

Newsletter 15

Autumn Term: Friday 16th December 2022

Principal: Mrs. Erin Moscardini

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful week! This week we have seen Christmas performances from all year groups and I hope that you will agree with me that they were amazing! I have been so proud of the children's' resilience in rehearsals; bravery in performance and beautiful singing voices. I have also been proud of my staff: their efforts and organization ensured that every performance went as well as it did. It was also a pleasure to welcome so many parents and grandparents to school to share the performances and watch the children. Thank you to everyone!

In the new year, we will be continuing to refine our curriculum and ensure that the children get the best out of everything that TPA has to offer.

This week, we have had lots of non-school uniform, but from January we will be working again on our 'perfect presentation'. We will also be working on maximizing learning time. This means that for Years 1-6 playtimes will be longer, but they will eat their snacks whilst playing (we will be mindful of health and safety and ensure that everyone eats their snack safely). To support this, please ensure that children bring a snack that can be eaten on the playground at the picnic benches. This term, we have noticed that mid-morning snacks are getting larger. Lunchtime is around an hour from playtime, therefore children only need a small snack to tide them over. For example, a piece of fruit, a cereal bar (nut free) or some baked crisps. They should not need an entire lunchbox of items. If they have packed lunch, please remind them which items are for breaktime snack.

Thank you all again for your support this term. Have a wonderful break and we will see you, refreshed, in January.

Erin

Dates for your diary

3.1.23	INSET Days no school for children
4.1.23	
5.1.23	All children start back to school
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	94.9%
Reception Hepworth	95.7%
Year 1 Potter	95.2%
Year 1 Dahl	92.7%
Year 2 Darwin	92.4%
Year 2 Hawking	95.5%
Year 3 Elgar	94.3%
Year 3 Glennie	94.9%
Year 4 Austen	93.7%
Year 4 Dickens	94.7%
Year 5 Moore	94.5%
Year 5 Nightingale	94.6%
Year 6 Farah	91.2%
Year 6 Brown	92.2%

Well done to:
Hawking class for the best attendance this term!

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 – termly total...



Well done to Shackleton.
Watch this space for next term's House Point treat announcement.

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

Celebrating Success



An enormous well done to these superstars! From bridge-building; to story-writing and showing fantastic resilience, humour and concentration in all that they have done this week. We are very proud.

There are slightly fewer children this week due to illness and the fact that Year 4, Turner and Hawking teachers wanted to celebrate their whole class for wonderful play performances.


I would also like to celebrate all the teachers and LSAs (and office team) who make TPA such a wonderful place to learn.

PTA News

This term, the PTA have raised **£10,000!** This is an astounding figure and it is all down to the attendance and support that they receive from our TPA community. They are eager to buy our first set of iPads (and we are eager to build their use into our curriculum).

Thank you so much to our amazing PTA for their brilliant fundraising ideas and continued support of the school.

Class News

Year group	What's Happening?
EYFS	<p>Wow! What a wonderful first term Reception has had. We all ended on a high with our magical concert performance. Have a wonderful break, get ready for another action-packed term filled with lots of learning and exploring.</p> 
Year 1	<p>Year One had a fantastic last week of term. They all did a brilliant job performing in their Christmas play. Potter class also said goodbye to Miss Sarah who has been teaching them whilst on PGCE placement this term – she has done an amazing job and we will miss her lots!</p>
Year 2	<p>We had a fantastic last week of the Autumn term. We performed our amazing Christmas play to the parents. We also did some Christmas themed maths, revising some of the topics we did this term including addition and subtraction and arrays. We got to write a letter to Santa in English this week. We also had some fun playing Christmas game including musical bumps, which we loved!</p>
Year 3	<p>Another busy week for Year 3! From performing our Christmas show to our parents and ending the week with our disco, it has been lots of fun at the end of this term. We are all ready to relax and enjoy the Christmas break.</p>
Year 4	<p>Year 4 finished their term with a bang! Their performance was fantastic – including some excellent air guitar and lots of wonderful singing and dancing. Miss Shauna and Miss Shannon are so proud of them. The children also wrote some winter shape poems in English and enjoyed their end of term 'marble jar' treat.</p>

Year 5

Despite the end of the term, the year 5's have been very busy! In English we started off the week by finishing off our explanation texts, we then revised synonyms and antonyms; to end off the week we did some free-writing games: learners had a lot of fun writing silly stories and creating stories in group, we are learning to love writing, well done year 5! In topic we learnt about tsunamis and made tsunamis in a bottle, this really helped deepen our understanding. In science we explored how craters are formed on the moon, we did a crater experiment in class using flour and cocoa powder. Keep up the good work year 5, Merry Christmas!

Year 6



Year 6 have been busy this week – not just with rehearsing their amazing show 'The Grinch' but learning how to divide fractions and also finishing their work on Romeo and Juliet and making some very creative biscuits. Here are Miss Rachael's class reading the instructions carefully before starting their cooking.

School Council



Well done to school council (and thank you to the TPA community for all the wonderful donations that we will be taking to the Richmond Food Bank.



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