



Newsletter 2

Autumn Term: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Acting Principal: Miss Petra Gollob

Dear Parents,

It has been a wonderful first week at Twickenham Primary Academy, with the children's enthusiasm setting the tone for a productive and enjoyable start to the year. The energy and excitement the children have brought to school has been an inspiration this week; it's been a terrific start, and they should be proud of the way they have begun the term. We're already looking forward to week 2.

#### Welcome back to School event:

I hope many of you will be able to come along to the Welcome back event tomorrow from 12.00-3.00pm. It will be an afternoon filled with some great activities for the whole family. Thank you to the PTA for organising it!

#### Curriculum Evenings:

Hopefully, most of our families managed to attend their curriculum evenings this week, and you found this a useful opportunity to find out about what your children will be learning during this academic year. For those families in Reception, you had your curriculum presentation prior to the summer holidays, and for those families in Year 3 and Year 6 your curriculum evening will be next week as shown below in the key dates. The teachers will be attaching the presentations for any families who were unable to attend. If you still have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself.

#### Drop off and Dismissal:

Drop off has been very seamless – thank you for arriving on time. The dismissal is going to be less busy once the after school clubs are starting next week. We appreciate your support by not gathering and stopping in the school playground and car park once you collected your child.

#### Dismissal Times

Reception – 3.30pm

Year 1 – 3.40pm

Year 2 – 3.45pm

Year 3 – 3.50pm

Year 4 – 3.55pm

Year 5 and Year 6 – 4.00pm

#### Uniform:

As the weather in early autumn can fluctuate summer and winter uniform is acceptable until the end of this half-term. Please ensure all of it is labelled clearly (including ties) so anything left outside or does go missing can be easily found.

#### Lunches:

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 then they are currently entitled to have a free school meal every day. I would encourage as many parents as possible to take up this offer as this really helps children to try new things with their friends. The food is cooked to exacting standards and

there are three choices daily. We ask that you book meals in advance in order to aid the staff purchasing sufficient supplies and limit food waste.

You are able to send in your child with a healthy packed lunch but please follow the guidelines below:

- NO nut products—this includes Nutella spread. So do avoid chocolate spread please as it is very difficult to tell the difference.
- NO sweets. Children will not be permitted to eat these at lunchtime. You can send in a chocolate biscuit bar such as Kit Kat or Penguin amongst others, but Haribo sweets or similar, chocolate bars (Mars etc) are not allowed and your child will be asked to take these home.
- NO fizzy drinks

### **Birthdays at school:**

We promote healthy eating and so we do not allow cakes and sweets brought in for children's birthdays. As an alternative, if you want to do something, consider purchasing a book for the library. Please drop the book off at the school office and we will place a donation label from your child in; the children really do enjoy seeing a book that they have given to the school in the library.

### **Sports Week (20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> September):**

Due to Covid restrictions last term we were unable to have our much loved annual sports day so we decided to add a sports week for Y1-Y6 this term. Parents are invited to come and watch their children show off their growing PE skills at the Green. Children will be taking part in different activities such as archery, sprinting... for you to enjoy. Please see the designated PE days and times below.

### **Year 6 Secondary School Admissions 2022:**

We are aware that our Year 6 parents are now looking at choosing the secondary school for their children. Richmond has now completed their 2022 admissions brochure containing necessary information about the admissions process, important dates and open day events for the different schools within the borough.

Please name Twickenham Primary Academy as your current school to when making your application.

More information can also be found on the designated website.

[https://www.richmond.gov.uk/secondary\\_school\\_admissions](https://www.richmond.gov.uk/secondary_school_admissions)

If you are visiting a secondary school with your child please follow the procedures below:

- Inform the office in advance stating the school you are visiting, date and time
- Children to return to school after the visit with parent
- Parent to sign in their child

If you have any questions or queries, or need any support with choosing the right school for your child please do email me to arrange a meeting.

### Jeans for Genes:

Our Jeans for Gene's day is on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September. The children can wear Jeans and Trainers with their school jumpers, cardigans or shirts. We are asking you to donate £1.00 to this fantastic cause; the classroom teachers will have a collection pot in their classrooms to collect the money. Read below to find out more about Jeans for Genes:

***'We raise funds to support children affected by genetic disorders.'***

There are around 6,000 genetic disorders. It is estimated that one in 25 children is affected by a genetic disorder. 30,000 babies and children are newly diagnosed in the UK each year.

Some genetic disorders are apparent at birth while others are diagnosed at different stages throughout childhood, and sometimes into adolescence. Please go to <https://www.jeansforgenesday.org/> to learn more about the children we support and the difference your donations make.

### Monitors:

Every term children are chosen from each class to take on some responsibilities to support the school. Well done to all the children who have been chosen by their teacher and peers!

	Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
<b>Playground friends</b>		Margot R Ryan	Veda Alex	Scarlet Lily	Ronaldo Luca	Zoe Madison	Alfie Saif
<b>Dining Hall Monitors</b>		Harriott Arthur	Dorothy Adem	Kavanch Wynter	Eva Saeed	Lily Maya	Salawe Camden
<b>House Keeping Monitors</b>	Arthur Eva	Roman Margot	Hussain Anya	Inaaya Rishaan	Aiza Anna	Ziani Abhiveer	Jude Samara
<b>Library Monitors</b>		Hattie Zoya	Gabriel Charlotte	Elodie	Oliver E	Howard	Lilly C

**House captains will be announced next week!**

### Office News:

#### Correspondence:

When emailing staff or the school office, we kindly ask that you allow sufficient for us to review and respond accordingly due to the busy nature of schools. If your request is urgent or concerns a welfare or safeguarding issue please do make us aware or call the school office on 020 3019 6196.

#### Absences / Appointments / Pickup arrangements:

Please contact the school office directly for any the above.

Absences should be reported by 8.00am.

All appointments for children and parents should be made outside of school hours unless for an emergency or a hospital appointment. Where this is not possible evidence of appointments / hospital appointments should be emailed in advance to office@twickenhamprimaryacademy.org

Where there is a change to your child's usual pickup arrangement please email or call the school office before 2:30pm. If the person has not collected your child before, please email the school office a photo along with their full name and a contact number so this can be passed to the teacher ahead of collection time and added to your child's records.

Early pickups for children to attend events or activities outside of school are not permitted.

### School Clubs:

School clubs begin on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September (with the exception of Sewing and Karate that begin w/c 20<sup>th</sup>) Please refer to the club information letter that has been sent out this week. If you have any private club queries, please contact the club provider directly.

### Medication:

If your child normally requires medication to be held at school but have not handed it in, please do so by Monday with a new administer medication form completed. If your child's circumstances have changed and no longer requires medication, please let the office know so we can update our medical database.

### 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 13th September	School Clubs Begin
Monday 13th September	Year 6 Curriculum Evening 18:30 School Hall
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3 Curriculum Evening 18:30 School Hall
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Jeans for Genes Day (wear jeans and trainers and bring £1 donation)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Sports week (Y1-Y6 Parents are welcome to come and watch the children during their PE lessons at the Green)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Y3 Sports Viewing 2.00-2.30pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Y6 Sports Viewing 2.00-2.30pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Y1 Sports Viewing 10.00-10.30am Y4 Sports Viewing 2.00-2.30pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Richmond Schools Car Free Day – “Golden Lock” winner (more details to follow next week)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Y5 Sports Viewing 2.00-2.30pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Y2 Sports Viewing 2.00-2.30pm

### Collective Worship Themes:

Date	Theme
13 <sup>th</sup> September	Jeans for Genes Day
20 <sup>th</sup> September	Forgiveness
27 <sup>th</sup> September	Mental Health Week

### House Points:

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

House	Points
Parks	118
Gandhi	122
Pankhurst	121
Shackleton	120

### 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	98.7
Year 1	97.3
Year 2	95.9
Year 3	98.4
Year 4	99.3
Year 5	96.2
Year 6	96.9
Whole School	97.6

Have a lovely weekend,



Miss Petra Gollob, Acting Principal

Ambitious For All.



Year: Class: