

Dear Parents,

I hope you are well, and are looking forward to the weekend ahead. It has been a very busy start to the spring term but I believe the teachers, children and yourselves are back into the routine of school now.

I have already seen some great learning this week - the children have shown some excellent behaviour for learning and are showing great interest in their new topics. The Reception children enjoyed their phonics and reading sessions, showing great fluency and answering comprehension questions with confidence. Year 1 have been using the ruler with great precision to measure and in Year 2 I saw them use different 2D shapes to create a range of polygons. The children in Year 3 are working hard writing a recount using paragraphs and adverbs whilst in Year 4 the children started writing a mythical story. In Year 5 the children have started their art unit on sketching and drawing using Victorian landscapes as inspiration and the Year 6 children have been learning about the world biomes.

### E-Safety:

On Monday we had an assembly to reiterate the importance of staying safe online. As a parent or carer you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online; below is a link which will support and advise you on supporting your child in using the internet: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>



### School Nurse "Talk Pants"

Natasha, our school nurse, led the annual Talk Pants workshop for Reception and Year 1 children. Talk PANTS helps children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried, in a child-friendly way.

## The PANTS rules

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**P**RIVATES ARE PRIVATE

**A**LWAYS REMEMBER YOUR  
BODY BELONGS TO YOU

**N**O MEANS NO

**T**ALK ABOUT SECRETS  
THAT UPSET YOU

**S**PEAK UP, SOMEONE  
CAN HELP

More information about Talk Pants can be found on the NSPCC website

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>.

### After school Sport Activities

This week Mr Wojtek organised and led a special which was a great success. A huge thank you to Mr Wojtek, all the parent volunteers and the children for showing great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Please see Mr Wojtek's report below.

28 children participated in the KS1 Football tournament with 13 girls which is great news! The Year 3 and Year 4 competition was also very popular with 15 archers and 24 footballers competing. In Y5 and Y6 the numbers were very impressive with 24 footballers and 20 archers participating in our competition.

Every child received a participation certificate and Archery competition winners will get a medal.

Year 5 and Year 6 Archery competition winners:

Raees Khan

Wolfie Panufnik

Maya Sheppard Fetero Bangar

Year 3 and Year 4 Archery competition winners:

Olivia Sheppard Fetero Bangar

Archie Reece

Noah Kaiser

Well done to all our winners but also to all the other children for their effort and skills.

A big thank you to my parents volunteers David Love, David Simmons, and Ben Smith who made it possible to run these activities.

I also would like to thank all the parents for their donations - all the money raised this week will be spent on new PE equipment.

Many Thanks,

Mr Wojtek

### Health Week:

Next week we will be learning about the importance of a healthy lifestyle. The children will be learning all about physical and mental health and take part in a range of activities to promote health and wellbeing.

### Covid 19 Update:

This week has seen a drop in local Covid cases however the cases in London and the UK still remain high. There has been an announcement yesterday of a change to the isolation period from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January.

- Anyone self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative on both day 5 and day 6 and do not have a temperature
- Individuals who are still positive on their rapid lateral flow tests must stay in isolation until they have had 2 consecutive negative tests taken on separate days

The risk assessment has been updated accordingly and can be found on the website <https://www.twickenhamprimaryacademy.org.uk/risk-assessment/>.

### Parking:

Please remember that as part of the school's planning condition and policy parents cannot park down - **Colne, Albion, Edwin and Knowle Road**.

I still receive emails from residents, reporting cars in front of driveways on Knowle Road and Edwin Road. It has also been brought to my attention that some parents don't just park on some of these roads but also leave their engines running which is unacceptable. Idling has a detrimental affect on air quality and as we all know car pollution is one of the major causes of global warming. Please be more mindful of the environment and turn off the engine if you are parking on a non-contravening road.

### Car Free Day:

This month's car free day will be on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January. We encourage all parents and children to walk, bike or scoot to school on that day. Any children taking part will receive a badge and one lucky child will win the "Golden Lock Challenge" prize.

### Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday 2022 – Change of term dates:

As you may already be aware, this year there will be an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3 June 2022 to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. As this date falls within the half term holiday already set, all schools are asked by the DFE to reduce the teaching year by one day elsewhere in the school year.

To accommodate the extra Bank Holiday, we have now amended our term dates by adding an extra day to the summer half term. The summer half term will now be from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May until Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June. All pupils will return to school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

### Office News:

#### School Clubs:

School Clubs begin next week. Please ensure you have read the club information letter for helpful information before the club begins. For those that have queries for any private clubs that operate at our school, please contact the club leader directly. Please also complete payments that have been uploaded for our TPA run clubs.

**Please note:** All the key dates for this academic term can be found on the school's online calendar

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Morning (8.00am), Lunch and Afterschool clubs begin Tutoring for designated pupils begins 7.45-8.30am
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Health Week
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 5 Nightingale trip to Kensington Palace
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 5 Moore trip to Kensington Palace

### Collective Worship Themes:

Date	Theme
17 <sup>th</sup> January	Health Week
24 <sup>th</sup> January	Zones of Regulation

### House Points:

House	Points
Parks	115
Gandhi	109
Pankhurst	105
Shackleton	119

### 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	95.5
Year 1	95.3
Year 2	96.0
Year 3	96.0
Year 4	96.0
Year 5	95.3
Year 6	96.6
Whole School	95.8

Have a lovely weekend,

*Petra Gollob*

**Miss Petra Gollob, Acting Principal**

**Ambitious For All.**



Year: Class: