



GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith

Autumn Term: Friday 24th 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 focusing on both physical and mental health at Twickenham Primary Academy; considering how we can keep our minds and bodies healthy, happy and safe.

Thinking of the above, it therefore might be a good opportunity to review how you are travelling to school as a family, and whether you could choose a healthier alternative e.g. cycling, parking and striding, scooting or walking – selecting a different option other than using a car will also support our School Travel Plan (policy), and help ease congestion around the school.

We are a TFL Gold Star accredited school therefore as many pupils selecting an active / healthier journey to school as possible will support us in retaining our accreditation.

Parents Evening:

A reminder that the booking system for Parents Evening will open on Monday 27th January 2020. As you are aware, Parents Evening will take place on Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th February. However, just to note: for the parents in Hepworth Class, your Parents Evening will take place on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th February 2020.

It is compulsory that all parents attend parents evening; and if the available times are not suitable to you then please do make direct contact with the classroom teacher who will arrange a suitable appointment time with you.

Once again, we very much look forward to welcoming you to Parents Evening and giving you the opportunity to review your child's progress and achievements. I will be located in the foyer if there is anything that you wish to discuss or if you would like a direct appointment with myself then please do contact the school office.

Uniform Update:

Stevenson's have now begun to produce the Blazers for the Year 5 and 6 pupils, and these will be in stock shortly. I will write to you and let you know when these will be available from as these will be a compulsory item for our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils from the next academic year.

The cost of the Blazer will start at £37.50.

Updated Key Dates:

Below is an updated key dates as there have been some changes / additions to the PTA events; please read these carefully. We will also be updating the online calendar too to support you with planning your diaries.

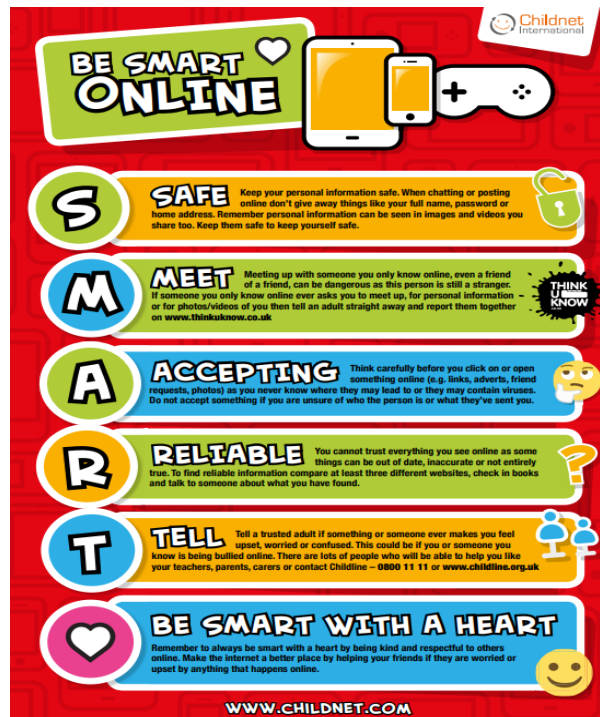
Data Collection:

Thank you to all our parents who have updated their data collection document and returned to the school this has enabled us to ensure that our records are up to date.

For those that haven't manage to yet, Miss Joy will be contacting you next week to gather the information that we need. Thank you.

E – Safety

As a parent or carer you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online; below is a link which will support and advise you on supporting your child in using the internet: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>



School Office Notices

Morning Clubs

Morning clubs start at 8.00am. Should you arrive early please wait with your child until the club teacher is ready to start, if you are unsure please check with Miss Joy in the school office.

Children arriving late can be disruptive for the teacher and other children so we ask that you arrive on time to ensure they get the best from their club.

Headlice

We have a reported case of Head Lice in school, please check your child/children's hair on a regular basis and treat the family as necessary. Advice on how to treat can be found using the following link below : <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Treatment.aspx>

Updated Key Dates:

Monday 6th January 2020	School Closed for INSET
Tuesday 7th January 2020	All pupils return to the school at the usual time
Monday 13th January onwards	Before and After school clubs begin
Monday 13th January 2020	Year 4 to the Tate Museum
Monday 20th January onwards	Health Week – Whole School
Thursday 6th Feb 2020 PTA	Bags2charity deadline (2 nd hand clothing donations)
Thursday 6th Feb 2020 PTA	Movie Night Year 1 & Year 2
Tuesday February 11th and Thursday 13th 2020	Parents Evening
Thursday 13th February 2020	Year 1 to Windsor Castle
Friday 14th February 2020	House Day (Valentines Theme)
Friday 14th February 2020 PTA from 3:30	Bake Sale and Second Hand Uniform Sale
Monday 17th February 2020 – 21st February 2020	Half Term
Wednesday 12th February 2020 – 09:15	Year 2 performance (Both classes)
Tuesday 25th February 2020	World Maths Day (Whole School)
Thursday 27th February 2020	Year 3 to the Philharmonic Orchestra
Thursday 5th March 2020	World Book Day
Monday 9th March 2020 onwards	British Science Week
Monday 9th March 2020	Year 2 to the Science Museum
Tuesday 10th March 2020 at 6:30 pm	Woodrow House Residential Meeting for Year 3
Thursday 12th March 2020 at 2:00 pm	Principal's Coffee Morning (2) please submit questions to the LAB in advance at
Friday 13th March 2020 from 08:30 am	Parent Drop off Years 1 – 4
Friday 13th March 2020`from 2:45 pm - PTA	Year 4 Litter Pick Kneller Gardens
Tuesday 17th March 2020	School Choir to the Voice in a Million Concert
Monday 23rd March 2020	Final week for all Before and After school Clubs
Thursday 26th March 2020	Year Three Residential to Woodrow House for 1 night
Friday 27th March 2020	Year 4 Performance (Both classes)
Parent Social – PTA	Brush Party
Wednesday 1st April 2020	Reception to Brooklands Museum
Wednesday 1st April 2020 PTA	Chocolate Bingo
Thursday 2nd April 2020 at 6:00 pm	SATS meeting for Year 2 Parents Only
Friday 3rd April 2020	End of Term – school closes at 2:00 pm – No wrap around care
Friday 3rd April 2020 – PTA	Mufti Day & Second Hand uniform sale

Have a lovely weekend,



Mr John Smith

Principal

House Points: The House Treat is a pantomime in school for the winning house

House	Last Week	This Week
Parks	524	633
Gandhi	521	632
Pankhurst	525	644
Shackleton	525	643

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	97
Year 1	96
Year 2	96.8
Year 3	97.3
Year 4	97.1
Whole School	96.9

Key Dates:

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

Monday 20th January	Health Week in School
Friday 31st January	PTA Clear Out Sale from 3:30 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





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