

Newsletter 16  
Autumn Term: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023  
Principal: Mrs. Erin Moscardini

## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new term!

I hope that your children have enjoyed the return to school and have not found the early mornings too tricky. It has been so lovely to see everyone back in school again and learning with their friends.

A quick uniform reminder: your children should always be in the correct uniform. Which for Year 5 and Year 6 includes their blazer, if it is not a PE day. If your child does not have the correct uniform, please let us know as we have plenty of uniform in the wonderful PTA second-hand uniform cupboard. On PE days, your children should come to school in their PE kit. This includes plain blue leggings, joggers or shorts and the school PE t-shirt and PE sweatshirt.

We are looking forward to getting back into the full swing of the curriculum next week. With a visit from Clive Davies, the Omnia Trust's director of education on Monday and our final parent tour of the year. Clubs also start next week. Please find attached a letter from Chess Club with their Spring Term dates and reply slip.

Finally, Strep A is still prevalent. Sadly, one of our TPA children has invasive Group A strep and is therefore in hospital. I am sure that you will join me in sending kind thoughts and strength to their family. As the illness began in the holiday, we do not need to give the children at school antibiotics, however there are precautions to take which are detailed in the letters attached to this newsletter. If you are worried, please come and chat to us at school.

Take care,

Erin

## Dates for your diary

9.1.23	Clubs begin
9.1.23	Y4 Residential meeting – online 5:30pm
18.1.23	Nightingale Victorian School trip
19.1.23	Moore Victorian School trip
23.1.23	Lunar New Year themed lunch

Remember that there should be no parking by parents on Colne, Albion or Knowle Roads. Please also be aware that Colne Road is one way.



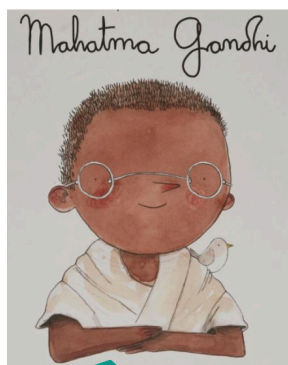


Class	Attendance
Reception Turner	
Reception Hepworth	
Year 1 Potter	
Year 1 Dahl	
Year 2 Darwin	
Year 2 Hawking	
Year 3 Elgar	
Year 3 Glennie	
Year 4 Austen	
Year 4 Dickens	
Year 5 Moore	
Year 5 Nightingale	
Year 6 Farah	
Year 6 Brown	

Attendance will start next week.

Please remember that we do not authorise any holiday taken during term time. The school attendance target is **97%** of pupils attending every day. Attendance and punctuality are key factors in children's success in learning. If a child's attendance falls below 95% that is the equivalent of two weeks learning lost per year.

## House Points – back next week...



We will be talking in assembly on Monday about the House Points prize for the coming term.

## Messages from the Office

### School Dinners

Booking for school dinners is now live. Information and the new menu was sent out this week. Next term we have two special meals – Chinese New Year and Spanish Week. These will be announced nearer the time. Please make sure you book meals in advance and that you communicate your child's choice to them so that they are not disappointed in the dining hall.

### Walking Home Alone

Children in Year 5 and 6 may walk home alone after their parents have completed a form. Please note, the children should have practised the journey, be confident in their response to distractions and strangers and be heading directly home. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either the school office or the Principal.

### Admissions Policy

As the school has not consulted on its Admissions Policy since it was opened, we are required to do so by Richmond local authority. Please find below the link to have your say on admissions to TPA:

<https://www.twickenhamprimaryacademy.org.uk/admissions-policy-consultation/>

### Absence

If your child is unwell or off school for another reason, please ensure that you phone the school office promptly on the first day of absence by 8:00am and report by pressing 1.

We will call if your child is not in school when the registers close.

Appointments: A copy of medical appointments must be emailed to the school office

Office number: **02030 196196**

Please make sure that your child is in the correct uniform (including black school shoes, not trainers). If you have any questions about uniform, please contact the school office or Miss Erin

## Families Upon Thames Magazine Link

Here is the [link](#) to the next issue of [Families Upon Thames Magazine](#) for you.

The **Jan/Feb 2023** issue is loaded with useful information for parents including:

- **What's On** in January & February for families living in Richmond, Kingston & North Surrey
- Creative Valentine fun for kids
- Guide to batch cooking for family meals
- DIY your own garden wildlife haven
- Make 'n' dos to liven up winter
- Managing children's anxiety
- Family night in ideas
- and loads more...

Celebrating Success and Class News  
will return next week 😊