GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith

Spring Term: Friday 20th March 2020

Twickenham Primary Academy

THE SCHOOL IS NOW CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE – Accurate at time of writing

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Dear Parents,

I would like to start by thanking the parents and the wider community this week for all the support that we have received as a school especially the beautiful e - card that was sent; we have done our very best to keep the school operational however the school is now closed until further notice. Thank you for your understanding around the cancellations and rescheduling we have had to make regarding Educational Visits, Assemblies and Meetings.

We will provide you an estimated date of return as soon as we have any further information on the matter.

As the school is now closed, the teachers have now commissioned our closure plan which was issued to the school this Monday in preparation for the school not being operational. School work, will be sent to via email from the class teacher. For those pupils who do not have access to ICT equipment, we will be providing paper packs, and these have been put into your child's book bag today. If you child is already in isolation, and does not have access to ICT, these will be posted at some point next week.

Extra-Curricular Clubs:

A reminder, and if we are open, summer term clubs will begin week commencing – 27th April 2020. As the school is now closed, all clubs have ceased operation until the summer term.

School Reports:

Your Children's second school report for this academic year will now be sent out when, and if we return from the school closure during the Summer Term.

You will notice that in the key dates for the summer term that the final report for this academic year will be going out earlier - on Friday 26th June, and there is no parents evening scheduled. After you have received the report if you still require a parents meeting, you will need to arrange this individually with the classroom teacher between the 29th June 2020 and 17th July 2020. We have decided to trial this approach this year because of the level of detail in the final report; the school felt that not all parents will find it necessary to have a further appointment. We will take feedback on this approach in the Autumn Term 2020.

Assessments:

All assessments have now been cancelled for this academic year; there will be no Key Stage 1 SATS, Phonics Screening check or Mental Arithmetic Check. All meetings related to these tests are now cancelled.

Coronavirus (correct at the time of publishing)

Please follow this link regarding the most up to date and accurate information about the Corona Virus: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public . As communicated earlier this week, we are asking all parents to update us with any foreign travel or any intended travel arrangements.

Please follow the guidance below regarding self-isolation:

We are asking that families who have suspected symptoms of Corona Virus (COVID -19) in their household to self-isolate and ring 111 if symptoms are unmanageable.

Symptoms are either:

- A high temperature – you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- A new, continuous cough – this means you've started coughing repeatedly

Department for Education coronavirus helpline

The Department for Education coronavirus helpline is now available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline as follows:

Telephone Number: *0800 046 8687*

School Office News

Key Dates / Term Dates:

Please find a copy of the Key Dates for the Summer Term 2020 attached in this newsletter. Please also find attached a copy of the term dates for the academic year 2020 – 2021. There is also a copy of the term dates on the school website.

Contact during school closure:

The school office will be in contact via email once per week to check in with the welfare of all our families. If you could please respond to this email to let us know how you are doing it would be most appreciated. We will then triangulate any concerns or worries, and support where we are able to. This email will come through on a Monday morning. You won't receive an email during the first week of closure or during the official Easter Holidays. Thank you.

School Meals:

We will be providing School lunches for those pupils who are Pupil Premium during the closure. If your child is Pupil Premium, you will be able to pick up a packed lunch from the school car park at 12:30 pm each week day (the children wont be able to eat it in the school). Unfortunately, we will not be delivering the free school meal service to pupils who are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 as part of the Universal Free School meals programme. Please do let the office know if you are Pupil Premium and would like the packed lunch service.

We will update you on the status of this as and when we need to.

House Points:

House	Last Week	This Week
Parks	1798	N/A
Gandhi	1790	N/A
Pankhurst	1801	N/A
Shackleton	1800	N/A

Thank you again for all of your support, you have been wonderful. We will see you soon,

Mr John Smith, Principal

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'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 over the holidays.'

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

Key Dates: Summer 2020

Date	Event
Monday 20th April 2020	School Closed for INSET
Tuesday 21st April 2020	School Opens for all Pupils from 08:30 am (Breakfast Club as usual)
Thursday 23rd April 2020	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check meeting for parents at 6:30 pm (Y1 Parents only)
Thursday 23rd April 2020	Year 1 begin Forest School at Ham Common
Thursday 23rd April 2020	Year 2 Scooter Training (Parents needs to provide a scooter and a helmet)
Monday 27th April 2020	Clubs begin for the summer term
Thursday 30th April 2020	Year 4 Residential Meeting at 6:30 pm
Monday 4th May 2020 **Projects to be returned:** **18th May 2020 from 08:30 am 2020** **Parent Viewing:** **Tuesday 19th May from 08:30 am 2020**	Homework Project for the whole school 'In and Out'
Monday 11th May onwards 2020	Year 2 SATS commence x 2 weeks
Monday 18th May – Friday 22nd May	Art Week for the whole school
Monday 18th May	Year 2 Educational Visit to Kew Gardens
Tuesday 19th May 2020	Lady Eleanor Holles in to perform for Y1 – Y4
Wednesday 20th May 2020	Cricket Workshop for Y1 – Y4 only
Thursday 21st May 2020	School Class Photos
Thursday 21st May 2020 PTA	Movie Night for Reception from 3:30 pm – 4:15 pm
Friday 22nd May 2020	Year 1 Assembly at 09:15 am
Friday 22nd May 2020	House Day for the whole school
Friday 22nd May 2020 – PTA	Bake Sale and Second Hand Uniform Sale from 3:30 pm
Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May	Half Term
Tuesday 2nd June 2020	Principal's Forum at 5:30 pm
Wednesday 3rd June – Friday 5th June 2020	Year 4 Residential to PGL Marchants Hill Surrey
Thursday 4th June 2020	Reception PANTS – Speak Out and Stay Safe workshop (School Nurse)
Thursday 4th June – Wednesday 10th June 2020	Summer Book fair
Friday 5th June 2020	Pyjamarama – Book Trust (Pupils to come into school dressed in their Pyjamas)
Monday 8th June 2020	NSPCC PANTS – Speak out and Stay Safe (NSPCC) Year 1 – Year 4
Friday 12th June 2020	Parent Drop off for Year 1 – Year 4 at 08:30 am Reception at 3:00 pm
Thursday 18th June 2020	School Choir to watch Mary Poppins
Friday 19th June 2020	Den Building Day
Monday 22nd June 2020	NSPCC Thank you assembly (Speak out and Stay Safe) Year 1 – Year 4
Tuesday 23rd June 2020	Sports Day at Twickenham Green Reception and KS1 – 09:30 – 11:30 KS2 – 1:30 – 3:30 No afterschool clubs but there will be Energy Kidz
Thursday 25th June 2020	Parents of Reception Children joining Twickenham Primary Academy in September 2020 meeting at 6:30 pm
Friday 26th June 2020	Reception Educational Visit to Bocketts Farm
Friday 26th June 2020 – PTA	5 Year Party at Strawberry Hill Golf Course
Friday 26th June 2020	Final School Report to parents
Monday 29th June 2020	Enterprise week for the whole school
Sunday 5th July – PTA	Twickenham Green Fayre
Monday 6th July 2020	Final week for Clubs
Wednesday 15th July 2020	New Reception Pupils Transition 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Thursday 16th July 2020	In House Transition (Reception – Year 4)
Friday 17th July 2020 – PTA	School Disco Reception , Year 1 and Year 2: 5:00 pm – 5:45 pm Year 2 and Year 3: 5:45 pm – 6:30 pm
Monday 20th July 2020	Y3 Performance of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' at 4:30 pm x 2 tickets per family
Wednesday 22nd July 2020	End of Term – School closes at 2:00 pm for all pupils (no evening wrap around care)

Term Dates 2020 – 2021

AUTUMN TERM 2020	
Wednesday 2nd September 2020	School Closed – INSET Day
Thursday 3rd September 2020	School Closed – INSET Day
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 15h February – Friday 19th February 2020	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 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

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Twinkl Update: Important Information

Hello,

As the Coronavirus spreads, we're aware that more schools are closing and pupils' learning is being disrupted. Parents, carers and teachers are looking for ways to ensure the continuity of education during school closures so that no children miss out on valuable learning time.

To support you during this period, Twinkl is offering every teacher in England access to all Twinkl resources with a One Month Ultimate Membership, totally free of charge. We're also extending this to every parent and carer in your school so your pupils can still have access to high-quality learning during any periods of disruption.

Setting this up is really easy to do - go to www.twinkl.co.uk/offer and enter the code UKTWINKLHELPS
We'd like your support to get this message out. Please let your wider school and leadership team know about this opportunity so that you can all share it with your school community.

Please also share this code with parents and share the link above on your website so parents know where to activate their code.

We've also put together some helpful guidance to outline a few ideas for how you can support parents and carers during school closures, ensure high quality learning continues and support teachers, parents and carers to make the most from this offer of help.

If you are an existing Twinkl subscriber on Core or Extra you will be able to use this code to upgrade your current membership using the same link as above.

It's easy to arrange access yourself through our website. If you do have any questions please get in touch with our TwinklCares team. As we are supporting people globally please bear in mind that we are receiving a large number of enquiries so please only get in touch if your enquiry is of an urgent nature at twinklcares@twinkl.co.uk

Best Wishes,

Jonathan Seaton

Twinkl CEO