

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! The children have returned to school full of news of their Christmas break. I do hope that you had a good two weeks off. Getting back into the school routine is not always easy—however, the children have enjoyed the first 2 days back at school ready to find out more about their new topics.

This is a very short half term—only 5 weeks and there is a lot to pack in. Please make sure that you refer to the key dates and the website so that you don't miss important dates.

Welcome back and New Year Assembly:

I started our assemblies by talking about resolutions, setting targets, challenge and persevering. We need to prepare the children for challenges and difficulties, they are not learning if it is too easy! We talked about trying hard and asking for help when its needed—but not expecting others to do it for them. When supporting your children at home, please do not be tempted to do it for them! If they have required a lot of support do let the staff know.

Whilst weekly homework is optional we do encourage all children to have a go and do some if not all, but please do make sure you listen to your child read every day. Regular reading makes such a difference and reading is the key to most other subjects.

New Staff:

I'm sure you would like to join me in welcoming our new staff members – Miss Joanna, Miss Kira and Miss Serena. Miss Joanna is the Year 5 teacher taking over from Miss Amy. Miss Kira and is our new Reception Hepworth teaching assistant and Miss Serena is a SEN support staff.

Year 4 Residential Trip Online Meeting:

Parents from Year 4 are invited to attend a meeting about the Residential trip to Woodrow High House in March tomorrow at 5.30pm. The meeting will give you information about the accomodation, catering and activities offered on the trip. A zoom link has been sent yesterday afternoon.

Coats:

As we are now in the winter term and the temperature is low, we do expect the children to have their coat with them everyday. Please ensure all items are clearly named and labelled so that lost coats can be found easily and quickly.

Covid 19 Update:

Whilst community rates remain high, Richmond has seen a decrease in the number of confirmed cases since the peak just before Christmas, although this is not consistent across all school-aged pupils and may have been affected by test availability.

The latest update since Tuesday:

- Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January. This will mean that anyone who receives a

positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

Please remember, if your child is experiencing symptoms, however mild, please do book them into a centre to have a PCR test. Your child will not be able to be in school with any of the symptoms without a negative test.

As a reminder, the main symptoms are:

- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature
- Loss or change of taste or smell

Whilst we promote good attendance for obvious reasons, if your child is really ill, please do not send them into school until they are fully recovered.

Office News:

School Clubs:

A reminder that school clubs will begin w/c 17th January. A letter with information regarding some specific clubs will be issued on Monday 10th January. If your circumstances have changed over the holidays and your child can no longer take part in a club, please let Miss Hana know so she can offer a space to the next person on the waiting list.

Richmond Music Trust:

Tuition begins from next week w/c 10th January. Please liaise directly with Richmond Music Trust if you have any queries with your child's enrolment for the Spring term.

Sporting event next week (Year 1 – Year 6):

A reminder that Mr Wojciech is hosting after school sessions next week to raise money for P.E funds. If your child has secured a place, please check your Parent Mail notification for all information.

September 2022 intake:

A reminder that the application deadline with the Richmond Local Authority for Reception 2022 is Friday 14th January. Please ensure your application is submitted by this date if you have siblings.

Cool Milk (Younger years):

If your child has turned 5, and you would like them to continue drinking milk at school, please place your order with Cool Milk directly.

Key Dates: The next two weeks at Twickenham....

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

Monday 10 th – Friday 14 th January	Last Y6 group Bikeability Scheme (please bring your bike, helmet and wear appropriate clothing)
Thursday 13 th January	Dental Team Rec and Y1 (selected pupils)
Thursday 13 th January	School Nurse PANTS workshop Rec & Y1



Monday 17 th January	Morning, Lunch and Afterschool clubs begin
Monday 17 th - Friday 21 st January	Health Week

Collective Worship Themes:

Date	Theme
10 th January	E-Safety
17 th January	Health Week
24 th January	Zones of Regulation

Have a lovely weekend,

Petra Gollob

Miss Petra Gollob, Acting Principal

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