



GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith

Spring Term: Friday 12th February 2021



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Dear Parents,

I hope that you have had a good week, and that you and your children are looking forward to the half term break – I'm sure you will enjoy the break from remote learning!

The school term will resume as usual on Monday 22nd February 2021, and for the majority of the pupils this will continue remotely until we are updated by the Department for Education.

A reminder, that over half term and if you want to take part, the house captains have created challenges for the children – this has been assigned onto google classroom. We hope that you enjoy them!

World Book Day

This year we will be spending World Book Day remotely however we still want to celebrate the amazing world of Children's literature and the adventure that books can take us on.

This year's theme announced by the World Book Day organisation is 'Share a story, anytime anywhere!' So in this spirit, we will be sharing stories with the children from around the world, set in different places throughout the week.

On World Book Day (4th March), the children will have a live session with their class teacher sharing their favourite stories. The children can dress up as their favourite character although this is optional.

The children will also be able to watch some authors sharing books and some of their inspirations behind their books.

As a school community, we would love to share photos of our families enjoying a book together. If you would like to send photos of your family sharing stories to your child/children's class teacher, we would love to see them!

The World Book Day organisation have also moved their book tokens to online. They are available for you to download and print for you to use in store (unfortunately they cannot be redeemed online). World Book Day book tokens will be valid from Thursday 18 February – Sunday 28 March 2021. In 2021 participating booksellers will honour the tokens beyond the 28 March while stocks last. You can find a list of the £1 books here: <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

The link for the voucher is here:

https://www.worldbookday.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/booktoken_PrimaryUK.pdf

Thank you, Miss Sara

Brilliant Club:

Well done to our children who took part in Brilliant Club this year, and congratulations on completing your essays! Your Tutor was very impressed with the high standard of work that you produced for the University. We will put some photos in the newsletter once you have had your graduation!



National Trust:

While we're in lockdown for the start of 2021 and no events are planned at places in our care, there's still lots to keep little ones busy at home or in your local area. This February half term, you could find a new hobby, be inspired by '50 things to do before you're 11¾' or discover their next favourite book to get stuck into. We've got plenty of ideas for things to do outdoors and indoors if the weather turns.

Click here for ideas for Half Term: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/february-half-term-for-all-the-familyz>



School Office News:

Parents Evening

The bookings for parents evening (March 16th and 18th 2021) will open on Friday 26th February 2021. All bookings should be made online via parent mail. A reminder that all parents need to book an appointment as it is school policy to meet with every parent

School Meals

A letter and Parent Guide for the new school meal booking system has been communicated earlier this week.

Please kindly note the system is expected to be used by Keyworker parents upon return from half term. Further communication will be sent when all parents are expected to use the new system when we begin to welcome back the children.

Key Dates:

Friday 12 th February	End of Term
Monday 22 nd February	School Resumes (Remotely)
Friday 26 th February	Parents Evening Bookings Opening
Thursday 4 th March	World Book Day (Share a story – anytime, anywhere)

Collective Worship:

Friday 12 th February	Sir Thomas Moore
Friday 26 th February	Fairtrade
Friday 12 th March	Science Week

Wishing you a lovely half term



Mr John Smith, Principal



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