



GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith

Autumn Term: Friday 18th September 2020



Newsletter 2

Dear Parents,

I hope that you have had a wonderful week, enjoyed the warm weather and are looking forward to the weekend ahead. The children at school are firmly back into their school routine, and it has been wonderful to walk around the school this week and see all the children working hard and engrossed in their lessons.

Covid update:

We currently have a number of pupils off with seasonal colds and tonsillitis. Please remember, below are the current NHS symptoms for Covid -19.

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If anyone in the household has symptoms, the whole household must self-isolate for 14 days and should immediately get tested. The first person in the household who has symptoms for COVID – 19 or receives a positive test must self-isolate for 10 days. Please do contact the school office if this is not clear. For further information, please follow this link <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/how-long-to-self-isolate> which explains the period of isolation in detail. There is also further information about school attendance at the bottom of the newsletter.

Monitors:

It's a new year, and of course we have new monitors! Please see below the changes regarding in the monitors for this term. Furthermore, the house captains have been reelected by their year groups and therefore these have changed.

	Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5
Playground friends		Orlando Charlotte	Branavan Jackson	Eliza Eleanor	Nathan Aaron	Lilly C Evelyn
Dining Hall Monitor		Anya Veda	Safaa Esa	Mohammed Thomas	Tanisha Sienna	Isabel Paloma
House Keeping Monitor	Marsha Paloma	Max Leon	Ameera Lily	Amelie Andre	Eva Nina	Jay William

House Captains: Year 5 –Hana (Gandhi) Ilyas (Pankhurst) Emma (Parks) Jasper (Shackleton)

Vice House Captains: Year 4 - George (Pankhurst) Ria (Gandhi) Jacob (Shackleton) Alice (Parks)

Google Classroom:

During the school year, the school may have to go into a partial or full closure. If this happens to your class or year group then the pupils will be using google classroom at home to support them with their learning. The pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 have used this system before so understand how to download and submit work to the classroom teacher.

Miss Leah, our Computing Coordinator has sent out a training video for parents on google classroom to support you with being able to help your child at home. Please do watch the video at some point so that you are fully prepared to help your pupils at home particularly if your child did not use google classroom during the last academic year.

Parents Evening:

If the current risk assessment remains in place regarding parents not being allowed to come into the school building, and the new guidance around no mixing of no more than groups of six remains in place, then this will be conducted via Zoom and you will book parent evenings in the usual way via our online system. Unfortunately, you won't be able to view the pupils books before hand as we can't send these home but the teacher will talk you through the key pieces of learning during your consultation. The school will make a final decision on parents evening by Monday 12 October.

Timetables:

Currently, there are limitations on the amount of time the children can spend outside, and do P.E. This is because the pupils have to play in their class bubbles separately, and P.E can currently only be taught outdoors and on our school site. To ensure that the children are doing regular exercise the teachers are providing this in class throughout the day. This includes, 10 minute burst of yoga, dance, stretches etc.

As soon as we can, and our risk assessment allows, we will resume the usual timetable. Thank you very much for your support with this.

School Office News



Parentmail:

This is used for outgoing messages from school where whole class or whole school message are sent. Should you wish to follow up on information sent out, please email your class teacher or the school office depending on your query.

Can we please ask if you update your contact information on Parentmail, that you also notify the school office either by phone 020 3019 6196 or email office@gemstwickenhamprimary.co.uk so we can also update our school records as well. We do not receive an automatic update from Parentmail due to GDPR.

Uniform:

The senior staff will be checking school uniform from next week and emails will be sent home where their child does not meet the school uniform policy (policy available on the school website). Children should be wearing black school shoes and not trainers, except on PE days.

Pupils in key stage two who wear white shirts should have these tucked in at all times, and wearing a tie to support maintaining our high standards on uniform in the school.

Whilst Stephenson's are still waiting on stock to come in for jumpers and cardigan's, children should wear a PE jumper instead.

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

House	Previous Week	This Week
Parks	112	204
Gandhi	116	223
Pankhurst	101	245
Shackleton	99	287

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	96.9
Year 1	81.6
Year 2	87.1
Year 3	86.5
Year 4	82.7
Year 5	86.4
Whole School	86.4

Key Dates:

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

Friday 18th September	Jeans for Genes Day. Jeans and normal uniform on top / trainers can be worn. Please donate £1 . Year 5 in PE kit and wear a Blue top
Thursday 1st October	Black History Month Begins
Friday 2nd October	Parent Drop Off – we are unable to do this in its current format instead a video of your class and what they have been up to so far will be uploaded onto the school website under Children / video resource centre
Monday 12th October	Individual Photos for the whole school
Mon 19th-Wed 21st October	Safe Walking for Y3 pupils only

Have a lovely weekend,



Mr John Smith

Term Dates: 2020/21

AUTUMN TERM 2020	
Wednesday 2nd September 2020	School Closed – INSET Day
Thursday 3rd September 2020	School Closed – INSET Day Reception Pupils in 1.30pm
Friday 4th September 2020	Reception Pupils Start school 09:00 am until 1:30 pm (1:30 pm finish all week)
Monday 7th September 2020	All pupils (Y1, Y2, Y3 , Y4 and 5) return from 08:30 am (09:00 am registration)
Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October 2020	Half Term
Monday 2nd November 2020	School Closed – INSET Day
Tuesday 3rd November 2020	Term Begins
Friday 18th December 2020	Term ends at 12:00 pm – no lunch for pupils

SPRING TERM 2021	
Monday 4th January 2021	School Closed INSET Day
Tuesday 5th January 2021	Term Begins
Monday 15^h February – Friday 19th February 2021	Half Term
Monday 22nd February 2021	Term Begins
Wednesday 31st March 2021	Term ends at 12:00 pm – no lunch for pupils

SUMMER TERM 2021	
Monday 19th April 2021	School Closed INSET Day
Tuesday 20th April 2021	Term Begins
Monday 3rd May 2021	May Bank Holiday
Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June 2021	Half Term
Monday 7th June 2021	Term Begins
Thursday 22nd July 2021	Term ends at 12:00 pm – no lunch for pupils
Friday 23rd July 2021	School Closed INSET Day

School Attendance

Symptom/s	Actions to take	Return to school when
Your child has a headache	Your child does not need to be tested; you do not need to self-isolate. Your child can attend school if fit to do so. Follow usual daily school absence reporting procedure.	Your child can attend school if fit to do so / has recovered.
Your child has a sore throat	Your child does not need to be tested; you do not need to self-isolate. Your child can attend school if fit to do so. Follow usual daily school absence reporting procedure.	Your child can attend school if fit to do so / has recovered.
Your child has been sick	Your child needs to remain off school for 48 hours following the last bout of sickness. Follow usual daily school absence reporting procedure.	Your child can attend school if fit to do so / has recovered.
Your child has diarrhoea	Your child needs to remain off school for 48 hours following the last bout of diarrhoea. Follow usual daily school absence reporting procedure.	Your child can attend school if fit to do so / has recovered.
Your child has a new continuous cough (coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes within 24 hours)	Do NOT come into school. Whole household self-isolates for 14 days / or until a negative test result. Book a C-19 test. Inform school at the beginning and once you have received a test result or end of isolation	Test comes back negative or 14 day self-isolation period has ended.
Your child has a high temperature and is hot to touch on chest or back.	Do NOT come into school. Whole household self-isolates for 14 days / or until a negative test result. Book a C-19 test. Inform school at the beginning and once you have received a test result or end of isolation	Test comes back negative or 14 day self-isolation period has ended.
Your child has a loss or change in taste / smell.	Do NOT come into school.	Test comes back negative or 14 day self-isolation period has ended.

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Year: Class:



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