



GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith

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Dear Parents,

I hope that you are well, and that you and your families are healthy and safe. Hopefully, the children are able to access the learning packs that we are sending home to you all but please don't feel anxious about what you have or have not been able to complete so far. Just a reminder, that if you need any support with timetables or ordering the learning, then please do email the classroom teacher who will be happy to help you with this.

Furthermore, if you wish for the work to be marked, then please send this to the classroom teacher on Tuesday and Thursdays.

Website:

The school is continually updating the 'Home learning' area on the school website. Here, we will archive the learning packs so that if you haven't managed to complete them yet and you wish to do so in the future you can do this by going onto the website and locating them under your child's year group. You will also find all of the assemblies to date under the Home Learning tab with supplementary resources and wider curriculum / personal development available to compliment the curriculum.

Also, you will notice, we have added all of the challenges and the challenge responses as well as any home learning pictures that have been sent to us. We do hope that you find this a helpful and supportive tool.

PTA:

The PTA have set up a GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy music playlist on Spotify. This can be located here: https://open.spotify.com/playlist/7GKV9Pz2eMeNHTu3kBr2c?si=EHc_q5JmQsiiOoo8wDU5FQ. Please do have a listen if you'd like to, and enjoy the music.

Pony Visit:

On Tuesday in school, we were lucky to have a visit from a lovely Pony called Whiz. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit and it really brightened up their day! Please see the picture below of our special visitor.



Tom Roberts – The Great Realisation:

Many of you may have already watched the Tom Roberts Poem – ‘The Great Realisation’ on Youtube. However, we are putting the link into the newsletter as we feel it has such an important message about optimism and reflection at this point in our lives, as well as the impact that this period may have on us as we begin to think about coming out of lockdown.

A lovely, warm message so please take some time to watch when you have a moment - if you haven't already:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nw5KQMXDiM4&app=desktop>



BBC Bitesize and Oak National Academy– Daily Lessons:

Both websites are continuing to update their daily lessons. Please find the links attached here:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons>

<https://www.thenational.academy/>

Return to School:

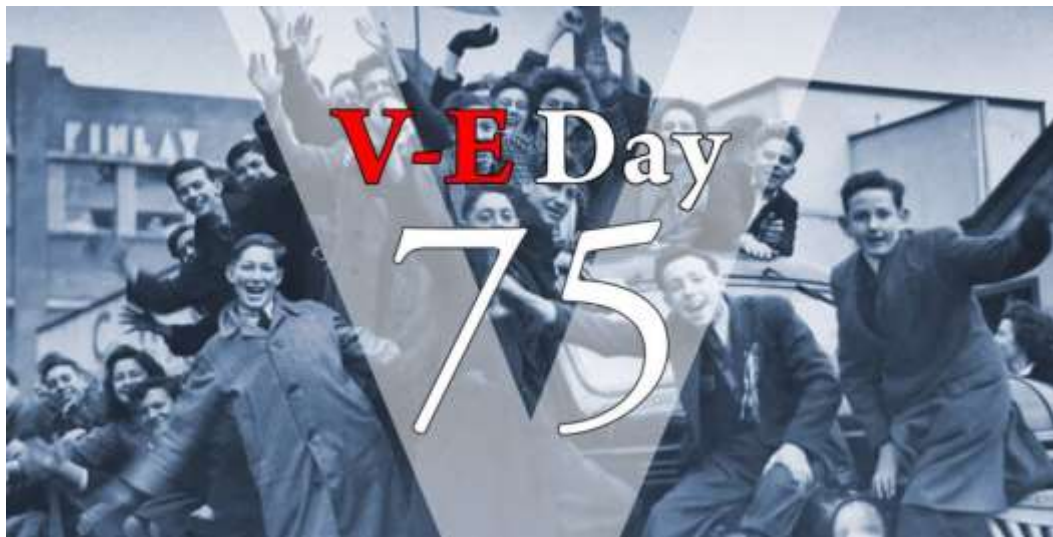
We are hoping that on Sunday 10th May we will receive some indication about when we will begin the return to the school and how this may manifest practically. Once the school has a clear indicator of when and how this will happen we will be writing to every parent with a detailed overview of the school's reopening timetable and schedule.

V.E Day:

To mark the 75th anniversary of VE day on Friday we have uploaded a variety of activities and ideas for children on our website – home learning resources – wider opportunities. This week's whole school challenge is also based on VE day.

Please find attached the BBC's overview of events for the V.E Day celebrations:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2020/75-anniversary-ve-day>



School Office News

Parentmail

Thank you to those parents who have signed up, however, there are still a significant number who have yet to activate their accounts or download the App. We plan to send the newsletter out via parentmail only from Friday 15th May 2020, so please ensure you are signed up by this date so you do not miss this weekly communication with school. Should you be experiencing any difficulties please contact Miss Joy j.chapple@gemstwickenhamprimary.co.uk . Thank you!

PTA

'If any parent needs any help, support or a friendly chat over the coming weeks, the team and I will do all we can to be there. I don't want anyone to feel alone !'

Emma Love – Mobile Number: **0781 00 00 354**

Thank you, and have a lovely weekend – please do enjoy the BBC'S online V.E Day celebrations as well as our assembly which is this weeks focus!



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