

Dear Parents,

This week, the children have been busy at Twickenham Primary Academy in lessons as usual, and I have had the opportunity to observe lots of learning to capture how our children are progressing so far this academic year. I was so pleased to see how hard our children in year 6 have been working on understanding and using their multiplication skills as well as planning and writing a persuasive letter, how our reception pupils are progressing in phonics as they begin to develop their early reading skills and I have also seen the great progress our year four children have made so far in Spanish.

I also know how much our year five children enjoyed their Ancient Greek Day on Wednesday which extended their knowledge of this time period.

Y3 Girls football team:

Well done to our girls football team who have shown great determination and skills playing against other local school teams. They did the school proud and won 3 out of 4 matches – what a great result!

School Hub:

Miss Courtney has chosen our School hub Ambassadors for this year. It was a difficult decision as we had many great posters with ideas on how to improve and develop our school and how to raise funds. Thanks to all the children for making the effort and well done to the chosen children!

Our School Hub Ambassadors are:

Year 1: Winifred

Year 2: Xander

Year 3: Evie

Year 4: Molly

Year 5: Hayley

Year 6: Ilyas

Parent Workshops:

Thank you to all the parents from key stage two who attended the English and Mathematics workshops this week. We hope that you have found them insightful and supportive especially around how the core subjects are taught within the school.

The next parent workshop is Phonics. This is for Reception parents only, and will be conducted via zoom by Miss Kizzie on Wednesday 3rd November 2020 at 09:30 am. A link will be sent out to parents in advance of this workshop.

Black History Month:

On Monday we introduced the children to Black History Month, explaining why and how it is celebrated. Each year group has also started activities based on different influential black men and women from the past and present. We are looking forward to further learning and promoting black history in the coming weeks.

House Day:

Our first House Day is on Friday 15th October and will be focusing on Black History Month. The house captains from Year 5 and Year 6 have met with me today to organise and prepare the different activities. Please make sure your child is wearing their house t-shirt with PE kit.

Covid Update:

There have been a small number of isolated Covid cases within school. You will know from previous communications, that there is no longer a requirement for any close contacts to isolate and that NHS Test and Trace will be in touch to recommend that close contacts have a PCR test. This is no longer the remit of schools and there will be no class closures unless there is a cluster of cases within one class - and then, only upon the advice of Test and Trace or Public Health England.

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.

Parking:

Unfortunately, we continue to receive phone calls and emails from local residents reporting inconsiderate parking and blocked driveways. In order for us to avoid being fined, please can all parents follow the travel policy and not park down Albion, Colne, Edwin and Knowle Road.

Office News:

Individual School Photos: Monday 11th October & Tuesday 12th October

Children should continue to attend school in their full school uniform. Please remember hair accessories must comply with our uniform policy and jumpers/cardigans should be worn.

All year groups will be individually photographed on Monday 11th with the exception of Year 3 who will have outdoor P.E. Sibling photographs will be taking place on Tuesday 12th along with Year 3.

- Year 5 & 6 – Must wear their blazers
- Year 3 – Full school uniform to be photographed Tuesday 12th
- Reception – Please also wear full school uniform on Tuesday 12th for sibling photographs. Reception will be doing indoor P.E on this day.

Climbing Frame

The climbing frame should not be used after school and we ask for your support in monitoring your children after dismissal time. Thank you.

PTA Update

Please see the letter attached about upcoming PTA events. Race Night is on Friday 15th October and a great night out for parents.

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 11 th October	Individual School Photos (please make sure correct uniform is worn)
Tuesday 12 th October	Individual Siblings School Photos (please make sure correct uniform is worn)
Wednesday 13 th October	Year 3 Natural History Museum Trip
Thursday 14 th October	Year 1 Whipsnade Zoo Trip
Friday 15 th October	House Day (House t-shirt with PE kit)
Friday 15 th October	PTA Race Night (adults only)
Thursday 21 st October	KS2 Choir Mary Poppins Musical Trip
Friday 22 nd October	Parent Drop Off 8.30-9.00am
Friday 22 nd October	Halloween Mufti Day
Friday 22 nd October	PTA Bake Sale & 2 nd Hand Uniform Sale

Collective Worship Themes:

Date	Theme
11 th October	Anti-Bullying and Resilience
18 th October	Harvest Festival

House Points:

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

House	Points
Parks	758
Gandhi	751
Pankhurst	761
Shackleton	750

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	98.0
Year 1	96.1
Year 2	96.3
Year 3	96.0
Year 4	96.6
Year 5	94.8



Year 6	96.0
Whole School	96.3

Have a lovely weekend,

Petra Gollob

Miss Petra Gollob, Acting Principal

Ambitious For All.





Year: Class: