



GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith

Spring Term: Friday 14th February 2020



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Dear Parents,

I hope that you have had a wonderful week, and that you are looking forward to the half term holidays. It has been a very busy but enjoyable final week of term with Parents Evening, a Year Two assembly, a visit to Windsor Castle in Year one as well as House Day and the Swimming Gala! Well done to all of our children who have taken part in these activities, and thank you parents as always for the support that you have provided during these events; we look forward to welcoming you all back after the half term break.

I hope that you have lovely time with your families; and enjoy any holidays or activities that you may have planned.

Mobile Phones / Permission for walking Home

A few parents have begun to ask if their children can bring a mobile phone to school. The School's Policy on mobile phones is the following: From Year 5 upwards, if parents wish, they will be able to give permission to their children to walk home alone (we will be seeking permission during the summer term 2020). If your child will be walking home alone, then you will be able to give them a mobile phone to bring to school – this will need to be agreed with the school and logged. When the children arrive at the school, they will hand their mobile phone into the school office and it will be locked away. The children will then collect their mobile phone from the school office just before they leave at the end of the day. We are taking this approach in order to keep the phones and your children as safe as possible.

Please note: Children who do not have permission to walk home alone or are in year groups below Year 5 will not be permitted to bring a mobile phone to school.

School Office Notices:

Bag2School

Thank you to everyone who made clothing donations for the Bag2School drive recently, we raised an amazing £112.00. A big thank goes out to Mary and her team for organizing this.

Science Club

Unfortunately science club is cancelled on Wednesday 26th February as Miss Rachael will be visiting our GEMS Didcot school on this day only.

House Points: The House Treat is a Balloon Artist visitng the school...

House	Last Week	This Week
Parks	1022	1050
Gandhi	1020	1056
Pankhurst	1026	1060
Shackleton	1023	1059

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	96.9%
Year 1	95.7%
Year 2	96.7%
Year 3	97.1%
Year 4	96.9%
Whole School	96.7%

Key Dates:

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

Friday 14th February	End of Term – usual collection times and wrap around care in place
Monday 24th February	School Begins for all Pupils

Have a lovely half term holiday,



Mr John Smith

Principal



Well done to our House Captains for preparing House Day

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