



GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith

Autumn Term: Friday 13th December



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Dear Parents,

I hope that you have had a lovely week, and are looking forward to the Christmas Holidays ahead. I have to start by writing a huge congratulations to our Year Three and Four Pupils who performed so wonderfully over at Holy Trinity Church today; your singing gets stronger and stronger each year and you are a very talented group of children who made the school and parents very proud during your performance.

A huge thank you to Miss Emma Love and the PTA who ran a spectacular Christmas Fair on Saturday; parents and children alike had a fabulous time, and thank you very much for coming along and showing your support towards the school; even the fire brigade turned up to join in with the festivities...

This is my final newsletter for the term; and I hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas with your families and a Happy New Year; I very much look forward to welcoming you back in the Spring Term of 2020.

The school reopens for pupils on **Tuesday 7th January 2020**

A message from Harry Ziman – The Chair of Governors for GEMS Learning Trust

It has been my privilege to chair GEMS Learning Trust for over four years. During that time, we have successfully opened two schools and a further two are planned. The dedication and commitment of everyone has contributed to both our Twickenham and Didcot schools being graded as outstanding by Ofsted at their first inspection. This provides a secure foundation for the further growth of our Twickenham and Didcot academies, and expansion of the trust with new schools in Kingston and Wantage.

Now that GEMS Learning Trust has been securely established, I am able to retire and handover to a new chair of the board. I write this with mixed feelings because I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with GEMS, but I also know that this is the right time for me to pursue other interests.

I wish you all a very happy, safe and healthy Christmas period and wish you and your children much success in the new year to come.

Dr Harry Ziman,
Chair of the GEMS Learning Trust



Key Dates: Spring 2020 – All dates are put into the school’s online calendar

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: No fee , permission will be sent out after the Christmas Holidays
Monday 20th January onwards	Health Week – Whole School
Tuesday February 11th and Thursday 13th 2020	Parents Evenings
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 pm	Bake Sale and Second Hand Uniform Sale
Wednesday 12th February 2020 – 09:15 am	Year 2 performance (Both classes)
Monday 17th February 2020 Friday – 21st February 2020	Half Term
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
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 from 09:15 am	Year 4 Performance (Both classes)
Wednesday 1st April 2020	Reception to Brooklands Museum
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



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

House	Previous Week	This Week
Parks	1009	
Gandhi	1012	Well done to Gandhi House who won this terms behaviour trophy!
Pankhurst	1005	
Shackleton	1002	

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	97.4%
Year 1	96.3%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	97.5%
Year 4	97.2%
Whole School	97.1%

Key Dates:

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

Monday 16th December	Whole School Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 18th December – please donate a £1 if you can!	Christmas Jumper Day / End of term – school closes at 2:00 (no wrap around care)
Monday 6th January	School Closed for INSET
Tuesday 7th January	All pupils return to school – Breakfast Club as usual
Monday 13th January Onwards	All School Clubs begin for the Spring Term
Monday 13th January	Year 4 to the Tate Museum
Monday 20th January	Health Week in School



Merry Christmas



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