



# GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith

Autumn Term Term: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September



**Dear Parents,**

A warm welcome back to Twickenham Primary Academy, we hope that you have had a wonderful summer and we are so pleased to have both you and your children at the school. We have a very busy but exciting term ahead planned with lots of outstanding learning taking place. Below is some useful information about the school; the newsletter also contains a uniform list, updated key dates as well as staffing for this academic year to this point.

Your newsletter will be emailed to yourself every Friday so please do check your inbox – the newsletter will also only go to one parent (number 1 on the priority order) so if you would like more than one person to receive the email, please inform the school office who will give the details to the classroom teacher.

## **PTA Social:**

Make a great start to this year by getting to know other parents in the school! Please do go along to the PTA social on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September (7:30pm) at the Prince William. This is an excellent opportunity to meet other parents, exchange phone numbers as well as find out about what the PTA has planned for this academic year. The PTA make a superb contribution to our school and are keen to involve as many parents in school life as possible. Please note: the PTA email address is [pta@gemstwickenhamprimary.co.uk](mailto:pta@gemstwickenhamprimary.co.uk), and the chair of the PTA is Emma Love. Please go the PTA section on the school website for further information

## **Reception and Year 1**

A reminder, that from next week the pupils in Reception need to be dropped off at the Reception gate so that they can walk into class independently. Parents in Year 1, your children must go upstairs by themselves from Monday as we cannot have parents in and around the school unaccounted for because of safeguarding purposes and procedures. Thank you very much for your support with this.

**Please note:** If you do need to speak to the classroom teacher, please make an appointment via the school office who will be happy to assist

## **Curriculum Evening:**

Next week, is the week of curriculum evenings. This is an opportunity for you to come along and find out about what your children will be learning this year. Your date and time can be found in the key dates as well as at the bottom of this newsletter. We very much look forward to seeing you there, and to answering any early questions that you may have.

## **Parking:**

Please can I remind all parents not to park on [Albion, Colne, Edwin or Knowle Road](#) as per our school travel plan policy. If you are seen parking on these streets, you will be politely asked to move on. There is now a traffic warden patrolling the local area during drop off and pick up. If you are a blue badge holder, please inform the school office.

**Dismissal:**

**Please note:** All pupils that are dismissed at their usual finish time will be dismissed from the Reception Playground. Please ensure that you are on time to pick up your child, and a polite reminder that sibling club is for Reception pupils only.

**Invitations:**

The school policy has now changed regarding invitations. The school will now only circulate invitations if there is a set for the whole class. Unless you are providing a whole set of invitations, we kindly ask that you arrange your invites privately. This is to stop any misunderstanding and upset that can be caused at school amongst the pupils. Thank you very much in advance with your support with this.

**School App**

The school app has been updated over the summer. Primary Site have now changed their registration policy, and therefore the school will need to set you up as a contact. You will receive a communication from the school about how to register for this.

**Updated Contacts:**

Next week, we will be sending out an updated contacts form for Year 1 – Year 4. Please can we ask that you complete the update form, and return to the school office as soon as possible so we have the most relevant information on record as contacting you quickly in an emergency is a priority for the school.

**Afterschool Clubs:**

After school clubs will begin on the week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> September, and the final week for clubs is the week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> December. You will have received an afterschool club letter in your child's book bag yesterday which informs you of how to book the clubs that you wish to choose. The school office will be emailing you the information about how to book all private clubs.

**Breakfast Club:**

If you need to book breakfast club, please email or speak to Miss Joy Chapple in the school office who will be happy to assist you with your schedule and payment.

**Volunteers:**

We love having volunteers in the school, and if you would like to volunteer please contact Miss Karen in the school office. We have updated the school policy in that any regular parent volunteers will need to volunteer outside the year group that their child is being taught. This however does not apply to Reception Thursday morning readers.

**Planters / Playground equipment:**

Please can we ask that the children do not use the playground equipment or climb on the planters before or after school.

