

Dear Parents,

I hope that you have had a lovely week and are looking forward to the weekend ahead. We are hurtling towards Christmas at an alarming rate! This term is a particularly long one and as the children will say, we'll need a lot of 'resilience' to keep our energy levels high the last few weeks!

Next week the school's Christmas tree will arrive and will be placed in the school foyer, which will bring some Christmas spirit to the school community. As usual, a second tree will be placed in the dining hall, and if the children would like to, they can make a decoration for this tree to add to our own school decorations. Please send any homemade decorations in after 1st December and they will be placed on the tree. Please try to name them so that we can return these at the end of term, and keep them fairly small; there will also be a box in the foyer for the children to put their decorations in on arrival to school.

Christmas Performances:

The children have been busy singing songs and learning poems for their prospective performances. I have been lucky enough to get glimpses of some of the classes practising and it was great to see the smiles and enthusiasm when they sing and move. They are all very excited to perform for you!

However, the Covid cases in Richmond unfortunately continue to increase with the 5-9 age group being the highest. This means we have to make adjustments to the Reception/Year 1 concert at Holy Trinity Church and the Year 4 performance at school.

- Limit the number of parents attending the performances – only **one parent/carer per child**
- All parents/carers are asked **to wear a face mask** (unless exempt due to medical reasons) and are **encouraged** to take a **lateral flow test** within 48 hours of the performance

I thank you in advance for your understanding and support with the above changes.

Our "Christmas Delight" online performances for Y2, Y3, Y5 and Y6 will go ahead as planned – see dates and times below. Zoom links will be emailed nearer the time.

"Christmas Delight" online performance

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

School Reports:

In December, you will receive your child's first school report. This will give you a succinct overview of the progress and achievements that your child has made so far this academic year against the national standards. We very much look forward to sharing your child's first report with you after all their hard work this term.

Year 6 Sats Information Meeting:

On Monday 6th December Y6 parents are invited to attend a Year 6 Sats information meeting online at 6.00pm with Miss Petra. During the meeting, you will be finding out about the layout of the tests, how we support and prepare children taking the test and what you could do at home. The zoom link for the meeting will be emailed by the end of next week.

Holiday Absence Request:

I have recently received a large number of requests for leave of absence for the final few days of this term. Whilst I understand that travelling early can avoid some of the excessive holiday and flight costs, I am unable to authorise any leave of absence for the purpose of family holidays. Absence for this reason will be classed as unauthorised and you are at risk of being fined.

Covid 19 Update:

Unfortunately, cases in Richmond are continuing to increase especially within the 5-9 age group. We are constantly monitoring the case numbers at our school and within the local area and adjust measures accordingly to ensure numbers within our school continue to stay as low as in previous months.

Besides the ongoing high levels of cleaning and hygiene measures in place we moved assemblies online which minimises the mixing of all the different year groups. Currently, no further actions are taken as due to our staggered play and lunch times we are already in key stage bubbles and throughout the day children are within their year group. We continue to use the front and back stair cases which automatically leads to a one way system.

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.

Office News:

School Clubs Spring 2022:

Private club fliers and TPA Club forms have been sent out this week. Deadline Monday 29th November and outcomes will be sent by Thursday 2nd December.

Flu Vaccination:

This will be taking place next week on Wednesday 1st December. If you have any concerns, please contact Miss Hana in the school Office.



Breakfast Club – Spring Term 2022:

An Information letter with arrangements for the club next term will be issued on Monday 29th November and the online form will go live on Friday 3rd December.

Keys Dates Spring Term 2022:

Please see bottom of newsletter for the Spring Term key dates.

