



# GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith

Autumn Term: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November



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## Dear Parents,

I hope that you have had a lovely week, and are looking forward to the weekend ahead. Firstly, a big well done to our Reception pupils who performed excellently this morning at their Christmas Performance. The children did wonderfully as they took the stage; remembering their lines and singing the songs they had rehearsed; I am sure parents and carers will agree with how well they did, and maybe there was a tear or two?

We look forward to welcoming parents to our other Christmas performances at Holy Trinity Church on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December (Year 1 and Year 2 – 2:00 pm) and on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December (Year 3 and 4 – 2:00 pm). Please make sure you book your tickets if you haven't already.

*The vicar is allowing the school to use the Church for free of charge during these performances so if you are able to make a small donation on the day it would be most welcomed. Miss Joy will be on hand to sign you into the Church so please have your named ticked off by her before you go through.*

## Key Stage 1 workshops:

A reminder that on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, parents are invited to join us for our Key Stage One English and Mathematics workshops (Year groups One and Two). You don't need to book, please just come along, and you can either come to one or both of the workshops. Below are the timings and what Miss Rebecca (Mathematics) and Miss Sara (English) will be covering:

English at 09:15 am	Mathematics at 10:00 am
Early Reading including phonics Spelling Grammar Sentence construction	Calculation (including the four operations) Doodle Mathematics Reasoning Vocabulary

## Christmas Post:

From next week, the children can start to bring in their Christmas Cards. In the foyer, there will be a post box for the children to post their cards into. Each day, our Christmas Postpeople will deliver these around the school.

*Please make sure that you write on the children's names and class that you are sending your cards to so that the cards get delivered to the correct person and on time for Christmas...*

Last post is Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December...



**Christmas Decorations:**

As always, we have two Christmas trees within the school, and the one in the school hall is for the children to decorate themselves. If you would like your child to make a decoration for the tree, please do this with them at home if you have time, and send it into school from Monday onwards.

*Please name / label the decoration so that we can give it back to you before the end of term if required*

**Energy Kidz:**

On Monday, I had a meeting with Energy Kidz to discuss the provision for the pupils as they get older. One of the agreements that we have made is that pupils can bring their homework along to Energy Kidz from Year Three upwards or a longer chapter book so that they can do some quiet reading if they wish to. If your child is in Energy Kidz, and you would like them to do their homework or read their reading book then please send this with them on the days that they are going to Energy Kidz. Miss Paulina will check to see if any children have brought their homework along.

**Residential Information:**

Next week, the parents of the pupils in Year Three will receive their letter (via email) detailing all the information regarding the residential visit to Woodrow House. The visit will take place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March, and will be for one night only. Residential visits are an excellent opportunity for children to develop wider skills outside the academic curriculum, and we hope that as many children will attend as possible.

**School Reports:**

You will receive your child's first school report on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Decemeber. Over the course of the year you will receive three reports each detailing the academic progress and achievements that your children have made. A copy of each report is kept on your children's file. Once you have received the report, and if you do have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact the classroom teacher.

*You will also receive your child's attendance certificate for the first term. The cut of date will be Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. If you have any queries regarding the attendance record then please contact Miss Joy in the school office.*

**Principal's Question**

For a housepoint, please hand to your classroom teacher the written answer to: 'what is advent?'



**Mr John Smith,**

**Principal**



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

House	Previous Week	This Week
Parks	942	1009
Gandhi	947	1012
Pankhurst	946	1005
Shackleton	940	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	97.5%
Year 1	96.2%
Year 2	97.1%
Year 3	97.8%
Year 4	97.1%
Whole School	97.2%

**Key Dates:**

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

<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	Key Stage 1 parent workshops 09:15 – English 10:00 – Mathematics
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December onwards</b>	Whole School Book Fair
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 2:00 PM</b>	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Concert – Holy Trinity Church x 2 tickets per family
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	PTA Christmas Fayre
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Final Week for clubs
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Parent Drop off 08:30 Year 1 – 4 only
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Elf Visit – children will receive a Christmas Present from the school
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	School Closes at 1:30 PM for the Varsity Match
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Report (1) to parents (achievement so far in the academic year)
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2:00 PM</b>	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Concert – Holy Trinity Church x 2 tickets per family
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Whole School Christmas Lunch
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Jumper Day / End of term – school closes at 2:00 (no wrap around care)
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	School Closed for INSET
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	All pupils return to school – Breakfast Club as usual







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