**Twitter:**

Please follow us on [@GemsTwickenham](https://twitter.com/GemsTwickenham) for all the latest news and updates. Please download the school app for regular updates

Have a lovely weekend,



**Mr John Smith,**

**Principal**



**House Points:** The House Treat for this term will be announced in this weeks assembly

House	Points
Parks	0
Gandhi	0
Pankhurst	0
Shackleton	0

**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	96.5%
Year 1	97.1%
Year 2	96.5%
Year 3	97.8%
Whole School	97%

**Key Dates:**

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

<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 7:00 pm</b>	Year 1 Curriculum meeting in the hall
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 7:00 pm</b>	Year 2 curriculum meeting in the hall
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7:00 pm</b>	Year 3 Curriculum meeting in the hall
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 7:00 pm</b>	Year 4 Curriculum meeting in the hall
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September from 7:30 pm</b>	PTA Social ‘all parents welcome’ at the ‘Prince of Wales’
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Roald Dahl Day – pupils will be taking part in celebrating the work and life of this great author (no dress up)
<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



## Uniform List for September 2019:

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	
Boys winter uniform	Purple knitted jumper (with logo)** White polo with purple trim** Navy trousers Short navy socks
Boys summer uniform	Purple Knitted jumper (with logo)** White polo with purple trim** Navy shorts Short navy socks
Girls winter uniform	Purple cardigan (with logo)** <i>or</i> purple knitted jumper (with logo)** White polo with purple trim** Navy pinafore <i>or</i> navy trousers Navy tights Long navy socks Short navy socks if trousers worn
Girls summer uniform	Purple cardigan** (with logo) Purple check dress <i>or</i> navy shorts and white polo shirt with purple trim** White short socks
PE	Reception and Key Stage 1 (years 1&2): PE purple T shirt** Navy shorts Key Stage 2 (years 3-6) PE uniform tbc
Shoes	Black leather shoes (boys and girls) Trainers for PE
Outerwear	Purple ski jacket** Navy light rain coat*
Additional items	House T shirt** (Gandhi, Pankhurst, Parks <i>or</i> Shackleton) Navy winter hat* Navy winter gloves* Navy winter scarf* Name tapes Wellies* (for journeys to and from school)
Hair	Plain navy or purple hair ribbons, bands or clips
<p>*Not compulsory **Item needs to be purchased from Stevensons</p>	

### Year 3 and Year 4

Boys winter uniform	Purple knitted jumper (with logo)** White school shirt Navy and purple striped tie** Navy trousers Short navy socks
Boys summer uniform	Purple knitted jumper (with logo)** White school shirt Navy and purple striped tie** Navy shorts Short navy socks
Girls winter uniform	Purple cardigan (with logo)** <i>or</i> purple knitted jumper (with logo)** Navy and purple striped tie** White school shirt Navy pinafore, skirt or trousers Navy tights Long navy socks Short navy socks if trousers worn
Girls summer uniform	Purple cardigan** (with logo) Purple check dress <i>or</i> navy shorts and white shirt with navy and purple striped tie** White short socks
PE	PE purple T shirt cotton or dry - fit** Navy shorts
Shoes	Black leather shoes (boys and girls) Trainers for PE
Outerwear	Purple ski jacket** Navy light rain coat*
Additional items	House T shirt** (Gandhi, Pankhurst, Parks <i>or</i> Shackleton) Navy winter hat* Navy winter gloves* Navy winter scarf* Name tapes Wellies* (for journeys to and from school)
Hair	Plain navy or purple hair ribbons, bands or clips
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## Year 5 and Year 6

Boys winter uniform	Purple knitted jumper (with logo)** Navy Blazer** Navy and purple striped tie** White school shirt Navy trousers Short navy socks
Boys summer uniform	Purple knitted jumper (with logo)** Navy Blazer** Navy and purple striped tie** White school shirt Navy shorts Short navy socks
Girls winter uniform	Purple cardigan (with logo)** <i>or</i> purple knitted jumper (with logo)** Navy and purple striped tie** Navy Blazer** White school shirt Navy pinafore, skirt or trousers Navy tights Long navy socks Short navy socks if trousers worn
Girls summer uniform	Purple cardigan** (with logo) Navy Blazer** Purple check dress <i>or</i> navy shorts and white school shirt with navy and purple striped tie** White short socks
PE	PE purple T shirt cotton or dry - fit** Navy shorts
Shoes	Black leather shoes (boys and girls) Trainers for PE
Outerwear	Purple ski jacket** Navy light rain coat*
Additional items	House T shirt** (Gandhi, Pankhurst, Parks <i>or</i> Shackleton) Navy winter hat* Navy winter gloves* Navy winter scarf* Name tapes Wellies* (for journeys to and from school)
Hair	Plain navy or purple hair ribbons, bands or clips
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<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Term starts <b>Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4</b> <b>Year 1: 3:45 pm</b> <b>Year 2: 3:50 pm</b> <b>Year 3: 3:55 pm</b> <b>Year 4: 4:00 pm</b>
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Afterschool Club Communications to go out External and Internal
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September from 7:00 pm</b>	Year 1 Curriculum Evening in the school hall
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September from 7:00 pm</b>	Year 2 Curriculum Evening in the school hall
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September from 7:00 pm</b>	Year 3 Curriculum Evening in the school hall
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September from 7:00 pm</b>	Year 4 Curriculum Evening in the school hall
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Roald Dahl Day
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September from 7:30 pm</b>	PTA – Parent social at the Prince Blucher
<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> September</b>	PTA – Open meeting
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Jeans for Genes Charity Day
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 11:00 am 3:00 pm</b>	PTA Playstreets – we are closing the street outside the school so that the pupils can play outside on the streets and road during this time. Please come along!
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Black History Month Begins in School,
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	School Nurse into see Year One for Teeth Cleaning
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Parent Drop off from Reception to Year 4
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Twickenham Primary Academy – Open Day 2019 (Prospective Parents Only)
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Individual Photos for all pupils – Reception to Year 4
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Year 1 to the Whipsnade Zoo
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Key Stage 2 Parent Workshops English 09:15 – 10:15 Mathematics 10:30 – 11:30
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Year 4 to the British Museum
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> (TBC) October</b>	Year 3 to the National History Museum
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	School Nurse into see Year 1 for Handwashing
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 4:00 pm</b>	PTA Movie Night (Y3 and 4)
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	House Day – to be coordinated by the House Captains <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Halloween Dress up</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October from 3:30 pm</b>	PTA –Second hand uniform and Bake Sale
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	Half Term
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	School Closed for Inset
<b>Date TBC / Autumn schedules not yet available</b>	Reception to the Polka Theatre
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November from 09:15 am</b>	Phonics Workshop for Reception Parents
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November from 2:45 pm</b>	PTA –Reception and Year 1 Litter Pick
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Remembrance Day
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Parents Evening
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	School Nurse into see Year 1 – 4 for Low Mood Workshop
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November from 08:45 am</b>	Principal’s Coffee Morning and Questions in the Dining Hall - all parents welcome

<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November onwards</b>	Switch off Fortnight
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November onwards</b>	Year 3 Safe walking
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	School Nurse into see Reception to Year 4 for Healthy Eating
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 09:15 am</b>	Reception Christmas Performance
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	Key Stage 1 Parent Workshop English 09:15 – 10:15 Mathematics 10:30 – 11:30
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Whole School Book Fair
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 2:00 pm</b>	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm</b>	PTA Christmas Fayre
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Final Week for Clubs
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December from 08:30 am</b>	Parents Drop off Reception to Year 4
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – School closed from 1:30 pm</b>	Varsity Match
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 2:00 pm</b>	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December onwards</b>	No Afterschool Clubs
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Jumper Day
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	End of Term – School closed from 2:00 pm (No Wrap Around Care)

Please find the attached staff list for this academic year: We warmly welcome Joy Chapple, Hana Hamilton, Stephanie Haley, Amy Suzor, Rachael Rees, Susan Thornton and Rima Barikhan to the team this year. We, as always, look forward to working alongside you, and are happy to assist in any way that we can.

Name	Role
<b>Senior Staff</b>	
Mr John Smith	Principal
Miss Petra Gollob	Vice Principal
Miss Kizzie Elliott	Assistant Principal
<b>Administration</b>	
Miss Karen Surey	Office Manager
Miss Joy Chapple	Office Administrator
Miss Hana Hamilton	Office Administrator
<b>Premises</b>	
Mr Nick Young	Caretaker
<b>Teaching Staff</b>	
Miss Stephanie Haley	Reception Teacher
Miss Leah Galloway	Reception Teacher
Miss Amy Suzor	Year 1 Teacher
Miss Natalie Baker	Year 1 Teacher
Miss Petra Gollob	Year 2 Teacher and Vice Principal
Miss Lauren White	Year 2 Teacher
Miss Sara Thorley	Year 3 Teacher
Miss Kelly Hardy	Year 3 Teacher
Miss Rachael Rees	Year 4 Teacher
Miss Rebecca Thornton	Year 4 Teacher
<b>Support Staff</b>	
Miss Orit Toogood	Teaching Assistant
Miss Emma Evans	Teaching Assistant
Miss Fatima Rizley	Teaching Assistant
Miss Sabia Khatun	Teaching Assistant
Miss Tina Ryan	Teaching Assistant
Miss Susan Thorton	Teaching Assistant
Miss Elizabeth Wilson Keogh	Teaching Assistant
Miss Rima Barikhan	LSA 1:1 and Midday Supervisor

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