



GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith

Spring Term: Friday 26th March 2021



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Dear Parents,

I hope that you are all well that you have had a lovely week, and are looking forward to the weekend ahead. This is the final newsletter before the end of the Spring Term 2021. Please do ensure that you read the return to school plan over the holidays to remind yourself of the updates that are happening in the Summer Term; the phased plan can be found on page 9 of the return to school document.

<https://www.gemstwickenhamprimary.org/return-to-school/>

- Drop off and Pick up currently remains the same as it is now

Staff Updates:

There are two staff updates that I need to make you aware of before the school closes for the Easter holidays. Firstly, please join me in wishing Miss Natalie congratulations on her pregnancy; Miss Natalie will formally go on maternity leave at the end of the summer term, but will work from home from May 10th due to the current risk assessments in place at the school surrounding pregnant staff members.

Secondly, Miss Sara is sadly leaving us at the end of the Spring Term; we thank Miss Sara for all her hard work and commitment during her time at Twickenham Primary Academy and look forward to hearing all about her future journey. A temporary teacher called Mr Gareth will be teaching Year 5 Nightingale for the summer term and academic year.

Class Mixing:

Due to the ongoing disturbance in the children's education this academic year; no classes across the school will be mixed next year. Our normal policy around class mixing will be followed the following academic year (2021 – 2022). The classes that are usually mixed at the end of the year are: *Reception, Year Two and Year Four*

Last Day of Term:

A reminder that on Wednesday 31st March the school will be closing at circa 12:00 pm. Collection will be the current places for pick up but please see the timings below:

| Year Group | Time |
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| Reception | 11:40 |
| Year 1 | 11:50 |
| Year 2 | 12:00 |
| Year 3 | 11:40 |
| Year 4 | 11:50 |
| Year 5 | 12:00 |

Wrap around care (Energy Kidz) will run until 3:00 pm – and this is now open for bookings. This may be subject to uptake. Please don't forget we don't reopen to pupils until Tuesday 20th April for the pupils

Tutoring:

After the Easter Holidays, the school will be reviewing the rest of the catch up funding expenditure against the assessments of the children. Parents will then be written to inviting their child to tutoring if we feel that they will benefit from this provision. Tutoring will begin week commencing 3rd May, and we are organising it so that there are no clashes with any after school clubs that may have been booked for.

School Office News:

Summer Uniform:

The summer uniform is able to be worn after the Easter Holidays. For full information around the summer uniform, and the uniform in general please find the information here:

<https://www.gemstwickenhamprimary.org/uniform-information/>

Key Dates:

The key dates for the Summer Term are at the bottom of this newsletter; they will also be added to the online calendar . Please note: all key dates are subject to change, and the school has made plans under the best case scenario for the summer term 2021.

School Meals:

The system is running successfully and we would like to thank everyone who has ordered school meals. The Summer Term Menu is now available to book online up to May Half Term. A reminder that bookings close the day before and it's recommended you book as far ahead as possible.

Breakfast Club:

Bookings are now closed and outcomes have gone out today. If you have missed the deadline, and have any queries please don't hesitate to contact Miss Joy.

Contact Tracing:

Please inform the school over the Easter Break if your children have tested positive for COVID 19 and that they were tested or showed symptoms or no symptoms of COVID 19 within the first 48 hours of the school term ending. Thank you. If this is the case, you need to email office@gemstwickenhamprimary.co.uk.

Please do not email any other email address as they are not checked during the school holidays.

Thank you,

The School Office



Key Dates:

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| Wednesday 31 st March | Last Day of Term: Finish 12:00 pm and no lunch will be served Mufti Day – No uniform – please donate £1 if you can |
| Monday 19 th April | School Closed for INSET |
| Tuesday 20 th April | All pupils return to school |
| Friday 23 rd April | Year 2 Scooter Training |

Collective Worship:

| Date | Theme |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Monday 29 th March | World Autism Day |

House Points:

| House | Last Week | This week |
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| Gandhi | 867 | 1012 |
| Shackleton | 881 | 1011 |
| Pankhurst | 880 | 1014 |
| Parks | 890 | 1089 |

Attendance:

| Year Group | Time |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Reception | 97.6% |
| Year 1 | 97.5% |
| Year 2 | 97.8% |
| Year 3 | 97.3% |
| Year 4 | 96.7% |
| Year 5 | 95.3% |
| Whole School: | 97.0% |

Wishing you a lovely weekend, and a happy holiday – when it comes 😊



Mr John Smith, Principal

Key Dates:

| Date | Event |
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| Monday 19 th April 2021 | School Closed for INSET |
| Tuesday 20 th April 2021 | School Opens for all Pupils from 08:30 am (Breakfast Club as usual) |
| Friday 23 rd April 2021 | Year 2 Scooter Training |
| Monday 26 th April 2021 | Clubs begin for the Summer Term |
| Monday 26 th April 2021 2pm | Religion Week Begins / Buddhism Y5 & Sikhism Y3 Workshop |
| Tuesday 27 th April 2021 2pm | Hinduism Y4 / Judaism Y2 Workshop |
| Wednesday 28 th April 2021 11am | Christianity Y1 Workshop |
| Monday 3 rd May 2021 | MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED |
| Thursday 6 th May 2021 | Music Workshop EYFS & KS1 |
| Friday 7 th May 2021 | Outdoor Learning Day |
| Monday 10 th May 2021 Project to be returned: Monday 24 th May Parent Viewing ONLINE uploaded by: Friday 28 th May | Homework Project for whole school begins Theme: Once Upon A Time |
| Friday 14 th Pyjamarama day May 2021 | Pupils to come into school dressed in their Pyjamas - £1 Donation raised for Book Trust |
| Wednesday 19 th May 2021 | Cricket Workshop for Y1 – Y5 only |
| Monday 24 th May 2021 | Art Week Begins |
| Tuesday 25 th May 2021 | School Class Photos |
| Wednesday 26 th May 2021 | Choir Club – Primary Singing Festival (virtual) |
| Friday 28 th May 2021 | House day for whole School – Art Theme |
| Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June 2021 | Half Term |
| Friday 11 th June – ONLINE | Parent Drop Off R – Y5 (uploaded to Google Classroom) |
| Wednesday 16 th June 2021 18:00 - ONLINE | Parents Evening Meeting for New Reception 2021 Pupils |
| Friday 18 th June 2021 | Diversity Day |
| Monday 28 th June 2021 | Enterprise Week begins Reception - Y5 |
| *Thursday 1 st July 2021 | Enterprise Stalls – Children to sell their products: Reception – Reception Playground 15:00 – 15:30 KS1 – Main Playground 15:00 – 15:30 KS2 – Main Playground 15:45 – 16:15 |
| *Friday 2 nd July 2021 14:15 – 15:00 | Reception - End of Year Assembly – 1 Parent per Child – Held in Playground |
| Monday 5 th July 2021 | Last week of School Clubs |
| *Monday 5 th July 2021 14:15 – 15:00 | Year 1 - End of Year Assembly – 1 Parent per Child – Held in Playground |
| *Tuesday 6 th July 2021 14:15 – 15:00 | Year 2 - End of Year Assembly – 1 Parent per Child – Held in Playground |
| Tuesday 6 th July 2021 | Parent Forum ONLINE 4.30pm |
| *Wednesday 7 th July 2021 14:15 – 15:00 | Year 3 - End of Year Assembly – 1 Parent per Child – Held in Playground |
| *Thursday 8 th July 2021 14:15 – 15:00 | Year 4 - End of Year Assembly – 1 Parent per Child – Held in Playground |
| Thursday 8 th July 2021 | Reports out to Parents |
| *Friday 9 th July 2021 14:15 – 15:00 | Year 5 - End of Year Assembly – 1 Parent per Child – Held in Playground |
| Tuesday 13 th July 2021 9.30 – 11:00 | Reception 2021 Transition Morning |
| Wednesday 14 th July 2021 | In House Transition |
| Monday 19 th July 2021 | Den Building Day |
| Thursday 22 nd July 2021 | End of Term – School Closes at 12:00 (No lunch & No Afternoon Wrap around Care) |
| Friday 23 rd July 2021 | School Closed for INSET |

*Subject to Covid-19 government guidelines at the given time



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