



GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith

Summer Term: Friday 19th June 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. Last week, I wrote to you about our intention to bring the pupils in Year 4 back from W/C 22nd June. I also explained that we were currently consulting with GEMS Learning Trust and the Local Authority about bringing the Year 2 and 3 pupils back from the 6th July. We are very pleased to confirm that we have decided to move forward with this plan and the children in Year 2 and 3 will be welcomed back for the last 2 and a half weeks of school as long as it continues to be safe to do so, and subject to our ongoing risk assessment.

The school will make contact with parents of the children in Year 2 and Year 3 at the beginning of W/C 29th June to confirm your child’s group and the days that they will be attending school. Please note, for these pupils we aren’t able to facilitate Fridays so none of the pupils in Year 2 or 3 will attend on Fridays. However, we look forward to welcoming these pupils back before the end of term for a short while.

Volunteers:

In order to achieve the above, we need some parent volunteers to help us with the road closures from 6th July for the last two and a half weeks of school. The school needs x 2 volunteers Monday – Thursday 08:00 – 09:20 and x 2 volunteers on Monday – Thursday 2:45 – 4:00. If you are able to support with this, could you please let Miss Joy know in the school office as soon as possible along with your availability so that we can put a timetable in place.

Support Staff:

We have now recruited all of our support staff, and the below table shows you where our class based Teaching Assistants will be during the next academic year. In Key Stage Two, the Teaching Assistants undertake a flexible approach due the setting arrangements that take place within those year groups.

| Class | Supporting adult |
|-----------------|---|
| Turner | Miss Shilla |
| Hepworth | Miss Orit and Miss Fatima |
| Potter / Dahl | Miss Sabia and Miss Fatima |
| Darwin | Miss Elizabeth |
| Hawking | Miss Katie |
| Year 3, 4 and 5 | Miss Tina, Miss Shannon, Miss Beth, Miss Mira (Trainee Teacher) |

Risk Assessment:

Please note, you will find our school opening risk assessment located within the home learning area on the school website. This is updated weekly regarding the changes that continue to take place, along with the information that the school continues to receive.

Groups Attendance next week:

| Group | Week commencing | Days |
|--|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Rec, Year 1 and Year 4 Group 2A and 2B | 22 nd June 2020 | Monday, Wednesday and Friday |
| Rec, Year 1 and Year 4 Group 1A and 1B | 22 nd June 2020 | Tuesday, Thursday |
| Key worker children | 22 nd June 2020 | Monday – Friday |

Year 4 Home learning:

Home learning for those eligible pupils who aren't attending school and those categorised as being 'extremely critically vulnerable' will have lesson powerpoints and work for English, maths and Topic/Science Mon, Wed and Fri ready to use on google classroom as well as homework activities to practise and apply their acquired skills on Tues and Thu.

Home learning for pupils attending school on their day off will be encouraged to complete set homework in English, Maths and Topic/Science on google classroom. This will be based on the new learning in class and provides opportunity to apply and practise their acquired skills.

A range of reading and spelling activities for all children will be uploaded onto google classroom to access freely.

Year 2 and 3 Home learning:

Home learning for all Year 2 and 3 pupils continues until they return on Monday 6th July.

Summer Reading Challenge

Every Summer Richmond holds a Summer Reading Challenge, this year due to the ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) public health situation, Richmond Library Services have decided to offer a digital only version of *Silly Squad*, the Summer Reading Challenge 2020. *Silly Squad* launched last week (much earlier than usual) and is aimed at children aged 4 – 11. It will be a celebration of fun and happiness featuring artwork from children's author and illustrator Laura Ellen Anderson. The website has a safe sign-up process, a personal profile area where children can set reading goals, review books, and see book recommendations and a forum to download and print activities. As children read books they will receive online rewards and unlockable content, and once they have reached their personal target they will be able to print their own certificate. Although children can set their own reading goals on the platform, Richmond Libraries encourage children to aim to read six books. For this year's challenge children can include any books they have read, they do not need to be library books. Please visit on www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk for more information or to take part.

School Office News

Afterschool Club – key dates

Friday 19th June – Autumn Term 2020 club list issued via parentmail with newsletter

Monday 22nd June - online booking form sent out via parentmail

Friday 26th June - closing date for TPA internal clubs.

Friday 3rd July – confirmation emails sent out for TPA internal clubs.

w/c 14th September – clubs start (subject to current Government & DFE guidelines)

Breakfast Club – key dates

Wednesday 8th July – online booking form sent out via parentmail.

Monday 13th July 9.00am - closing date for breakfast club.

Thursday 16th July – confirmation emails sent out.

Monday 7th September - club Restarts – (subject to current Government & DFE guidelines)

Thank you, and have a lovely weekend



Mr. John Smith

Principal

TPA Virtual Sports Week 20th – 26th June 2020

Sports Day is one of the highlights in the GEMS TPA calendar. We know that all the children were really looking forward to it and we didn't want lockdown stopping us from being active. Bearing in mind everyone's safety, we have decided to organise a Virtual Sports Week!

This week our school will be asked to participate in The Rainbow Games as part of National Sports Week taking place from the 20th - 26th June.

National School Sport Week is an annual campaign which takes place in the last week of June every year to celebrate the important role of Physical Education and school sport in enhancing young people's wellbeing.

HOW TO TAKE PART?

Step 1. Please follow the instructions located on the website (home learning – home learning resources – Virtual Sports Week)

Step 2. Choose and complete one game for each day of National Sports Week starting on 20.06.2020. You can have as many attempts at the challenges as you like in one day.

Step 3. Record your highest score – Personal Best (PB) on the score sheet provided.

Step 4. Please send the completed score sheet to w.muziol@gemstwickenhamprimary.co.uk by the 29th June. All the children will be collecting house points so please don't forget to include the house name.

Step 5. Everyone who took part and submitted the score sheet will get a participation certificate emailed to them.

Step 6. The class with the most participants wins **THE CUP!!!** So all hands and feet on board!!!

This Rainbow Games are built on core values that underpin the importance of how we approach each challenge in the games and in our everyday life.

Determination - I approach each game with a focused intention to achieve my best.

Honesty - I play the games with an honest approach, abiding by the rules and submitting a truthful score.

Accountability - I take part and work hard for myself and my team.

Have fun and good luck!

Mr Wojtek

Class: Week