



GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith

Spring Term: Friday 13^h March 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. We had a brilliant time during Science Week; Year Two had an incredible day at the Science Museum exploring Space and many other areas of the Science Curriculum, and once again we were lucky enough to receive a visit from Mr. Matthew Hume who led a session within the Planetarium Learning Dome; which deepened the children's understanding of space even further! Thank you Matthew for giving our children such a wonderful learning opportunity. Furthermore thank you for your support with the sponsored read for World Book Day: we raised **£2,200** to spend on books for the school!

Year 2 SATS Meeting:

Please note the Year 2 SATS meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday 25th March at 6:30 pm. During this meeting, you will have the opportunity to find out about the Key Stage 1 assessments that the children will be undertaking in Year 2 in May 2020. The teachers will explain how the assessments are administered, the subject areas that the pupils will be tested on, and how you will be informed of your child's achievement at the end of the academic year.

The school has developed a very supportive model for pupils when administering the Key Stage 1 assessments therefore please do come along to the meeting to put any concerns, questions or worries that you may have at ease.

Principal's Coffee Morning / Forum:

Thank you to all those parents who attended Principal's Forum on Thursday 12th March, as always it was an interesting session with lots of useful questions about the School's Development and how we are planning for the rest of our school journey. The minutes for the meeting will be uploaded onto the school website on Monday 16th March 2020.

Playground Improvements:

Over the weekend, we will be having some additional playground games added to the outside area as we continue to improve our playground provision; this will include a painted snakes and ladders, a star target, a hopscotch as well as a new netball court. Hopefully, the children will enjoy the new additions that are being put in place from next week during their playtimes.

Violin Performance:

Parents of the children in Year 3 are invited to a Violin Performance in the school on Wednesday 18th March at 2:30 pm. You don't need to inform us that you are coming but just arrive on the day. The Children are very much looking forward to showcasing their progress and achievements from their Violin lessons this term.

Sports Communication:

Miss Hana will now be handling all administration regarding the sports communication across the school including competitions, trials, and Sports Day from now on. This is to support clarity and organisation about sports related activities and processes happening within the school.

Mr. Wojciech will continue to organise the teaching of the P.E curriculum, events and competitions as always.

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.

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:

Phone: *0800 046 8687*

School Office News

Appointments

Where possible please remember to book appointments outside of school hours to minimise disruption to your child's learning. Where this is not possible please advise the school office in advance and obtain an appointment card / letter to confirm their attendance/absence for our records.

End of Day pickups

Please allow sufficient time to collect your child on time at the end of day as we have an increasing number of children being collected late. Please make suitable allowances should you drive for local traffic and parking. Please call the school office 10 minutes before collection time so we can advise your child's teacher before they leave the classroom for dismissal as this is a very busy time within the school. Thank you !

COLLECTION TIMES

Reception 3.30pm

Year 1 3.45pm

Year 2 3.50pm

Year 3 3.55pm

Year 4 4.00pm

Afterschool club outcomes Thank you for those who submitted your online request, the outcome for the TPA clubs will be coming out on Wednesday. Online bookings for Breakfast club Summer Term will be issued Monday 23rd March with outcomes on Thursday 26th March.

House Points: The House Treat is a Magician visiting the school...

House	Last Week	This Week
Parks	1451	1798
Gandhi	1454	1790
Pankhurst	1456	1801
Shackleton	1450	1800

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	96.7%
Year 1	96.8%
Year 2	95.8%
Year 3	96.6%
Year 4	97.0%
Whole School	96.8%

Key Dates:

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

Monday 23rd March	Final week for all Before and After school clubs
Wednesday 25th March (DATE CHANGE)	Year Two SATS meeting at 6:30 pm
Thursday 26th March	Y3 Residential to Woodrow High House
Friday 27th March	Y4 Performance Both classes at 09:15 am
Wednesday 1st April	Reception Pupils to Brooklands Museum
Friday 3rd April	End of Term (Mufti Day – please donate £1) / no wrap around care – school finishes at 2:00 pm
Monday 20th April	School Closed for INSET
Tuesday 21st April	Term begins for all pupils Breakfast Club at 08:30 am as usual

Have a lovely weekend,



Mr John Smith, Principal



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