

Dear Parents/Carers,

September 2018

Welcome back to another exciting year at Tregoze. All children seem to be in the swing of school life in their new Year group and getting used to the expectations. Teachers will be offering curriculum sessions for parents in the week beginning 1st October so do look out for messages about this. I was amazed this morning how well our youngest members of the school know the routines already and have settled well. Well done. Our first open morning for current parents is Thursday 27th September 9-10am we do hope that lots of you will be able to join your children with their learning in class.

Please remember that if you require a meeting with a teacher, then it is best to arrange this at the end of a school day as their mornings are always hectic in schools as they try and get on with the learning of the day as soon as the pupils are in.

There is democracy in action at Tregoze as voting happened last week for the House Captains of our four school houses. I am really pleased to announce that the house captains this year are: Brunel - Harrison (Captain) and Ruby (Vice Captain); Churchward – Isabella (Captain) and Heiko (Vice Captain); Lydiard – Millie (Captain) and Laila (Vice Captain); Bolingbroke – Katie (Captain) and Zaid (Vice Captain). Well done all.

I have also been delighted to receive so many letters of application for the post of head girl and boy this year from our Year 6 class. Over half the class applied which made my job extremely difficult. Each letter was unique and I wish that I could have given more than one of them the position. I am delighted to share with you that the head girl is Sheena and the head boy is Liam. Well done to both of you and I am looking forward to meeting with you to discuss your roles and responsibilities; I know that you will do a great job. Each class has also been voting for their school councillors this year.

Today Mr Williams and Mr Wells have taken four representatives from our Year 5 class to the official Skill Force graduation ceremony being held at Birmingham University. It was a real privilege for our school to be selected and even harder for us as a school to only choose four children who completed their Prince William award last year. I am delighted as a school that we are continuing with the Skill Force programme and this year our Year 4 class are completing the Junior Prince award.

I am also really pleased that The Royal Ballet School has chosen to work with us again this year with our Year 3 children. Mr Williams went for his training to London on Friday at the Royal Ballet school and yesterday the children had their first lesson.

Music lessons have started again this year and I am delighted that we have been able to afford to keep the provision that we have had for the last few years. Year 3 are learning to play the Ukulele, Year 4 and 5 are learning the African Drums and Years 6, 2, 1 and Reception will be having singing lessons. The Swindon Music service certainly enable us to widen our curriculum offer at Tregoze.

This year Mrs Collins, who is our Modern Foreign Languages teacher will be teaching French across Key Stage 2. I am delighted that we have the capacity to do this and I know that the Key Stage 2 staff are looking forward to working alongside her teaching French.

Staffing news: I would like to welcome Mrs Emma Hunter, Mrs Jane Howell and Mrs Debs King to our teaching assistant team and also Mrs Margaret Scott to our Toucans After School club.

Dates for your diary: All key dates for your diaries have been put onto the school website calendar. Please ensure that you are signed up to SCHOOP to receive information from the office.

Asthma and Epi-pens

Please can you ensure that we are kept up to date with changes in use of inhalers and epi-pens. We keep a register of children who require inhalers and epi-pens and it is important that we keep this up to date. Staff receive training at the beginning of each academic year, with updates throughout the year by the school nurse as required.

Calling for helpers - If you have a spare half an hour and would be able to come into school to help with hearing children read, we would be extremely grateful. This can be at any time during the school day. Please see your class teacher or the school office if you can.

Please remember that my door is always open and here's to a fabulous year.
Kind regards

Mrs Tudor