



GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith

Autumn Term: Friday 11th December 2020



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Dear Parents,

I hope that you have had a lovely week and are looking forward to the weekend ahead. The children had a wonderful time recording the Christmas Performance this week. A big thank you to Emi, Mei's mum, for helping with the recording. The completed videos (EYFS/KS1 and KS2) are now on the website (Children – Video Resource Centre).

We hope that you enjoy watching your children perform their Christmas songs and recite their poems, and that it makes you feel as proud of your children as we are of them. Well done to all of our children at Twickenham Primary Academy who have all worked so hard this term.

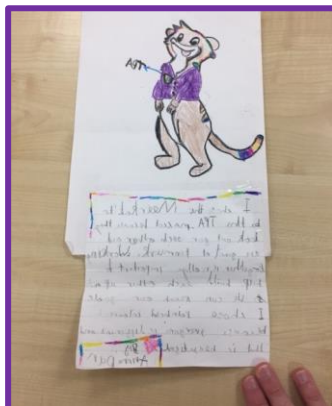
Key Dates:

Please find the key dates for the Spring Term at the bottom of the newsletter. These events have also been placed into the online school calendar onto the school website. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions regarding the events taking place during the spring term.

School Hub News:

The School Hub have now met for the first time as an elected group, and have decided on the final mascot to represent them and the school. As you can see, it is a Meerkat. This was designed by Ariana in Year 1. Well done Ariana for designing a mascot and writing a lovely description which represents the schools values and ethos so well. This Meerkat will now be turned into a logo and badges for the School Hub to wear at school and use in their documents.

The School Hub ,alongside Miss Courtney, will be drawing up their action plan in the Spring Term which will focus on what they wish to improve and develop at Twickenham Primary Academy throughout the rest of this year.



The School Hub Mascot: A Meerkat

School Office News:

Coronavirus in the School Holidays:

During the holidays, if your child tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

If symptoms occur before the 48 hour window then please inform office@gemstwickenhamprimary.co.uk where we will support with informing the school community in the first six days of the Christmas Holidays. The school will be checking this inbox at 09:00 am each day.

Thank you very much in advance for your assistance with this.

Christmas Jumper Day:

The PTA are accepting donations for this day. If you would like to donate, please pay £1 via online payment on Classlist.

Lost Property:

Please check the lost property box for any missing items which will be placed outside the front glass doors each morning / afternoon until term ends, weather permitting. Any items not claimed on the last day of term will be donated to the PTA.



House Points:

House	Previous Week	This Week
Parks	1935	2010
Gandhi	1966	2012
Pankhurst	1980	2016
Shackleton	1976	2018

Attendance:

In line with DFE guidance, that the school does not authorise any holiday. Thank you.
All holiday is coded as an unauthorised absence (G) on the school's register.

Year Group	Target (97%)
Reception	98.0
Year 1	97.7
Year 2	98.8
Year 3	98.5
Year 4	97.6
Year 5	97.7
Whole School	98.0

Key Dates:

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

Monday 14 th December	Report 1 out to parents – change from the key dates	
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch	
Wednesday 16 th and 17 th December	Remote Pantomimes across the school	
Friday 18 th December Last Day of Term	Pick Up Times	
	Reception	11:50
	Year 1	12:00
	Year 2	12:10
	Year 5	12:10
	Year 3	12:00
	Year 4	12:10

Have a lovely weekend,



Mr John Smith, Principal





PTA update - 11th Dec

Dear friend,

It's starting to feel really festive and the PTA elves have been hard at work this week helping sprinkle some Christmas magic!



Christmas Trees - there was much excitement in the playground when a whopping 44 firs were delivered on Monday, just as the children were enjoying playtime outside.

Personalised Christmas cards – arrived this week. The designs were all so lovely; we hope your friends and family enjoy receiving their festive post.

Santa messages – Santa has now recorded and edited all 78 personalised messages. Thank you, Santa! If you ordered one, it will be sent to you over the next few days.



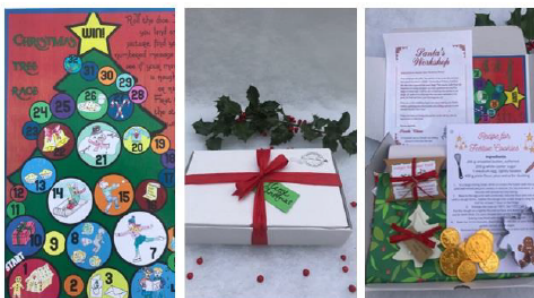
Raffle - our raffle draw is today! Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and congratulations to the winners - you'll be notified asap.

Coming up ...

Christmas Activity Box

- on sale now

No Christmas Fair this year? No problem! Bring the magic home with you instead 😊



Each activity box is just £5 and comes absolutely crammed full with all the fun of the fair. Inside is our 'Christmas Tree Race' board game, decorations, crafts and sweet treats. Every box is finished with a festive ribbon and a candy cane.

Order here [Classlist | Christmas Activity Box](#) for pick-up from school next week.

Christmas Jumper Day

- Wed 16th Dec

We would greatly appreciate a small donation. [Classlist | £1 Donation](#)

12 Days of Christmas Trail

- Friday 18th on The Green

Come join us on The Green straight after school on the last day of term for some informal family fun and a bit of a run around!



Just £2 per entry to take part in this festive hunt to find the 12 days of Christmas.

Every entry will receive a small prize! Mince pies, hot chocolate and mulled wine will be available.

Have a great weekend,

Emma Love x

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Yet to register on our parent-led site Classlist? Stay up to date and join the 265 TPA parents who have signed up: <https://classlist.page.link/dXcA8c9STao2qsCL6>

Key Dates: Spring Term

Monday 4th January 2021	School Closed – INSET DAY
Tuesday 5th January 2021	All pupils return to the school
Monday 11th January onwards	Before and After school clubs begin
Monday 18th January onwards	Health Week – Whole School
Friday 12th February 2021	House Day
Friday 12th February 2021	Key Stage 1 – Parent Maths & English Workshop 09:30 Mathematics 10:30 English
Friday 12th February 2021 PTA from 3:30	Valentines Bake Sale & 2 nd Hand Uniform Sale
Monday 15th February 2021 – 19st February 2021	Half Term
Thursday 4th March 2021	World Book Day (Whole School)
Monday 8th March 2021 onwards	British Science Week
Monday 15th March 2021	World Maths Day – KS2 Workshop
Monday 15th March 2021	Parent Drop Off - ONLINE
Tuesday 16th and 18th March 2021	Parents Evening
Wednesday 17th March 2021	Science Day - KS1 Workshop
Wednesday 17th March 2021 at 2:00 pm ONLINE	Principal's Forum(2) please submit questions to the school in advance at h.hamilton@gemstwickenhamprimary.co.uk
Monday 22nd March 2021	Final week of Before & After school clubs
Friday 26th March 2021	Year 2 Performance (Both classes)
Monday 29th March 2021	Report 2 – Out to all Parents
Wednesday 31st March 2021	End of Term – school closes at 12:00 – No wrap around care
Wednesday 31st March 2021	Mufti Day - £1 towards PTA

Additional PTA Events will be confirmed via Classlist next term.

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