



GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith

Autumn Term: Friday 11th September 2020



Newsletter 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another academic year at Twickenham Primary Academy, and a warm welcome to all of our new families who have joined us. Thank you for your support this week as we settle back into the 'new normal' school routine and in particular a thank you to our new families in Reception who have helped us greatly in transitioning their children into school. We are so pleased that you have chosen Twickenham Primary Academy as your child's new school.

Curriculum Evenings:

Hopefully, all of our families managed to attend their curriculum evenings this week, and you found this a useful opportunity to find out about what your children will be learning during this academic year. For those families in Reception, you had your curriculum presentation prior to the summer holidays, and for those families in Year 3 your curriculum evening will be on Monday 14th September at 6:30 pm; your teacher will be sending you a zoom link for this.

Jeans for Genes:

Our Jeans for Gene's day is on Friday 18th September. The children can wear Jeans and Trainers with their school jumpers, cardigans or shirts. We are asking you to donate £1.00 to this fantastic cause; the classroom teachers will have a collection pot in their classrooms to collect the money. Read below to find out more about Jeans for Genes:

'We raise funds to support children affected by genetic disorders.'

There are around 6,000 genetic disorders. It is estimated that one in 25 children is affected by a genetic disorder. 30,000 babies and children are newly diagnosed in the UK each year.

Some genetic disorders are apparent at birth while others are diagnosed at different stages throughout childhood, and sometimes into adolescence. Please go to <https://www.jeansforgenesday.org/> to learn more about the children we support and the difference your donations make.

Uniform:

The school is aware of the issue surrounding the supplier for our school uniform at Stevenson's. Stevenson's have explained to the school that the knitted school jumpers / cardigans will be available by the end of September. Once these are in stock, the school will let the parents know so that you can purchase these as these are the jumpers that are in line with our school policy.

Year 5:

Equally we know the blazers have started to arrive and if your child is categorised as pupil premium - and you need some uniform support for this academic year for the school blazer for Year 5, please do contact Miss Hana in the school office.

Parking:

A reminder, that as part of the school's travel policy you cannot park on Albion, Colne, and Edwin or Knowle Road. This is monitored by the local authority. Well done, to all our parents who have been following the school's travel policy so far.

School Street:

Due to the success of last summers school street programme we are pleased to announce that this will continue to be in place during this academic year. Colne Road, the road directly outside the school will be closed from 08:20 – 09:00 am and 3:30 – 4:15 pm. Staff will no longer be physically closing the roads, the local authority are installing cameras instead to monitor this. I will update you around when this will happen.

Safeguarding:

Safeguarding our children is of paramount importance to us at Twickenham Primary Academy

Safeguarding is woven into our curriculum through PSHCE lessons, Computing and IT, assemblies and through special events and external visitors.

There are three members of staff who are trained in Safeguarding to meet the Standards expected for Level 3 Safeguarding Training:

Mr John Smith (Principal / Designated Safeguarding Lead)
Miss Kizzie Elliott (Assistant Principal Designated Safeguarding Lead)
Miss Petra (Vice Principal/ Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)

They attend termly update meetings and regular training in all aspects of Safeguarding, including Prevent, Domestic Abuse, Neglect and Early Help and Safer Recruitment.

Every other member of staff in school including Teachers, Teaching Assistants, , Site Team, Governors and the Office Team have achieved Level 2 Safeguarding Training as a minimum.

Pupil Catch up Programme:

A reminder of the below information about how we will be supporting our pupils to catch up this academic year:

Those pupils who have significant gaps in their learning solely due to the school closure will be identified through the teachers' assessments throughout the autumn term. These identified pupils will receive further support from the 'catch up' funding via evening tuition at the school. Parents will be notified before the end of the first half of the autumn term if your child has been identified for tuition; this may be 1:1 or as a group depending on their level of need.

Twitter

If you haven't done so, please follow us on @Gems Twickenham for all the latest updates and news.

School Office News

Reporting Absences

Please contact the school office before 8:00am to report absences clearly stating their full name, class and symptoms to office@gemstwickenhamprimary.co.uk or 020 3019 6196.

Should your child have Covid-19 symptoms please follow the DFE guidelines and report your child's absence and confirm you are booking a test and isolating. ALL Results should be emailed to the school office prior to your child returning to school if they are negative and where positive the Headteacher will be notified and guidance taken on next steps.

