

## Dear Parents,

I hope that you all had a good half term break. The children have come back in ready for any new topics and plenty of learning over this seven week term culminating in our Christmas celebrations.

Before this there is so much to pack in with this term being full of festivals and celebrations. This week the whole school has been looking and learning about about the celebrations of Diwali and Bonfire Night, pondering the following questions: Why do we have fireworks on the 5th November? How do families celebrate Diwali? Next week we will be focusing on Remembrance day with an assembly on Monday, and a special display and a minutes silence on Thursday to remember and honour everyone who gave their life in wars.

On Wednesday, Year 6 went to visit the Museum of London to extend their learning of Anglo-Saxons and Vikings as well as explore the other galleries to further their knowledge of London in the past. The children had a great day and shared many experiences and learning opportunities from the trip when returning to school.

## Parent/Teacher Meeting:

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to the parent/teacher meetings on Tuesday 16th and Thursday 18th November from 2.30pm. Please do ensure you book an appointment if you haven't done so already. If you are unable to attend any of these dates, please email the classroom teacher directly to arrange an alternative appointment.

## Principal/Parent Forum:

This terms forum is on Friday 12th November at 09:30. As requested, please do submit questions in advance to Miss Hana as these will be the questions that are discussed and answered during the session. I have sent the zoom link to your parent mail accounts today for you to be able to access the meeting online.

## Coats:

As the weather is turning much colder, and we are now in the winter term 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:

Cases within London have increased but thankfully cases in Richmond are dropping, for all age groups according to the latest data received this week. Unless otherwise informed, we will continue following the current risk assessment which can be found on the website <https://www.twickenhamprimaryacademy.org.uk/risk-assessment>

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.

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.

### Half Term Challenge:

Many thanks to all the children who took part in the challenge and produced some lovely leaflets and posters about TPA. It was great to read what the children specifically like about our school and what they judge as the school's strengths. I will be displaying the leaflets and posters on the ground floor – well done to all of them!

### STEM Crest Award:

Our children in Year 3 and 5 received their STEM crest award certificate and badge for completing a range of specific science activities throughout their time at TPA. The CREST is a nationally recognised scheme and it shows that the children possess useful skills such as problem solving, creating thinking and decision making with a range of scientific inquiry skills and contribution to the school. We are very proud of the children and more year groups will be achieving the award at the end of this academic year.

Miss Rachael  
Science Lead



### Office News:

#### Data Collection Sheets

Next Wednesday we will be sending out data collection sheet for you to review and amend any changes to personal contact information we hold on record in relation to you and your child. Should you have any queries regarding this please contact Miss Joy via [j.chapple@twickenhamprimaryacademy.org](mailto:j.chapple@twickenhamprimaryacademy.org), kindly remember to quote your child's name and class.



## Reception and Year 6 : Height and Weight Program Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November

A reminder the nursing team will be in next Friday to complete the Height and Weight survey for R & Y6 children only.

If you haven't done so already, please kindly access the online portal link below to either opt in or out.

<https://app.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/36378/p/WH82/142122>

### 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

Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Orchestra Unwrapped at the Royal Festival Hall
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Forum – online 9.30am (email questions in advance)
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent/Teacher Meetings – School will close at 2.00pm
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	School Nurse Healthy Eating Workshop Y1-Y6

### Collective Worship Themes:

Date	Theme
8 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying Week
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Switch-Off Fortnight

### House Points:

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

House	Points
Parks	1678
Gandhi	1685
Pankhurst	1679
Shackleton	1681

### Attendance:

In line with DFE guidance, that the school does not authorise any holiday. Thank you. All holiday is coded as an unauthorised absence (G) on the school's register.

Year Group	Target (97%)
Reception	97.7
Year 1	96.3



Year 2	96.4
Year 3	96.4
Year 4	96.2
Year 5	95.3
Year 6	96.8
Whole School	96.5

Have a lovely weekend,

*Petra Gollob*

**Miss Petra Gollob, Acting Principal**

**Ambitious For All.**





Year: Class: