

## Dear Parents,

After seven years at Twickenham Primary Academy, this will be my final newsletter! It is with great pride that I look back over the last seven years as teacher and recently acting principal - the journey the school has taken has been remarkable – starting with 2 small reception classes to an outstanding primary school of more than 400 pupils. I have had a glorious time at TPA and it has been a privilege to teach, work with, support and learn from an amazing school community. I am leaving with many happy and special memories thanks to all the children, parents and staff!

I am delighted to be leaving on the enormous high of the brilliant Year 6 SATs and writing results, where we are outperforming the national average. We are all very proud of the children and wish them continued success in the future! These results are due to many factors, but I would especially like to mention the fantastic teaching and guidance from our wonderful staff team, the effort and attitude shown by the children and of course the support from the children's families. Well done Year 6 – you have been amazing and will be missed!

## Transition:

This week we had our transition afternoons and it was great to see the children in their new classrooms getting to know their teachers. It was especially lovely to meet our new Reception cohort who have already hit the ground running and have had lots of fun exploring their new classrooms and meeting new friends.

Transition can be tricky for many children so please remain positive about this. There may be many children who do not want to leave their current teacher or are concerned that the work in the next class is going to be so much harder. However, our fantastic staff will help to sort those worries and support any children, as needed.

## Pending Heatwave:

As stated in the letter sent yesterday, to ensure all children and staff are kept safe during the heatwave on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July we have put some actions in place.

- Children may wear their PE shorts and a loose, light-coloured t-shirt instead of their school uniform
- Sun cream to be applied before coming to school and a sun hat/cap with a wide brim to be worn
- Ventilation and air conditioning units indoors will be on throughout the day
- Using blinds to reduce heat and keep windows open
- No PE or other energetic activities
- Outdoor break in the morning as usual, but children are encouraged to stay in more shaded and cool spots
- Outdoor lunch break will be 15 min only to avoid extensive time in the sun; children still encouraged to stay in more shaded and cool spots; no football pitch and other ball games
- Afternoon breaks will be indoors
- All children to keep their water bottles with them at all times, and refill as needed, ensuring they are hydrated throughout
- Any identified vulnerable staff will be either working from home or monitored throughout the school day and not used for any outdoor break duties

- Any identified vulnerable children will be monitored throughout the school day and encouraged to stay indoors during all break times

### End of Year Disco :

The PTA have organised the School's out Disco with fun&games, refreshments and bouncy castle.

Reception – Year 2 children: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July from 5.30-7.00pm (please note due to the weather forecast the majority of the activities will be taking place indoors)

Year 3 – Year 5 children: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July from 5.30-7.00pm

### TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA CLASSLIST

Tickets are £5 per child, which includes two tokens for each child to spend on their choice of games & refreshments.

### School Games Gold Mark Award:

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2021/22 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward and recognise school's engagement (provision and uptake) in the School Games against a national benchmark and to celebrate keeping young people active, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas linked to the five School Games outcomes and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

We are extremely proud of our children for their dedication to all aspects of physical activity and school sport. A special thanks to Mr Wojciech for his commitment and hard work!

### Staff update:

At the end of this term, we say goodbye to Miss Courtney, Miss Lindsay and Mr Ben. All three have been wonderful colleagues and will always be part of the Twickenham Primary Academy family. We wish you the very best.

### Office News:

#### Lost Property:

As we are approaching the end of the academic year any clothes unclaimed will be donated to the PTA. Please, please ensure you label jumpers and cardigans, these items are the worst for getting lost when the weather is warm. Please claim your lost items from the tubs and ensure everything is labelled. This also includes water bottles and snack/lunch boxes.

#### Mufti Day:

Children may come to school in their own clothes the last day of term, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

#### Last day of term Thursday 21st July:

There is no afterschool wrap around care provision and no sibling club.

Please notify the school office by 10.30am of any changes to pick-up arrangements.

Reception	11.50pm	Reception playground and Main Entrance as usual
Year 1	12.00pm	Both classes at Main Entrance

Year 2	12.00pm	Both classes at Reception Playground
Year 3	12.10pm	Both classes at Main Entrance
Year 4	12.10pm	Both classes at Reception Playground
Year 5	12.15pm	Both classes at Main Entrance
Year 6	12.15pm	Both classes at Reception Playground

### House Points:

The winning house treat is an Ice cream van!

House	Points
Parks	House winner to be announced on Monday.
Gandhi	
Pankhurst	
Shackleton	

### Attendance:

In line with DFE guidance, the school does not authorise any holiday. Thank you.

All holiday is coded as an unauthorised absence (G) on the school's register and you are at risk of being fined.

Year Group	Target % (97%)
Reception	95.4
Year 1	95.2
Year 2	95.7
Year 3	94.4
Year 4	95.4
Year 5	94.4
Year 6	95.2
Whole School	95.1

Have a lovely weekend,



**Miss Petra Gollob, Acting Principal**

**Ambitious For All.**