Emailing School

Can we please ask you state your child's name and class when emailing the school office, we are currently dealing with a high volume of messages and this will help speed up our responses or pass them onto the appropriate teacher on your behalf. Thank you

End of Day Arrangements

Please contact the school office before 2pm with your child's name/class for any end of day arrangements. Where a new person not know to us is collecting, please email us a photo, their full name and a mobile number and ask them to quote "The Green" when collecting. If it is a parent of another class please state their name, their child's name and class so we can process the information in a timely manner before dismissal.

ENERGYKIDS

If your child is booked into Energykids, can we please ask you to update their website with your child's current class name to help us manage the children going to club at dismissal time.

Lost Property

We already have lost property within school, where named we will endeavour to get items back to your child, however, we do ask that you talk with your child/ren about them taking responsibility for their own property within school. The lost property will placed outside the Colne Road entrance, for those children exiting via The Green please socially distance when ou come road and check.

Holidays / Travel

Please complete an Absent request form in advance should your child be absent from school for anything other than a medical appointment. These are available on the school website to download and should be handed in or emailed to Miss Joy at j.chapple@gemstwickenhamprimary.co.uk. Please note holidays should NOT be taken during term time and will be unauthorised and may be reported to the Education Welfare Officer a stated in our guidelines.

Should you travel outside of the UK please consider that any country can be placed on the quarantine list at any time and if your child is unable to return to school, absences going forward will be recorded as an unauthorized attendance. Please email the school office should you be affected by this.

Medical / Dental appointments

Appointments should be made outside of school hours to avoid your child missing education. Where an appointment cannot be changed please inform the school office in advance and provide medical evidence such as an appointment card, screen shot of an appointment or obtain this when attending.

Best Wishes,

Miss Karen, Miss Joy and Miss Hana

House Points: The House Treat will be announced in next Friday's assembly

House	Previous Week	This Week
Parks	N/A	112
Gandhi	N/A	116
Pankhurst	N/A	101
Shackleton	N/A	99

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	From W/C 14 th
Year 1	From W/C 14 th
Year 2	From W/C 14 th
Year 3	From W/C 14 th
Year 4	From W/C 14 th
Year 5	From W/C 14 th
Whole School	From W/C 14 th

Key Dates:

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

Monday 14th September	6:30 pm – Curriculum evening for Year 3 via zoom (link via parent mail)
Wednesday 16th September	School Nurse to visit Reception and Year 1 teeth cleaning
Friday 18th September	Jeans for Genes Day. Jeans and normal uniform on top / trainers can be work. Please donate £1
Thursday 1st October	Black History Month Begins

Have a lovely weekend,



Mr John Smith

Principal

Staffing List

Please find the attached staff list for this academic year: We warmly welcome Grace Burke, Shannon Burke, Shilla Fraser, Courtney Mower, Beth Lee and Andre Eckert to Twickenham Primary Academy. As always, we look forward to working alongside you, and are happy to assist in any way that we can.

