



GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith

Autumn Term Term: Friday 20th September



Dear Parents,

I hope that you have had a lovely week and are looking forward to the weekend ahead. This week, there has been lots of fantastic learning happening in and around school, and Reception had their first visit from the school nurse who taught them all about how to brush their teeth correctly and why we need to brush our teeth regularly.

Thank you to all those parents and pupils who supported us during our Genes for Jeans day, your donations towards this excellent charity are very much appreciated – I will put up on twitter how much we raised on Monday morning so please look out for an update.

Open Day:

Our first open day is on Saturday 5th October for prospective parents who may wish for their children to attend this school in the future. If you are aware of any local who you think may wish to attend, please do direct them to the Open Day tab on the school website where they can find all the details about to book onto an open day tour. The advert will also be placed in The Richmond and Twickenham Times this weekend.

Play streets

This Sunday is Playstreet from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. The PTA are hosting the event so please do come along and join us. There will be a number of activities involved, and I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. Hopefully the weather will stay warm and dry for us.

Breakfast Club:

Thank you for your feedback regarding the new processes for breakfast club. From this, we have updated the procedures slightly regarding the email that was sent via the school on Friday:

The following will now apply: *Pupils who currently are on this list will be a priority during the termly update as long as the current booked slots are being used. If slots are being held and pupils are consistently absent from their slot, then other / new pupils will become a priority.*

Myself and Miss Joy will monitor the need for breakfast club over the Autumn Term, and if there is a substantial amount of pupils who need breakfast club who we cannot provide places for at this point then we will look to extend the provision in the spring term.

Morning / Afterschool Clubs:

Hopefully, the children have enjoyed all their extra curricular clubs that they have been going to this week; there are so many clubs happening in the school now which is excellent! If you have a child in a club in the morning and they have a younger or older sibling that does not have a place in breakfast club then the sibling will need to be looked after by the parent until 08:30 as we cannot have the children unattended. Or dropped off at the beginning of school opening.

We are happy for you sit with the sibling in the playground or outside the library if the club is taking place in the hall. If you would like the sibling to attend breakfast club, please ensure that their name is on the breakfast club waiting list, and Miss Joy will allocate you a space as soon as something becomes available.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Individual Photos:

Please note the key dates have been updated, and individual photos will take place on Monday 7th October. Please inform the school office if you wish for pupils that are siblings to have a photo together, and the school will organize this with the photographer.

PTA Income:

The PTA are already hard at work planning a range of events and activities to raise money throughout this academic year for the school. The school's key priorities for this year will be

- Continuing to develop the atrium
- Developing the environmental sustainability of the school and the school grounds
- Wider opportunities in Year 3
- Swimming in Key Stage 2
- The Ducklings
- School resources

It was excellent to see some of you at the Open PTA meeting this week, thank you for coming along!

Eco News:

If you have any unwanted outdoor terracotta or ceramic pots at home the Eco Team would be grateful for any donations! Similarly any unwanted small plants would also be gratefully re-homed!

The Local Authority have invited primary school pupils to design a flag for the borough. The winner will receive a signed David Attenborough book and also have their design printed on to a flag which will be displayed outside of the Civic Centre in Twickenham. If you would like to submit a poster you can either do so directly, or hand your design into the school office. Submissions to the school must be received by **3rd October 2019**. For more information please visit https://www.richmond.gov.uk/primary_school_competition



Mr John Smith, Principal

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

House	Points
Parks	
Gandhi	
Pankhurst	
Shackleton	

Attendance:

In line with DFE guidance, that the school does not authorise any holiday. Thank you. All holiday is coded as an unauthorised absence on the school's register.

Last academic years attendance: 2018 – 2019

Year Group	Target (97%)
Reception	
Year 1	
Year 2	
Year 3	
Year 4	
Whole School	

Key Dates:

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

Sunday 22nd September 11:00 am – 3:00 pm	Play Streets! Colne Road will be closed for the children to come and play
Tuesday 1st October	Black History Month Begins
Thursday 3rd October	School Nurse to visit the Year 1 pupils for teeth cleaning
Friday 4th October from 08:30 am	Parent drop off (Reception to Year 4)
Saturday 5th October	Open Day for prospective parents
Monday 7th October	Individual Photos for all pupils
Monday 7th October	Great Fire of London Workshop for Year 2 pupils
Wednesday 9th October	Year 1 to Whipsnade Zoo
Tuesday 15th October NO NEED TO BOOK JUST COME ALONG!	Key stage 2 Parent Workshops English – 09:15 am Mathematics – 10:15 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





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