



GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith

Autumn Term Term: Friday 11th October



Dear Parents,

I hope that you have had a lovely week and are looking forward to the weekend ahead. There has been some excellent learning happening in school throughout the week with a workshop for Year 2 on the Great Fire of London, and the Year 1 visit to Whipsnade Zoo; this has helped embed and deepen the pupils understanding of their current topics as well as bringing the learning alive! Year 3 and Year 4 have their Educational Visits next week, and I am sure they are very much looking forward to attending the British and the Natural History Museum.

The children also received a visit from the school photographer this week who took some wonderful photos of the children; these will be with you shortly to purchase if you wish.

Parents Evening:

A reminder that Parents evening is scheduled for Tuesday 12th November and Thursday 14th November. During the week commencing the 14th October, you will be sent the online link to your email address to book your parents evening slot. Once you have booked, you will receive an automatic confirmation email. Please note: the online system will only email the parent listed as priority one on the system so if you are a family who require more than one or separate appointments per child then please contact Miss Hana Hamilton in the school office who will be happy to support you in arranging this.

Miss Natasha Hart the School Nurse will also be on site during parents evening - if you have any concerns or worries that you would like to discuss with her please do go to see her



Workshops

A reminder that the English and Mathematics parent workshops for Key Stage Two are next week on Tuesday 15th October:

- English 09:15
- Mathematics 10:00 am

Please only attend if you have children in either Year 3 or Year 4

Headlice:

There have been a number of reported cases of headlice in the school; we urge you to check your child's hair over the weekend, and treat accordingly. We do have some free treatments in school therefore if you require any of these then please ask at the school office. Please can we ask that pupils with long hair have this tied up.

The attached link will give you further information, and how best to treat them:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

House Day:

It will soon be House Day, and as it is also the last day of term as well as being close to Halloween the school will be celebrating by having a halloween dress up on Friday 25th October. We hope as many children choose to dress up as possible but if you don't wish to participate then we ask that your children wear their house t – shirt instead.

The House Captains have organised the activities which include making puppets, decorating pumpkins and making other halloween decorations as well as a best dressed competition. We hope that the children have an enjoyable afternoon celebrating the end of our first half term. If you are new to the school, then please contact the school office if you are unsure which House your child is in.

If you would like to know who our House Captains are, you will find them on the Monitor board in the foyer.

Local Academy Board Recruitment:

The school is currently recruiting for a new parent/s member/s to sit on the local board. Today in your child's book bag is a letter which explains the recruitment and application process. If you would like any further information then please do not hesitate to contact myself; I am more than happy to have a conversation with you about the purpose of the Local Board.

Music Mark:

There has been cause for celebration this week as the school has received its first Music Mark. In recognition of a commitment to providing high quality music education for all children and young people. We were nominated by Richmond Music trust because of the school's excellent music provision. A big well done to Miss Petra who has developed an excellent Music Curriculum which has helped us achieve the mark!

Principal's Question:

For a House Point on Monday please write down the answer to – 'why is it important that we keep safe when we are using the internet?' *Please hand your answer into the class teacher who will give you a house point!*

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	501	603
Gandhi	502	612
Pankhurst	500	611
Shackleton	523	614

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.

Last academic years attendance: 2018 – 2019

Year Group	Target (97%)
Reception	98.4%
Year 1	95.5%
Year 2	96.1%
Year 3	97.7%
Year 4	96.5%
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

Tuesday 15th October NO NEED TO BOOK JUST COME ALONG!	Key stage 2 Parent Workshops English – 09:15 am Mathematics – 10:00 am
Wednesday 16th October	Year 4 to the British Museum
Thursday 17th October	Year 3 to the National History Museum
Thursday 17th October	School Nurse into see Year 1 handwashing
Monday 21st October	PTA movie night – Year 3 and Year 4
Friday 25th October House Day – Halloween Special!	House Day – No House T shirts as the children will be wearing Halloween costumes!
Friday 25th October	PTA Bake and Uniform Sale
Friday 25th October	End of Term – usual timings / and clubs for all pupils
Monday 4th November	School Closed for Inset 
Tuesday 5th November	All pupils return to school
Tuesday 5th November	09:15 am Phonics Workshop for Reception Parents – just turn up!
Wednesday 5th November	08:45 am onwards – Relationships Education coffee morning in the dining hall / consultation will be sent out just before the end of term
Friday 8th November	2:45 PM – PTA litter Pick Reception and Year 1





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