



# GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith

Autumn Term: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020



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## Dear Parents,

I hope that you have had a lovely week, and are looking forward to the end of term. Thank you very much for your support this week as we have had to close classes and isolate pupils because of Covid outbreaks.

This is my final newsletter for the year 2020 and I hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas with your families if you are able to; thank you for all of our presents, gifts and cards we were completely spoiled. I very much look forward to welcoming you back in the Spring Term of 2020 and the school will reopen for all pupils on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

## Christmas message from the GEMS Learning Trust Board

I am sure that parents and carers all share in our gratitude and appreciation for all the school staff across the Trust for their consistent levels of energy and positivity through the pandemic so far. We are so proud of all they have done and continue to do to support our children to flourish.

Speaking as a parent, I know how hard it was to juggle home-schooling, childcare and work during the first lockdown and as a board, we are grateful to our families for doing the best they could to teach their children under those circumstances. In September, the children settled back in to school quickly and adapted to the COVID-19 prevention measures very well, but we recognise the emotional toll this year has had on all members of our school community.

Therefore we have further increased our focus on mental health and wellbeing for staff and children, as we all continue to adjust and cope. We very much hope that school life begins to return to normal during the latter part of this academic year and that we as families can enjoy the festive period and take a restful break.

Warm wishes, Jason Murphy

**Chair of the GEMS Learning Trust**

## House Points: Well done Parks House!

House	Previous Week	This Week
Parks	2010	2050
Gandhi	2012	2046
Pankhurst	2016	2030
Shackleton	2018	2049

### Key Dates:

**Please note:** All the key dates for this academic term can be found on the school's online calendar

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	School Closed For INSET
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	All Pupils return to School
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Afterschool Clubs Begin
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Health Week in School

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



**Mr John Smith, Principal**





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