. As always the new term has busily started and the pupils are almost midway through the first half term already! The Sats evening for Year 6 parents last night was very well attended and now you all can see for yourselves the pressures these young people are up against! Hopefully you enjoyed participating in the Spag and arithmetic exercises!

Apart from everyday learning and lessons, some pupils have been busy competing for the school. Year 6 beat Dedworth Middle School in the County Cup football game on Tuesday evening (8-3) which was a superb result – they now have to travel to Bracknell for the next game of the competition. That was the 5th game out of 5 they have won!! We also have reports from other sporting achievements further on in the newsletter. It is also lovely to see so many pupils working alongside Miss Ellis and Miss Saunders learning new musical activities – the extracurricular timetable this term has been extremely busy which is always great to see!

Aside from our pupils, please can we remind you again that we have had further complaints last week and this week about parents parking in Cavalry Crescent and residents not being able to get into their road. PLEASE can we ask you to take great care dropping off and picking up your children as we do have a car park but there are plenty of other roads nearby that are safer and legal to park in. Double yellow lines are there to prevent parking so please let’s all work together on this to keep our pupils safe and all the community happy. Thank you.

Can I also politely remind you that all pupils MUST be wearing full school uniform and this does include their black v-neck jumper. It is minus four again this morning and it is shocking to see some pupils arriving to school without a school jumper. It is uniform and all children are expected to wear it daily. Some larger earrings are trying to creep into school as are painted nails – please refer to the pupil planner or website for our full uniform list but these are not allowed in school and items will be confiscated or removed if worn during the school day. Mobile phones are NOT allowed to be seen anywhere on the school premises – whether children are at their lockers, in the playground or just inside the gates – they will be taken away to the front office if seen!
This is for the health and safety of the children and also to help prevent against any online/cyber bullying/issues. Parents will be asked to collect these devices if confiscated so please could you reiterate this message at home too – thank you for your continued support.

We hope you enjoy reading our news and we will update you again just before the half term break.

**Consultation re: Change to Academic Year and Dates for October Half Term 2017 – 2018**

Next year the school is considering to trial a “two week half term break” during the autumn term. The autumn term is very long and we believe that pupils and staff would benefit from a longer break. We also feel that the longer rest will enable them to return to school ready to face the challenges of the second half of the term, leading up to Christmas, with renewed energy. The same number of school days for pupils will exist and so learning time is not lost.

Having spoken recently to a number of Headteachers and parents who have adopted this, they have highlighted the advantages as outlined below:

- Parents / carers are able to access cheaper holidays as they can access holidays outside of “normal” school holiday dates;
- Inset days are grouped together and not spread out through the year causing disruption.
- Attendance improves and this has been seen in a number of schools in the surrounding area;
- Helps to reduce sickness in the Autumn term
- Staff at these schools appear to like it so it is a recruitment incentive so the school can have the best teachers;
- An increasing number of state funded local schools have moved in that direction

Your feedback on the impact, positive or negative, of this trial will be very much welcome.

Please send any comments you may have to office@trevelyan.org.uk

**YEAR 8 HENLEY TRIP**

On the 9th January, Year 8’s were lucky enough to visit **The Henley River & Rowing Museum** and this proved to be a fun, excellent and educational day out. In the morning, we were split into groups and given different activities which included a beautiful walk along the River Thames during which we visited the March Lock, a trip
to the museum where we learnt about flooding disasters in the past and we also got
the opportunity to carry out different experiments to do with flood waters. We were all
given a booklet to complete during the day and this included having to sketch how a
flood is caused. Our day ended with a slide show reflecting on what we had learnt
during our visit to Henley. Although, the weather wasn’t at its best, it didn’t get in the
way of us all having a great time. I found our day trip to Henley extremely fascinating
and it really boosted my knowledge on rivers which we are currently studying in
Geography. I would highly recommend this trip to year groups to come.

Libby Brake 8DK

ARFAEST CAKE SALE

Arfaest House ran a cake sale on Tuesday 17th Jan and managed to raise £134.36,
well done to Phoebe Metcalf and her team who organised and ran the event.

House events

Tuesday 24th Jan- Inter-house Yr7 and 8 Basketball competition.

Houses have started to enter up to two mixed Basketball teams, the event is taking
place in the sports hall between 3.30-5pm

Friday 3rd Feb- Inter-house Yr5 and 6 Badminton competition. Houses have started to
enter up to three mixed pairs. The event is taking place in the sports hall between
3.30-5pm. Due to popular demand, there will be another badminton tournament for
Yr5/6 in the summer.

NEWS FROM PE

The Year 8 Sports Leaders hosted an event for the local schools and we welcomed
over 80 Year 3/4 pupils to Trevelyan for a Bisi Badminton festival. The year 8 Sports
Leaders did a fantastic job of setting up and leading this event. They were an asset
to the school demonstrating excellent behaviours and enthusiasm for the
participants.

Well done to: Dominic Richards, Alex Walker, Alfie Davies, Aneek Mughal, Charlie
Broadway, Kaf Abdus-Samad, Kyel Ben-Kmael, Ted Collins, Aisha Touray, Annabel
Hodgkinson, Eliza Bean, Jess Tracey, Faye Haswell, Harriet Moss, Flora Broad,
Phoebe Medcalfe, Wendy Alves, Cerys McCarthy and Frances Rae. Excellent Job!

On Thursday 12th January, we hosted the KS3 AcroGymnastics Competition. We
welcomed Dedworth Middle and Windsor Girls School and together there were 14
pairs competing.

Trevelyan had three pairs entered: Ellie Macnab and Marcia Karavis, Harriet Moss
and Cerys McCarthy and Faye Haswell and Phoebe Medcalfe. The girls were very
nervous and had only started practising on our first day back from the Christmas break.

I am very proud of the girls’ dedication to practising and they did this on their own without input from anyone else. Their understanding, appreciation and movement to the music was fantastic and even the lead organiser complemented the girls on this. The results were fantastic:

2nd: Faye and Phoebe
3rd: Ellie and Marcia
8th: Harriet and Cerys.

Well done girls, we are so pleased for you.

**Kairav Singh – App Development**

Kairav Singh (6JJ) is developing a translation app and he would like your help. If you have a spare minute, please could you assist him with his idea by clicking on the link below and filling in his questionnaire?

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdLxMKaS6cO0r_KoQU60v2ESfg1e58PDdIYWx_BnjduAaSOHQ/viewform

Many thanks,

Mr Jerrold.

**Library book Donations**

Many thanks to those parents and staff who have very generously donated books to the Library. We are always grateful to receive good quality, age-appropriate books and this really helps us to fund the Library and keep it well stocked. Please keep them coming!

**Date for your diary**

Our next Book Fair in the library will start on March 1st.

**AR PUPILS OF LAST WEEK:**

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5EW  Daniel O’Connor & 7AD  Archie Hocking
     Isabel Smith
5JM  Chloe Smith
5TF  Haider Hussain
5VB  Hannah Dyson
5AH  Zara Khan
6BD  Nomaan Rafiq
6JB  Joe Gerrard
6JJ  Rebecca Carpenter
6DA  Freddie Chandler
6RT  Terri Hofacker

7AD  Archie Hocking
7SS  Tallulah Gregory
7KE  Alice Cox
7MJ  Charles Van Der Vorm
7SS  Tallulah Gregory

8CO  Nikolai Smith
8DK  Alfie Davies
8MH  Rowan Julien & Kush Sagar
8SS  Bryn Acland
8SSt  Alysha Goldsworthy

We hope you enjoyed reading our latest news and we will update you again in 3 weeks time before the half term break.

Mrs N Chandler

Deputy Headteacher