



GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith

Autumn Term Term: Friday 8th November



Dear Parents,

I hope that you have had a lovely half term holiday, and enjoyed any bonfire or Halloween festivities that you have attended this week. The children have had a sharp start back into term, and are excited by the new topics and learning that will take place; particularly as we lead up to all of our Christmas events, concerts and performances.

We also look forward to sharing our Christmas performances with you at the end of term – Next week, I will advise on performance times and tickets for the performances.

Relationships Education:

Thank you very much to all of those parents who attended our Relationships, Health and Sex Education coffee morning. It was wonderful to see such engagement from the whole school community and hear your feedback on our proposed plans and policies. We will also now take on board any feedback, and make some adaptations and adjustments to our schemes of work where necessary. However, if you do have any further questions then please do get in contact with either myself or Miss Petra or the Local Academy Board, can we please ask that you refrain from using your class whats app group to gather feedback from other parents.

The Relationships, Health and Sex Education policy will be written during the Spring term of 2020 ready for full delivery in September 2020.

Parents Evening:

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to parents evening next week on Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th November. Please do ensure you book an appointment if you haven't done so already. If you are unable to attend any of these dates, then can you please email the classroom teacher directly to arrange an alternative appointment.

A reminder that the school Nurse Natasha Hart will be on site and available if you have any issues or questions that you would like to raise regarding your child. I will also be available if there are any questions or issues that you would like to raise with myself.

Pledge to Plant:

The school will be taking part in the Woodlands Trust 'Pledge to Plant' on Friday 29th November 2019. Mischa will be leading on this event as well as the eco committee. The school will be planting a range of trees, shrubs and plants – any donations or helpers on the day would be gladly accepted (please give any donations to the school office).

Mischa is also organizing

- A prune and tidy of the bushes around the school gates
- New herbs to be planted
- The launch of a new recycling system

Healthy Eating:

A reminder, that if children are on packed lunch that they may only have 'baked' crisps at lunchtime and that children should not be bringing unhealthy snacks for snacktime including any form of crisps. Thank you very much for your cooperation regarding this matter.

We now have year group packed lunch boxes. Please ask your child to drop their packed lunch off in the dining hall before they go upstairs in the morning.

Coats:

As the weather is turning much colder, and we are now in the winter term we do expect the children to have their coat with them everyday. Please ensure all items are clearly named and labelled so that lost coats can be found easily and quickly.

Principals Coffee Morning:

Friday 15th November will be our first Principals Coffee morning at 08:45 am. Thank you to those parents who have submitted their questions in advance to the Local Academy Board; I very much look forward to welcoming you; The meeting will take place in the dining hall - I will answer the questions that have already been submitted; take further questions, and then there will be an opportunity for coffee and informal conversations.

Parking:

There are a number of parents who are parking down Colne, Knowle, Edwin and Albion road. We have now contacted the local council and unfortunately if parents do continue to park down these streets we may have to take a tougher approach than general reminders in the newsletter and over the app. Thank you to all those parents who support us on a daily basis with following the School Travel Policy.

Principal's Question:

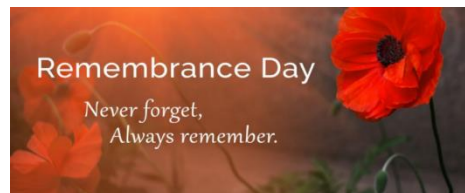
For a house point from your classroom teacher, please write down the answer to *'What was your favourite memory from your half term holiday?'*

Have a lovely weekend,



Mr John Smith

Principal



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

House	Previous Week	This Week
Parks	740	820
Gandhi	741	821
Pankhurst	738	815
Shackleton	736	819

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%
Year 2	96.9%
Year 3	97.4%
Year 4	97.4%
Whole School	97%

Key Dates:

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

Friday 8th November	2:45 PM – PTA litter Pick Reception and Year 1
Monday 11th November	Remembrance Day
Tuesday 12th November	Parents Evening – please ensure you book an appointment
Thursday 14th November	Parents Evening – please ensure you book an appointment
Friday 15th November	08:45 am Principal's Coffee Morning – please submit your questions to the LAB
Monday 18th November onwards	Year 3 Safe Walking
Wednesday 20th November	School Nurse into see Reception for Healthy Eating
Sunday 24th November	School choir performance at the Twickenham Christmas Tree Lighting event
Friday 29th November 09:15	Reception Christmas Performance
Friday 29th November	Pledge to Plant
Tuesday 3rd December	Key Stage 1 parent workshops 09:15 – English 10:00 – Mathematics



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