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 29 th – Friday 3 rd December	Assessment week and Switch-off Fortnight
Wednesday 1 st December	Flu Vaccinations
Monday 6 th December	Y6 Sats Meeting online 6.00pm
Monday 6 th – Friday 10 th December	Final Week of Morning and After School Clubs
Tuesday 7 th December	School reports
Tuesday 7 th December	Year 6 Online Christmas Delight performance
Wednesday 8 th December	Little Red Riding Hood Pantomime for Winning House
Thursday 9 th December	Reception Polka Theatre Trip
Thursday 9 th December	Year 3 Online Christmas Delight performance
Friday 10 th December	Reception and Year 1 Christmas Concert at Holy Trinity Church 2.00pm (Children will be dismissed to parents after the performance unless they have to return to school for a club or Energy Kidz)

Collective Worship Themes:

Date	Theme
29 th November	Hanukah
6 th December	Advent

House Points:

The House Treat is a pantomime in school for the winning house

House	Points
Parks	2380
Gandhi	2389
Pankhurst	2386
Shackleton	2395



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	97.2
Year 1	95.5
Year 2	96.5
Year 3	95.9
Year 4	96.1
Year 5	95.6
Year 6	96.5
Whole School	96.2

Have a lovely weekend,

Petra Gollob

Miss Petra Gollob, Acting Principal

Ambitious For All.





Key Dates Spring Term 2022

Date	Event
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	School Closed for INSET DAY
Wednesday 5 th January 2022	School Closed for INSET DAY
Thursday 6 th January 2022	Whole School returns – Breakfast Club Begins
Friday 7 th January 2022	School Nurse PANTS workshop Reception & Year 1
Friday 7 th January 2022 17:30	Year 4 ONLINE Residential Trip Meeting 17:30
Monday 10 th - Friday 14 th January 2022	Year 6 Cycling Week – PM only
Monday 17 th January 2022	School Clubs Begin
Monday 17 th January 2022	Health Week
Wednesday 26 th January 2022	Year 5 Trip to Kensington Palace Year 5 Nightingale
Thursday 27 th January 2022	Year 5 Trip to Kensington Palace Year 5 Moore
Tuesday 1 st February 2022	Choir Young Voices Concert Wembley
Wednesday 2 nd February 2022	Year 6 Trip to London Wetland Centre
Tuesday 1 st February 2022	Chinese New Year
Friday 4 th February 2022 09:30	Year 2 Performance 'We are Britain' 09:30
Monday 7 th February 2022	Spanish Week
Monday 7 th February 2022	Year 1 Trip to Windsor Castle
Tuesday 8 th February 2022	Safer Internet day
Thursday 10 th February 2022	Parent Drop Off – Reception & KS1
Friday 11 th February 2022	Parent Drop Off – KS2
Friday 11 th February 2022	House Day (House T-Shirts to be worn with uniform)
Friday 11 th February 2022	PTA Bake Sale & Second Hand Uniform
Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th February 2022	HALF TERM
Monday 21 st February 2022	Whole School returns – Breakfast Club Begins
Friday 25 th February	PTA "Break the Rules" day
Tuesday 1 st March 2022	Pancake Day
Wednesday 2 nd March 2022	Year 2 Trip to Science Museum
Thursday 3 rd March 2022	World Book Day
Monday 7 th March 2022 11:00	Parent Forum – ONLINE 11:00
Tuesday 8 th March 2022	International Women's Day
Wednesday 9 th March 2022	Year 3 Trip to Hampton Court Palace
Wednesday 9 th March 2022	Reception Trip to Brooklands Museum
Thursday 10 th March 2022	Year 2 Scooter Training
Friday 11 th March 2022	World Maths Day
Monday 14 th March 2022	Science Week
Tuesday 15 th March 2022	Parents Meeting – School Closes at 14:00
Thursday 17 th March 2022	Parents Meeting – School Closes at 14:00
Friday 18 th March 2022	Holi Festival of Colour
Monday 21 st March 2022	Last Week of Clubs
Monday 21 st March 2022 18:00	Year 2 SAT's Meeting ONLINE 18:00
Tuesday 22 nd March 2022	Report 2 Out
Thursday 24 th – Friday 25 th March 2022	Year 4 Residential Trip – Woodrow House
Friday 25 th March 2022 09:30	Year 5 Victorian themed performance 09:30
Monday 28 th March 2022	Catch up week for clubs (selected clubs only)
Friday 1 st April 2022	Term Ends 12:00 no lunch for Pupils*



School Trips

Please kindly note due to the pandemic, some venues may cancel or postpone visits. A confirmation will be sent nearer the time of the trip.

PTA Events

Due to possible Covid-19 restrictions, the PTA will announce events nearer the time through the classlist app.

*Energy Kidz will be operating on the last day term. Please contact them directly for more information.





Year: Class: