



GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith

Summer Term Term: Friday 19th July 2019



Dear Parents,

I hope you have had a lovely week, and are looking forward to the weekend ahead. This is my final newsletter before the summer holidays– and I just wanted to say a big thank you for all of your support during this academic year. The school has had incredible growth this year and we are very excited about the prospect of September where the school will be teaching its first set of Year 4 pupils! I hope you have a lovely summer, and that all our families have a wonderful holiday

Below is a letter from the GEMS Learning Trust:

July 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe another academic year has flown by. We are so proud of our children and have delighted in how well they have done this year and how hard they have worked. As you know, this is the result of a team effort and again we thank you for all the support you give the schools – getting your children in on time, wearing the correct uniform, reading with them, making sure they do their homework, attending parent’s evenings and all the school events, and so much more. We are very proud of GEMS Didcot Primary Academy this year for achieving an ‘Outstanding’ judgement and pass our heartfelt congratulations to the whole school community for such a glowing accolade. We were really pleased that the Ofsted noticed how genuine our aspirations and efforts are and what an impact they are having on our children. Both our schools are going from strength to strength and our attention is now focused firmly on building on the fantastic results as we head towards each school filling up entirely. We also feel strongly that we are in a very good position to open our third school, which has been approved to open in Wantage, Oxfordshire in September 2020. Our other approved school (in the Kingston upon Thames region) still faces several hurdles before we can confirm that it will be opening its doors. Regardless; our vision is to create small, local hubs of schools that can support each other and benefit from sharing best practice and collaborating at all levels. On a final note, as you know the GLT is opening up places on the Central Board of Directors to our parent body. Thank you to those who have already applied and just to note that travel expenses will be covered if you weren’t sure. Employers who enable their employees to become governors are demonstrating a commitment to their communities and to developing the UK’s future workforce and are making a huge difference to the lives of young people. Employees do have the right to take reasonable amounts of time off work to support their governance role. Please do get in touch if you would like to know more about this. Wishing you and your families a happy and healthy summer holiday,

Dr Harry Ziman,

Chair of Governors



House Points: Well done to Shackleton House who won the behaviour treat and House Cup! The children will have their ice cream as their treat. The man will also be selling ice creams after school.

House	Points
Parks	989
Gandhi	988
Pankhurst	986
Shackleton	1002

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.

Year Group	Target (97%)
Reception	96.5%
Year 1	97.1%
Year 2	96.5%
Year 3	96.8%
Whole School	96.7%

Key Dates:

Tuesday 23 rd July	School Closes at 2:00 pm - Mufti Day £1
Monday 2 nd September	School Closed for Inset Training
Tuesday 3 rd September	School Closed for Inset Training
Wednesday 4 th September	Term Starts for the Reception Pupils Only
Thursday 4 th September	Terms Stars for Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4

Twitter:

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Have a lovely weekend,



Mr John Smith
Principal

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 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 stripped tie** Navy trousers Short navy socks
Boys summer uniform	Purple knitted jumper (with logo)** White school shirt Navy and purple stripped tie** Navy shorts Short navy socks
Girls winter uniform	Purple cardigan (with logo)** <i>or</i> purple knitted jumper (with logo)** Navy and purple stripped 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 stripped tie** White short socks
PE	PE purple T shirt cotton or dry - fit** Navy shorts
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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
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