

## Dear Parents,

Happy Half Term! It's been a fantastic seven weeks, full of intrigue and adventure. The highlight reel of this term contains competitions, various workshops and trips, Car Free days, dress up day and magical learning experiences. Perhaps most importantly, though, it shows happy, positive, enthusiastic children. On that note, I'd like to thank our fantastic staff team, families and community for ensuring an excellent half term for all our children, and for maintaining high expectations of learning and behaviour.

The children had a wonderful time celebrating Halloween in school today and there were some fantastic costumes being worn; well done to everybody for their amazing effort!

Wishing you all a wonderful break with plenty of rest and some adventures!

### **Black History Month Artists Day:**

On Tuesday we had a great day learning about different black artists and create work inspired by them. A big thank you to Liz and Jess for organising, preparing and leading the day – it was wonderful to see the creations.

I had to take slight liberty in displaying some of the art work but a great way to make the hall more unique!

### **Y6 Tag Rugby Team:**

This week our Tag Rugby team had their competition and they have played some great teams and still got all the way to the Semi-finals. Well done to all of them – what a great result!

### **Car Free Day:**

Thanks to all of the parents and children who continue to support our monthly Car Free Day. Well done to Rohan who won the Golden Lock Challenge!

### **Reception Parent Phonics Workshop – 9.30am:**

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November Reception parents are invited to school for a phonics lesson. You will have the opportunity to watch the class teachers leading a phonics lesson and relevant activities. Please may we ask that only one parent per child attend, no siblings please due to limited space. We anticipate approx. 20-30 mins plus questions.

### **Low Mood Workshop:**

Natasha, our school nurse, will lead a low mood workshop for children from Y1-Y6. During the workshop she will be talking about different emotions and moods and what we can do if we are in a low mood.

### **Energy Kidz Wrap Around Care Survey:**

Thanks to all the parents who completed the short survey – we appreciate your feedback. We have a meeting booked with our Energy Kidz line manager to discuss points raised such as possible increase

of capacity, updating some resources and looking at payment options. We will inform you of the outcome after half term break.

### **Covid 19 Risk-Assessment:**

Please note that the risk assessment will continue after half term. If there are any changes I will notify you. The risk assessment can be found on the website

<https://www.twickenhamprimaryacademy.org.uk/risk-assessment>

### **Half Term Challenge:**

I would like to encourage children from Reception to Year 6 to create a poster or leaflet about Twickenham Primary Academy. You may include any learning opportunities, workshops, trips, experiences you had this term, clubs, what do you like about the school... Use a combination of drawings and writing – be as creative as you can. Please drop your poster/leaflet in the designated box by the entrance on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

### **Office News:**

#### **School Lunch Menu:**

This is now live and you may book your child's meal up to the end of December. The Menu will carry over to the end of spring term. You can find a copy of the menu on the website.

#### **Parent/Teacher Meetings 16/11/21 & 18/11/21:**

Bookings for this are now live on Parent Mail. Please visit the Parent Mail app under the 'Parents Evening' section to book your time slot. Please remember to allow a 10 min gap between sibling bookings.

Dismissal on both days will be the following (No sibling club):

Reception	-2.00pm
Year 1 & Year 2	- 2.05pm
Year 3 & Year 4	- 2.10pm
Year 5 & Year 6	-2.15pm

Please then return back to school for your allocated meeting time. Energykidz has agreed to start wrap around care from 2.00pm for a small surcharge on these days. Any parents who are unable to find childcare during the duration of their appointment are welcome to bring their child. We will have a box of books and paper for drawing and colouring outside the classroom to keep them entertained.

School clubs (Dance, Art & Animation) that take place after school will not be operating on these days.

#### **School Clubs:**

All clubs will resume as normal upon return from half term from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. A reminder for those attending before school clubs if parents can please wait outside with their child until they are called in at 8.00am as there is no supervision before this time.

### Flu Vaccination:

The immunisation nursing team have confirmed that they will be visiting the school on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021**. If your child has since received the nasal spray outside of school, you must inform the nursing team: [HRCH.ImmunisationTeamMailbox@nhs.net](mailto: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.

### 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 25 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>Inset Day (School is closed for Staff training)</b>
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	All pupils return to school
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Phonics Workshop for Reception parents – 9.30am at school
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Y6 Museum of London Trip
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Y1-Y6 Low Mood Workshop led by our school nurse
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Forum – online 9.30am (email questions in advance)

### Collective Worship Themes:

Date	Theme
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Diwali
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Bonfire Night
8 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day

### House Points:

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

House	Points
Parks	1507
Gandhi	1512
Pankhurst	1520
Shackleton	1509

### 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	96.1
Year 2	96.5
Year 3	96.6
Year 4	96.1
Year 5	95.3
Year 6	96.6
Whole School	96.4

Have a lovely half term,

*Petra Gollob*

**Miss Petra Gollob, Acting Principal**

**Ambitious For All.**





Year: Class: