



GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith

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Dear Parents,

I hope that you are all well and have had a lovely week, and that your children have enjoyed their first week back to school after the closure.

We started our return with British Science Week which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. A big thank you to all our families who managed to come to our virtual Science Fair; the children did a great job presenting, and there were some very complicated experiments! Well done to you all.

Parents Evening:

A reminder that your virtual parents is on Tuesday 16th and Thursday 18th March. Your classroom teacher will send the google meet link alongside this week's newsletter for you to access. We do advise that you try these links out in advance to ensure that you can access the meeting.

We very much look forward to seeing you all there!

World Mathematics Day:

World Mathematics Day is on Monday 15th March and our theme this year is 'All Around the World'. Each year group has been allocated a part of the world, and they will be exploring related Math's concepts through exciting activities. The main aim is to celebrate Math's in different cultures and really promote a love of Math's.

KS2 children will be taking part in practical, interactive workshops which aim to engage children in Math's in a fun and unique way. The workshop focuses on using equipment to create large 2D and 3D shapes from a basic cube to octahedrons! Using the equipment will be a fantastic way for children to visualise and explore Maths, and they have the opportunity to apply various Maths skills such as Arithmetic, properties of shape, area, measurements and fractions.

Drop Off and Pick Up:

Well done for all of your best efforts this week; on the whole drop off and pick up have gone quite well; even with the movement of Year 5 to the other side of the school. Just a couple of reminders

- Please do not turn up until it's your time slot; this really does help keep the congestion around the school down (Please do read the return to school to find this if you are unsure)
- Only **one** adult on the premises picking up the child; wearing a face mask unless exempt
- We are going to review bike and scooter storage as this is causing some congestion during the drop off and the pickup times; I will keep you updated around this
- Please leave the premises even if you are waiting for another sibling. You have to go and rejoin the queue
- We currently cannot facilitate any sibling collections

School Office News:

Parent Forum:

A reminder that the Parent Forum meeting is on Wednesday 17th March at 2:00 pm and will be held remotely. Please can we ask that you submit your questions to Miss Hana Hamilton by 12 March 2021. Any questions sent after this date will be rolled over to the next Parent Forum.

A zoom link for this meeting will be sent out on 16th March 2021 for you to access the meeting.

A full copy of the Parent Forum Policy can be found here: <https://www.gemstwickenhamprimary.org/parent-forum/>

We very much look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible!

School Clubs:

A reminder that the deadline to submit your choices is Monday 15th March.

School Meals:

A reminder that all pupils (with the exception of those who are packed lunch) must use the booking system. Thank you to all who have done this successfully.

Absence / pick up arrangements:

Please inform the school by 8am if your child is going to be absent that day. You can do this by calling the school office or emailing the office account.

For a change in pick up arrangements, please notify the school office no later than 2.30pm.

Thank you,

The School Office



Key Dates:

Monday 15 th March	World Mathematics Day – Workshop for Key Stage 2
Monday 15 th March	Parent Online Video – rescheduled for the summer term
Tuesday 16 th and 18 th March	Parents Evening – Via Google Meets
Wednesday 17 th March	Science - Workshop Key Stage 1
Wednesday 17 th	Parent Forum from 2:00 pm – zoom link to be sent
Wednesday 31 st March	Last Day of Term: Finish 12:00 pm and no lunch will be served

Collective Worship:

Date	Theme
Monday 15 th March	E – Safety / World Mathematics Day
Monday 22 nd March	Perseverance
Monday 29 th March	World Autism Day

House Points:

House	Last Week	This week
Gandhi	425	532
Shackleton	380	545
Pankhurst	385	551
Parks	400	506

Wishing you a lovely weekend,



Mr John Smith, Principal

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