Name	Role`	
Senior Staff		Useful to Contact by email for:
Mr John Smith	Principal – DSO	Teaching, Curriculum, Safeguarding and Concerns
Miss Petra Gollob	Vice Principal	Curriculum, Key stage 1 and Upper Key stage 2 (Year 5)
Miss Kizzie Elliott	Assistant Principal and SENCO - DSO	SEND, Inclusion, English as an additional Language, Pupil Premium, Gifted and Talented
Administration		
Miss Karen Surey	Office Manager	Financial Enquiries – parent pay Premises issues
Miss Joy Chapple	Office Administrator	Admissions and Attendance
Miss Hana Hamilton	Office Administrator	Afterschool Club
Premises		
Mr Nick Young	Caretaker	Questions around the premises
Teaching Staff		
Miss Stephanie Haley	Reception Teacher + Music Coordinator	Classroom questions
Miss Andrea Eckert	Reception Teacher	Classroom questions
Miss Amy Suzor	Year 1 Teacher + Art and Design Coordinator	Classroom questions
Miss Lauren White	Year 1 Teacher + R.E and Collective worship	Classroom questions
Miss Natalie Fulkner	Year 2 Teacher + Phonics and Trainee KS1 leader	Classroom questions
Miss Leah Galloway	Year 2 Teacher + Computing	Classroom questions
Miss Courtney Mower	Year 3 Teacher + School Hub	Classroom questions
Miss Kelly Hardy	Year 3 Teacher	Classroom questions
Miss Rachael Rees	Year 4 Teacher + Lower KS2 and Science	Classrooms questions – Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 + 4) and Science
Miss Grace Burke	Year 4 Teacher + Mathematics	Classroom questions and Mathematics
Miss Petra Gollob / Miss Mira Khunti	Year 5 Teacher + History and Geography, RSE and Enrichment	Classroom questions
Miss Sara Thorley	Year 5 Teacher + English and MFL	Classroom questions and English
Mr Wojciech Muziol	P.E and PPA teacher	Enquires around sports provision
Support Staff		
Miss Orit Toogood	Teaching Assistant	
Miss Shilla Fraser	Teaching Assistant	
Miss Sabia Khatun	Teaching Assistant	
Miss Tina Ryan	Teaching Assistant	
Miss Katie Johnson	Teaching Assitant	
Miss Elizabeth Wilson Keogh	Teaching Assistant	
Miss Shannon Burke	Teaching Assitant	
Miss Tina Ryan	Teaching Assistant	
Miss Beth Lee	Teaching Assistant	
Miss Mira Khunti	Teaching Assistant and Trainee Teacher	
Miss Fatima Rizvi	1:1 Teaching Assistant	
Miss Natalie Arceio	1:1 Teaching Assistant	
Miss Safete Sylejmani	1:1 Teaching Assistant	

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Monday 14 th September 2020 – 6:30 pm	Curriculum Evening – Year 3 – via zoom
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Friday 18 th September 2020	'Jeans for Genes day' – please donate £1: The children are to wear their Jeans with their school jumper / cardigan
Thursday 1 st October 2020	Black History Month
Friday 2 nd October 2020 from 08:30 am	Parent Drop from 08:30 am (Year 1 – 5 only)
TBC	Reception early pick up from 3:00 pm (Parents will be allowed in the classrooms via the reception playground)
Saturday 3 rd October 2020 from 10:00 am CANCELLED	Open Day for New Admissions: from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Monday 12 th October 2020	Individual Photos for Children
Tuesday 13 th October	Key Stage 2 English and Mathematics Workshops English Y3 – 09:00 am Maths Y3 – 10:00 am English Y4 and Y5- 1:30 pm Mathematics Y4 and Y5 - 2:30 PM
Monday 19 th – Wednesday 21 st October 2020 TBC	Y3 Safer Walking
Friday 23 rd October 2020	House Day – Halloween Theme (pupils to wear <u>age appropriate</u> Halloween costumes)
Friday 23 rd October	Homework Project 1: To be returned on Monday 9 th November Parent Viewing: Tuesday 10 th November from 08:30 am in the school hall
Monday 26 th October – Friday 20 th October	Half Term
Monday 2 nd November 2020	School closed for INSET day
Tuesday 3 rd November 2020 from 09:10 am	Phonics workshop for Reception Parents
Friday 6 th November 2020	School Nurse: Low Mood (Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5)
Tuesday 10 th November 2020	Parent Viewing Homework Project in school Hall
Wednesday 11 th November 2020	Remembrance Day
Friday 13 th November 2020 from 09:00 am	Principal's Forum
Monday 16 th November 2020	Switch off Fortnight
Tuesday 17 th and Thursday 19 th November 2020	Parents Evening
Wednesday 18 th November 2020	School Nurse: Healthy Eating (Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5)
Friday 20 th November 2020	Whole School Flu immunisation
Thursday 3 rd December 2020 from 3:30 pm	Book Fair - in the playground at 3:30 pm until Wednesday 9 th December
Friday 4 th December 2020	Christmas Performances (School Hall) Reception - 09:15 am Year 1 - 2:00 pm (pupils can be taken home afterwards)
Monday 7 th December 2020	Final week for clubs
Tuesday 8 th December 2020	Report 1 – out to all parents
Thursday 10 th December	Varsity Match – school closed from 1:30 pm
Friday 11 th December 2020	Christmas Performance (Holy Trinity) Year 4 and 5 from 2:00 pm
Wednesday 16 th December 2020	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Friday 18 th December 2020	Term Ends at 12:00 pm – no lunch will be served on this day

Year: Class:



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