



# GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith

Spring Term: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021



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## Dear Parents,

I hope that you have had a lovely week, and that you are looking forward to the weekend ahead. It will soon be half term, and I want to start this week's newsletter for thanking you all for fantastic work that you have done to support the children with their learning at home. I understand that it has not been *easy* and many of you are fitting in the home learning in and around your own working schedules but you have done a wonderful job; we are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back in what hopefully won't be a too distant future.

## House Captains:

Our house captains and vice house captains **Ilyas, Jasper, Hana, Emma, George, Hano, Ria and Alice** have designed a table of challenges for the children to complete over half term to earn house points. These include walking and cycling activities, gardening, drawing as well as story writing (each activity is worth different amounts of house points).

**It is not compulsory!** so please don't worry if you can't do them or can only do one or two over the week. We will assign the challenges onto google classroom just before we break up for half term. After the half term, please upload photos of the challenges onto google classroom that you have been able to complete and this will then feed into the overall house points for each house.

## Workshops:

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February, we have our English and Mathematics curriculum workshops for Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2). Please find the zoom links below to enter the meeting.

### Mathematics 09:30

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89752109086?pwd=MnFydzNVMGVMaWVHTnltDw5sWGpQUT09>

### English 10:30

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81428716696?pwd=dW0vTmV3WlhMK0VhaEp4Y3g3dS9FQT09>

Miss Grace and Miss Sara will also send these invitations out via parent mail. We look forward to seeing you there and hope that you find these valuable.

### Parents Evening:

Parents evening is scheduled for Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March from 4:00pm. We are going to still go ahead with a virtual parents evening via google meets but this will focus on the pupil's transition back into school (whether we have begun an opening or not). The aims of these meetings are -

- Home learning and what has been achieved at home
- Returning to school and what your teacher will be focusing on to support your child
- Mental health and well being

We will open the booking system via parent mail shortly after half term. Once all appointment times are confirmed, you will then be sent a google meets link to enter the meeting.

*Please note: we do need to see every parent so please ensure you are available to attend these meetings*

### Captain Sir Thomas Moore:

As you will be aware, Sir Thomas Moore has sadly passed away at the age of 100. We send our deepest sympathies and condolences to his family as we remember this fantastic hero who raised over £30 million pounds for the NHS last year. We will always remember Sir Tom at Gems Twickenham as a patron of one of the classes in Year 5 and the wonderful work that he did during the pandemic.

We have altered next week's assembly to celebrate his life and all the good he did.



### Remote Learning update:

- Please note: if work is handed after the assigned or due day, this will be checked by the class teacher but not formally marked. Thank you.

### School Office News:

### Half Term:

The Department for Education have now confirmed that schools in England will close for February half term as usual.

### Key Dates:

Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Key Stage 1 English and Mathematics Workshops (Year 1 and Year 2 only) 09:30 – Mathematics 10:30 - English
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	End of Term
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	School Resumes (Remotely)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – a letter will be sent next week

### Collective Worship:

Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Sir Thomas Moore
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Fairtrade
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week

Wishing you a lovely weekend,



**Mr John Smith, Principal**



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