



GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith

Autumn Term: Friday 2nd October 2020



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Dear Parents,

I hope that you have had a wonderful week, and that you are looking forward to the weekend ahead. We hope that you enjoyed the teacher / class video recordings of your children's classrooms and this gave you a flavor of what they have been learning so far during this academic year. If you have not yet managed to view the videos, you will find these under the video resource center on the school website: <https://gems-twickenham.primarysite.media>

We very much look forward to a time when you are able to come back onto the school site, and that we can conduct a usual parent drop off session.

Hello Yellow World Mental Health Day:

A reminder, on Friday 9th October we ask all children to wear yellow in support of World Mental Health day. The children will be taking part in various mental health activities throughout the day to learn about the importance of mental health. This day is a full mufti with yellow theme. Pupils don't need to wear any part of the uniform on this day.



Uniform:

Thank you to those parents who have continued to provide feedback regarding the Stevensons school uniform service this year; we have raised all of the issues with Stevensons, and they are working through the feedback. We will continue to ensure that we are updating you via parent mail with the arrival of new stock so that you are able to go and purchase this as soon as possible but we can see more pupils are now in the correct uniform which is excellent. Thank you to all of the parents who have sent their children in with a coat this week. Please do remember that all uniform items need to be clearly labelled.

Furthermore, please ensure that your children are wearing their P.E kits on their P.E day. All parents were sent a copy of their class timetable so please refer to this if you are unsure about which day that your child has P.E.

Please can we remind you, that after half term the winter uniform option needs to be worn. I have attached the link to the school policy if you require any further information about this:

<https://www.gemstwickenhamprimary.org/uniform-information/>

Afterschool:

Please ensure that your children are not climbing on the wall at the back of the car park at drop off as this creates health and safety issues on the school site. Thank you very much.

School Office News

Long Hair:

Can parents please ensure that any long hair is tied up for health and safety reasons.

Reporting Absences / Pickup Arrangements:

To help streamline the efficiency of the school office, please report all absences (before 8:00am) and pickup arrangements (before 2:30pm) by phone 020 3019 6196 or email directly to the school office at office@gemstwickenhamprimary.co.uk. This will help to reduce missed / duplicated messages being sent to individual staff members. Please remember to quote your child's name and class in the subject header in all correspondence to school. Thank you.

School Photo Day – No PE

On School Photo day, Monday 12th October, there will be no P.E. therefore ALL children should come in wearing full uniform.

Afterschool Clubs / Activities

Due to current circumstances, there will be no before/Afterschool clubs or Activities for the remainder of the Autumn Term. We will provide an update regarding Spring Term when we have more information and guidance around this from the Department of Education

PTA News

Welcome to Friends of GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy

Registered charity ([1186147](#))

We are super proud of our school community and have a thriving group of volunteer mums and dads, who put on a number of fundraising events and community initiatives through the year. All monies raised helps continue to deliver the outstanding school we have.

Over the past few years, parents' donations and willingness to get involved has helped fund many items for the children. This includes playground play structures, bespoke climbing equipment for the atrium, golden time resources, swimming lessons, violins, playground markings, plus gardening and eco initiatives.

We use Classlist as our main platform of parent-led communication. Via Classlist you can;

- Get in touch with other parents at our school
- Ask questions to the parents in your child's class
- Buy good quality second hand school uniform
- Stay up to date with FoGEMSTPA activity, and get to know your class reps
- Input your ideas (and volunteer if you would like to)
- Buy and sell to the school community on our Marketplace

Parents can register here <https://classlist.page.link/7dLD5eXfKb52D9UH8>

See you at the school gates,

Emma Love

Chair, FoGEMSTPA

House Points: The House Treat is a Pantomime in School at Christmas... restrictions allowing!

House	Previous Week	This Week
Parks	356	476
Gandhi	333	488
Pankhurst	320	467
Shackleton	363	461

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	97.8
Year 1	96.1
Year 2	98.5
Year 3	98.1
Year 4	95.9
Year 5	96.4
Whole School	97.1

Key Dates:

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

Friday 9 th October	Pupils wear Yellow to school for Mental Health Day
Monday 12 th October	Individual Photos for the whole school
Tuesday 13 th October	Key Stage 2 – Parent Curriculum Workshops via zoom
Mon 19 th -Wed 21 st October	Safe Walking for Y3 pupils only
Friday 23 rd October	Halloween Dress Up – Age Appropriate costumes only. Any costumes that are not age appropriate will asked to be removed by the children
Friday 23 rd October	STEAM Homework Project begins

Have a lovely weekend,



Mr John Smith, Principal

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