



# GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith

Autumn Term Term: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September



**Dear Parents,**

I hope that you have had a lovely week and are looking forward to the weekend ahead. It was so pleasing to see so many of you at your children's curriculum evenings. We hope that we have given you a thorough overview about what the pupils will be taught and learning this academic year. If you didn't manage to attend the curriculum evenings, the teachers will be emailing over the PowerPoint this evening alongside your newsletter.

The children had a brilliant time celebrating Roald Dahl Day today, and I am sure they will be excited to talk about all that they have learnt and discovered about the stories he wrote.

**Planters / Eco Committee:**

Thank you to Mischa and the volunteers who planted some lovely bushes and shrubs in the school playgrounds last week; they have really brightened up the space. If you would like more information on how you can help with other upcoming gardening/ sustainability projects please contact Mischa via email at [mischa@musterstations.co.uk](mailto:mischa@musterstations.co.uk)

**LAB:**

The Local Advisory Board now have an email address – this is [lab@gemstwickenhamprimary.co.uk](mailto:lab@gemstwickenhamprimary.co.uk). Full information about the Local Advisory Boards role within school can be found under the governance tab on the school website. Throughout the year, there will be three Principal Questions/Coffee morning which parents will be invited to attend. In advance of this, if there are any questions that you would like to ask me during these sessions, please email these in advance the Local Advisory Board.

**Birthdays:**

The school policy does not allow for sweets and cakes to be brought into school and shared on children's birthdays. However, if you would like to donate a book to the library, please drop this off at the school office and we will place a donation label from your child in; the children really do enjoy seeing a book that they have given to the school in the library.

*Please can we kindly ask that you refrain from handing out cakes in the school playground at the end of the school day as this contradicts our school policy.*

**PTA Social:**

Remember to go along to the PTA social tonight at the Prince William from 7:30 pm. It will be an excellent evening, and an opportunity to meet lots of new parents from different year groups. Also, please do come along the open PTA meeting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30 pm.

### **Afterschool Clubs:**

Afterschool Clubs begin next week – please check your confirmation to see which clubs your child will be going to. If you have any queries regarding afterschool clubs, then please do email Miss Karen in the school office – [k.surey@gemstwickenhamprimary.co.uk](mailto:k.surey@gemstwickenhamprimary.co.uk)

### **P.E Kits:**

A few pupils still need to bring their P.E kits into school, can we please ask that you do this as quickly as possible. P.E lessons have already started to take place for this term.

### **Breakfast Club:**

Breakfast Club is now full (45). If you would like to go onto the waiting list, please contact Miss Joy Chapple in the school office who will let you know when a space becomes available.

*When dropping off for breakfast club, can we please ask that you accompany your child into the dining hall to be greeted by a member of staff to support our safeguarding processes*

### **Parking Tab:**

We have put a Parking Tab on the school website to support parents with understanding our parking policy. As always please do not hesitate to contact me with any further questions.

### **Jeans for Genes:**

Just a reminder that Jeans for Genes is on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Children can come to school wearing Jeans with their uniform jumper / shirt / tshirt:

*Jeans for Genes Day is the annual fundraising campaign for Genetic Disorders UK, the national charity that supports individuals and families affected by a genetic disorder.*

*Monies raised on Jeans for Genes Day fund the work of the charity and provide grants to organisations for projects that aim to transform the lives of children with genetic disorders.*

Wishing you a lovely weekend,



**Mr John Smith,**

**Principal**



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

House	Points
Parks	156
Gandhi	128
Pankhurst	127
Shackleton	134

**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	96.2%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	94.4%
Year 3	98.1%
Year 4	96.9%
Whole School	95.4%

**Key Dates:**

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

<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Afterschool Clubs begin
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b>	School Nurse into see Reception for Teeth Cleaning
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 pm</b>	PTA Open meeting
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Jeans for Genes charity day – all pupils to wear their jeans (with uniform jumper) and pay £1
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 11:00 am – 3:00 pm</b>	Play Streets! Colne Road will be closed for the children to come and play
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Black History Month Begins
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	School Nurse to visit the Year 1 pupils for teeth cleaning
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October from 08:30 am</b>	Parent drop off (Reception to Year 4)
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Open Day for prospective parents
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Year 1 to Whipsnade Zoo
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Key stage 2 Parent Workshops English – 09:15 am Mathematics – 10:30 am





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