

Dear Parents,

Another busy week at TPA is coming to an end and the children have already been singing Christmas songs and practicing their poems for the different performances. We have also had a visit from the school nurse who delivered a workshop to all pupils around healthy eating, and what a balanced diet should contain in order to keep our bodies healthy.

Thank you to all those parents who attended parents evening this week, I am sure that you found these useful; especially around the progress that your children have made socially and academically, and how they can be supported even further to reach their potential throughout the rest of the academic year.

If you did not manage to attend parents evening, then please make direct contact with the classroom teacher as we do need to see every parent to ensure that you have a good understanding of your child's development and progress within school.

Anti-bullying week:

This week was "Anti bullying week" and throughout the week we incorporated activities and discussions on different types of bullying, how to respond to bullying at school and outside of school. We also emphasized the importance of kindness and respect. Kindness and Respect is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us.

At school we use a range of methods to help children prevent bullying. One of these strategies is the promotion of the TAG system. The TAG system is designed to help children report any issues of bullying it also contributes to the ethos that bullying is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. Pupils using the system feel supported and empowered because their actions have stopped bullying. The TAG system is also a form of resilience training.

TAG stands for:

T – Tell them how you feel

A – Ask the person to stop behaving in this way towards you

G – Get an adult

The key message is that if you follow TAG you will feel much better i.e. warm and fuzzy not cold and prickly.

School Travel Plan Update:

This term we applied for a grant to receive funding for a two-tier bicycle shelter and we recently received confirmation that our application was successful. We hope that it will encourage more families to cycle and scoot to school to support our school travel plan. I will keep you posted on the installation of the shelter.

KS1 Parent Workshops:

On Tuesday 23rd November are the English and Maths workshops for KS1 led by our English and Maths coordinators.

The workshops are online via zoom and a link will be sent out today. Parents do not need to book onto these, just use the link provided to join at the given times and learn about the teaching methods used in school which will be helpful for supporting the children's learning at home.

English: 09:30 am – 10:15 am

Mathematics 10:30 am – 11.15am

Netflix "Squid Game" TV Programme:

You may have heard of a program called Squid Game which is currently being shown on Netflix. Despite the programme's 15 age rating, clips and images from the programme are being uploaded onto social media sites such as TikTok and YouTube. There have been reports of children who have accounts on these platforms inadvertently viewing gory, explicit scenes from the programme, and parents and carers should be mindful of the prevalence of these uploads.

As a parent or carer, we recommend you keep a watchful eye on the content that your children are viewing. Speak to them openly and chat about how they have been spending time on their devices; let them ask questions, too. Ensure that the parental controls are activated on your child's device and that age-restricted child profiles are properly set up any on-demand services available through the family TV (such as Netflix, in this case) to prevent inappropriate content being streamed.

If you see your child replicating the challenges from the show or hear them talking about scenes and characters from Squid Game, it would be a timely opportunity to discuss with them that the programme is not intended for children, that much of the content would be inappropriate for their age, and that the violence in the series is very realistic and often upsetting.

Thanks for your support with this.

Covid 19 Update:

The latest update from the Richmond Education service has shown a slight increase of confirmed cases within the 5-9 age group. Whilst cases at school are far and few between, we have decided to move assemblies online to minimise mixing of the different year groups inside, as a precautionary measure. We will continue to encourage high levels of hygiene and cleaning procedures and inform you of any changes necessary due to the number of cases within the community and/or school.

Please may I remind you that it is vital that if your child has one of the three main symptoms, however mild, that you organise for them to have a PCR test. This is a test that you book at a centre and NOT a lateral flow test.

So, if your child has one of these symptoms:

- high temperature
- persistent cough
- loss of taste or smell

Please do book to have a PCR test as soon as possible and keep your child at home until the test results are received.

Office News:

Flu Vaccination:

The immunisation nursing team will be visiting the school on Wednesday 1st December 2021. If your child has since received the nasal spray outside of school, you must inform the nursing team: HRCH.ImmunisationTeamMailbox@nhs.net. If you have already consented, please do not resubmit your form to avoid duplication. If you have not consented and you would like your child to receive the nasal spray, please consent here: <https://sav.hrch.nhs.uk/flu/2021/richmond>. Please be reminded if there is no consent form, your child will not receive the nasal spray.

Meal Bookings:

Please can we remind you that it is important for you to book your child's meal in advance. Unbooked meals will be added to your Parent Mail account in bulk.

School Clubs:

Please read the letter/timetable that was sent out yesterday for information regarding our Spring 2022 school Clubs. A reminder that online booking for TPA clubs via Parent Mail will open by **close of business Wednesday 24th November**. TPA Club selections are on a first come first served basis. Private club fliers will be issued the same time as the forms go live.

Uniform:

We must remind all pupils that school shoes (as per our uniform policy) must be worn at all times unless it is their P.E day. We are now in the winter months and only the winter uniform should be worn – no summer uniform please.

Lost Property:

Thank you to our house captains who assisted in reuniting some of our lost property items to their owners. We found a lot of unnamed garments which have remained unclaimed for a long period of time which will be donated to the PTA. Please ensure everything is labelled; clothing, footwear, lunchboxes, water bottles etc. Please note due to health and safety reasons, if lunch boxes are left behind in the lunch hall and appears to have 'rotting' food, we will immediately dispose the lunch box.

Data Collection:

Please return your updated / signed data collection sheet if you haven't done so already. Thank you.

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 22 nd November	Start of Switch-Off Fortnight (Eco Team Initiative)
Tuesday 23 rd November	KS1 Maths and English Parent Workshop – online
Monday 29 th – Friday 3 rd December	Assessment week

Collective Worship Themes:

Date	Theme
22 nd November	Switch-Off Fortnight
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	2187
Gandhi	2198
Pankhurst	2191
Shackleton	2214

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	95.7
Year 1	96.6
Year 2	96.6
Year 3	96.6
Year 4	96.4
Year 5	95.2
Year 6	96.7
Whole School	96.2

Have a lovely weekend,



Miss Petra Gollob, Acting Principal

Ambitious For All.



Year: Class: