

## Dear Parents,

The festive season is upon us - I'm sure many of you will have started or will be starting your Christmas shopping, and I hope that it all goes well for you wherever you are this weekend.

Our Christmas tree has gone up in the entrance hall and the children keep on commenting how lovely it is. Thanks to all the children who have brought in Christmas decorations for our tree in the dining hall – there is space left so do keep them coming.

Next week the school's Christmas postbox will be put out in the foyer for any cards children would like to give their friends. They will be collected and given out by our special Christmas elves on Wednesday and Friday. Please remember to write the name of the child and their class on the envelope.

## Christmas Performances:

Unfortunately, we had to make the decision to cancel the Rec/Y1 and Y4 performances due to the increase of cases in the borough and the new Omicron variant. The children will still perform as planned but we will film it and upload the videos on google classroom for parents to enjoy.

Our "Christmas Delight" online performances for Y2, Y3, Y5 and Y6 will go ahead as planned – see dates and times below. Zoom links for Year 3 and Year 6 have been sent out today and Year 2 and Year 5 will be emailed next Friday.

### "Christmas Delight" online performance

Year 2	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm
Year 3	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm
Year 5	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm
Year 6	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm

## Covid 19 Update:

Please read the letter sent out yesterday via Parentmail for information. Any measures we put in place are carefully considered based on information from the DFE, Public Health England and the Richmond Education services.

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.

Schools are no longer responsible for 'tracking and tracing' and if your child is deemed to be a close contact, they should be contacted by NHS Track and Trace and advised to get to get a PCR 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.

### Year 3 Safe Walking Scheme:

From Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December our Year 3 children will be taking part in the Richmond Safe Walking scheme. Please ensure that your child is dressed to suit changing weather conditions on the days of training as they will be outside for up to 30 minutes each day. If you have not already done so, please complete the consent form on Parentmail as the instructors are unable to take any children without it.

### Year 6 Brown Bikeability Level 2 Training:

From Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December our Year 6 Brown children have the opportunity to take part in the training delivered by the Richmond Road Safety team. Each pupil will attend 5 sessions of 1½ hours. Please ensure that your child is dressed to suit changing weather conditions and bring a bicycle and helmet. If you have not already done so, please complete the consent form on Parentmail as the instructors are unable to take any children without it.

### Staff Update:

Miss Amy is sadly leaving us at the end of this term to start a new adventure. We have appointed Miss Joanna, who has been working in our school on a supply basis and the Year 5 children and parents will get a chance to meet her next week as she joins Miss Amy for 4 days. We will miss Miss Amy and are grateful for all her hard work and passion throughout her time with us.

### Office News:

#### Last Week of Clubs

Next Week w/c 6<sup>th</sup> December is the last week of school clubs with the exception of KS2 Choir & Boundless Dance that will be operating w/c 13<sup>th</sup> December.

#### Breakfast Club Forms

Now that the club outcomes have gone out, the Breakfast Club forms will be sent close of business today. The deadline for Breakfast club is Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Please refer to the letter sent earlier this week for the terms and conditions.

### 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 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Y6 Sats Meeting online 6.00pm
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Final Week of Morning and After School Clubs
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	School reports
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Online Christmas Delight performance
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Little Red Riding Hood Pantomime for Winning House
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Polka Theatre Trip



Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 Online Christmas Delight performance
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception and Year 1 Christmas Concert at Holy Trinity Church (children only)
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 Online Christmas Delight performance
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 Safe Walking
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Bikeability Training
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch (please book online)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 Online Christmas Delight performance
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4 Christmas Play (children only)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day – Last Day of term (School finishes at 12.00pm)

### Collective Worship Themes:

Date	Theme
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas

### House Points:

This term's winning house is Gandhi. Well done to all of them! The children in Gandhi house will get to enjoy a pantomime on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. The winning house from last term (Parks) will join Gandhi as they missed out on their treat in the summer term.

House	Points
Parks	2736
Gandhi	2792
Pankhurst	2717
Shackleton	2696

### 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	96.2
Year 1	95.4
Year 2	96.5
Year 3	96.0
Year 4	96.3
Year 5	95.2
Year 6	96.6
Whole School	96.0



Have a lovely weekend,

*Petra Gollob*

**Miss Petra Gollob, Acting Principal**

**Ambitious For All.**





Year: Class: