



GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith

Spring Term: Friday 31st January 2020



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Dear Parents,

I hope that you have had a wonderful week and that you have both an enjoyable and relaxing weekend planned. This week, we have been celebrating Chinese New Year in School – in which the children found out about all the traditional celebrations that take place throughout this very special festival. Happy Chinese New Year to all of our families who have been celebrating this we hope that you had a wonderful time, and enjoyed your celebrations!

The House Captains have also met with myself this week to plan the next House Day. As our House Day this term falls on 14th February, we have decided to have a 'Valentine's Day' theme, and the House Captains will be basing the activities for the day around this; they are very excited about the afternoon that they have planned for the children across the school.

Just a reminder, that if your child does not have a house t shirt, you will need to purchase this for the House Day. You can purchase these from Stevenson if required. Please check with the class teacher or school office if you are unsure which house your child is in.



The House Captains Planning House Day for February 14th 2020

Principal's Coffee Morning / Forum

The next Principal's Coffee morning / forum will occur on Thursday 12th March at 2:00 pm. It was so pleasing to see the previous meeting well attended, and I hope the range of times throughout the academic year will help all our parent members to attend at least one meeting so that your voice can be heard.

Please do email your questions or queries to our lab members at lab@gemstwickenhamprimary.co.uk, and I look forward to answering and discussing these with you at the forum.

Class Changes for the next Academic Year:

Although it is still only February 2020, our thoughts at GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy have already begun to think about the next academic year; and forward planning the structure of the school so that the children have a well planned and well-thought-out year ahead.

As you know, the school has continued to grow rapidly this academic year and we are now nearing capacity in **Year Two, Three and Four**. With this, comes many contextual changes, and as well as being very much a positive it also brings new and exciting challenges to the school within the journey that lies ahead; both through the way in which we teach the children at the school but also in the ways we are ensuring that we are supporting the pupils' as effectively as possible in order for them to achieve the best possible outcomes both academically and socially. Therefore, the classes in some year groups will be altered for **September 2020**.

Next year, we will be mixing the following year groups to re balance the context, encourage new friendship groups as well as aiding transition throughout the school.

The year groups that will be mixed during the next academic year are below:

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| Year groups being mixed for September 2020 |
| Current Reception going into Year 1 |
| Current Year 2 going into Year 3 |
| Current Year 4 going into Year 5 (These pupils will now remain in these new classes until the end of Year 6) |

We believe that this is a model that will work well for the school, and this is the formula we will be adopting as we near reaching full capacity.

As you know, parents evening is on the 11th and 13th February (11th and 12th for Hepworth class only), and your classroom teachers will be prepared to answer any questions or concerns you may have about this. However, we won't be deciding on the actual pupil changes until May 2020 but have decided as a school to prepare all stakeholders through informing you now. I thank you in advance with your support with this matter, and please do not hesitate to contact me with any concerns or questions that you may have.

I will share further details closer to May 2020 about how the mixing of the pupils will established but there will of course be clear emphasis on their academic, cultural, social, emotional and behavioural needs.

Movie Night

Our PTA movie night for Year 1 and Year 2 will occur on Thursday 6th February at 4:00 pm. Pick up for the children will be 4:45 pm.

Please note: there will not be any cricket club on this day.

Parking:

Just a reminder that the staff car park cannot be accessed or used until after 5:30 pm if you are picking up from Energy kidz or any other after school provision. Thank you very much for your understanding with this matter.

School Office Information:

Breakfast club:

Charges for Spring Term 2020 have now been applied to those using breakfast club. Please ensure payment is made in full by Friday 6th March. If you wish to pay by childcare vouchers, please email k.surey@gemstwickenhamprimary.co.uk with your provider details.

Appointments:

We have seen an increase in children going out for dental, GP and hospital appointments over the last week. Please inform the school office in advance and whenever possible please arrange for these after school hours or at weekends, although we do appreciate that this is not always possible. Please provide evidence of the appointment or obtain one when you go for the appointment. If you are unsure please contact the school office.

If your child unwell off sick for 5 days or more please seek medical advice and ask your GP for an appointment card, prescribed medicines can also be used as evidence in these cases. Only prescribed medicines can be administered in school, please discuss with the school office and complete a medical form.

Bag2School:

Letters with bags were sent home this week from the PTA for clothing donations. Thank you so much to those who have already made donations, keep bringing them in and place directly into the atrium inlet on the RHS. Final donations is 9:00am Thursday February 6th.

Richmond Music Trust:

If you have booked your child in for private lessons with RMT please let your child know and send them in with their musical instrument from home on the day of their lesson, these are not provided by the RMT or school. Thank you.

Duchess of Cambridge:

The Duchess of Cambridge @KensingtonRoyal has launched her survey #5BigQuestions on the Under 5s. <https://survey.5bigquestions.org.uk/uc/live/>. Please complete the survey if you have 5 minutes to spare

Have a lovely weekend,



Mr John Smith

Principal

[News From our P.E Teacher Mr Wojciech:](#)

Dear Parents,

I have been running Future Football Club for a couple of years in SW London. Teaching PE lessons, running clubs and taking children to different competitions has made me realise that GEMS TPA children's have a huge potential. So, I would like to take this opportunity to invite all children from our school to join my club.

Future Football Club will be run outside of school hours in the Twickenham area; dates, times and locations to be confirmed.

Please note: *The Football Club is not affiliated with GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy in anyway and this a separate club to the school.*

Who are we looking for...

- Beginners willing to start a football journey - I happily welcome Reception children looking forward to start their football career
- Players already in a team wanting to take an extra training sessions.
- Children looking for extra physical activity.

What we offer...

- local training sessions in a friendly atmosphere with a qualified and DBS checked coaches, opportunity to compete in Surrey Youth League (currently running U7's team), Summer Football Camp (abroad), Football Tournaments, Birthday Parties!

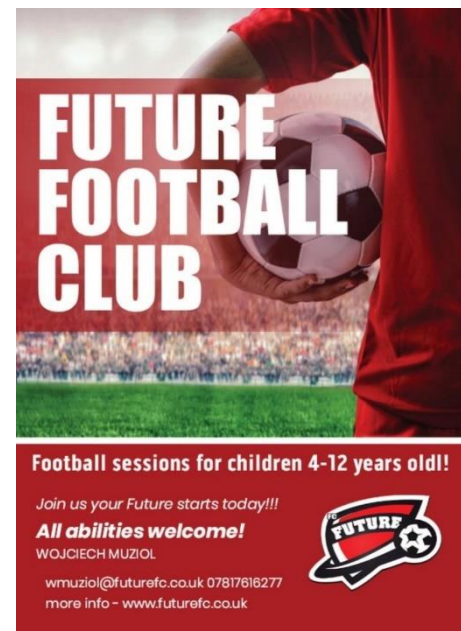
If you are interested please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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A promotional graphic for Future Football Club. The top half features a close-up of a person in a red shirt holding a soccer ball. The text 'FUTURE FOOTBALL CLUB' is overlaid in large, white, bold letters. Below this, the text reads: 'Football sessions for children 4-12 years old!', 'Join us your Future starts today!!!', 'All abilities welcome!', 'WOJCIECH MUZIOL', and contact information: 'wmuziol@futurefc.co.uk 07817616277' and 'more info - www.futurefc.co.uk'. A small logo with a soccer ball and the word 'FUTURE' is in the bottom right corner.

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

| House | Last Week | This Week |
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| Parks | 633 | 899 |
| Gandhi | 632 | 898 |
| Pankhurst | 644 | 965 |
| Shackleton | 643 | 964 |

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%) |
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| Reception | 97% |
| Year 1 | 96% |
| Year 2 | 96.8% |
| Year 3 | 97.2% |
| Year 4 | 97.2% |
| Whole School | 97% |

Key Dates:

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

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| Thursday 6th February | PTA Movie Night for Y1 and Y1 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm |
| Tuesday 11th February and Thursday 13th February | Parents Evening |
| Wednesday 12th February | Year 2 Performance from 09:15 am |
| Friday 14th February | House Day (Valentines Theme) |
| Friday 14th February | PTA Bake Sale and Second Hand Uniform Sale |
| Friday 14th February | End of Term – usual collection times and wrap around care in place |

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