



GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith

Summer Term Term: Friday 3rd May 2019



Dear Parents,

I hope you have had a wonderful week, and are looking forward to the weekend ahead. We had a fantastic Diversity Day this week, and it was incredible to see so many different cultures being celebrated around the school. Thank you to Miss Petra for organizing this for the school.

Attached to this newsletter, you will find more information about the homework project from 'Start to Finish' and the parents letter regarding the Bike Market.

Relationships Education:

As some of you may be aware, the government is planning to introduce Relationship Education into Primary Schools and this will become compulsory in September 2020. As the school begins to prepare for this, we will develop a structure of teaching which will be supportive of the pupils' education at this school – developing them for an ever changing, modern world. Until then, the school's current policies will be followed which can be found on the school website. When we begin to make the changes to curriculum, we will consult with you about how we are doing this.

Further information can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education-faqs>

And, the press release can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-relationships-and-health-education-in-schools>

I will update you in due course but please not hesitate to ask me any questions that you may have.

School Timings:

There will be a slight update regarding school finish times regarding the next academic year as we will soon have Year Four.

Below are the proposed timings:

Reception: 3:30

Year 1: 3:45

Year 2: 3:50

Year 3: 3:55

Year: 4:00

House Points: This house point treat will be a visit from the Ice Cream Van

House	Points
Parks	321
Gandhi	318
Pankhurst	322
Shackleton	323

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	96.8%
Year 1	97.1%
Year 2	97.3%
Year 3	97.2%
Whole School	97.0%

Key Dates:

Monday 6 th May	School Closed – Bank Holiday Monday
W/C 6 th May	Whole School Homework Project 'From Start to Finish.'
w/c 6 th May	Year 2 SATS begin
Thursday 9 th May	Dentist in to visit Reception, Y1, Y2 and Y3
Friday 17 th May	Outdoor Learning Day

Principal's Question:

For a housepoint on Monday, please write down the answer to 'What did you learn during diversity day?' Please hand in your answer to your classroom teacher.

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,

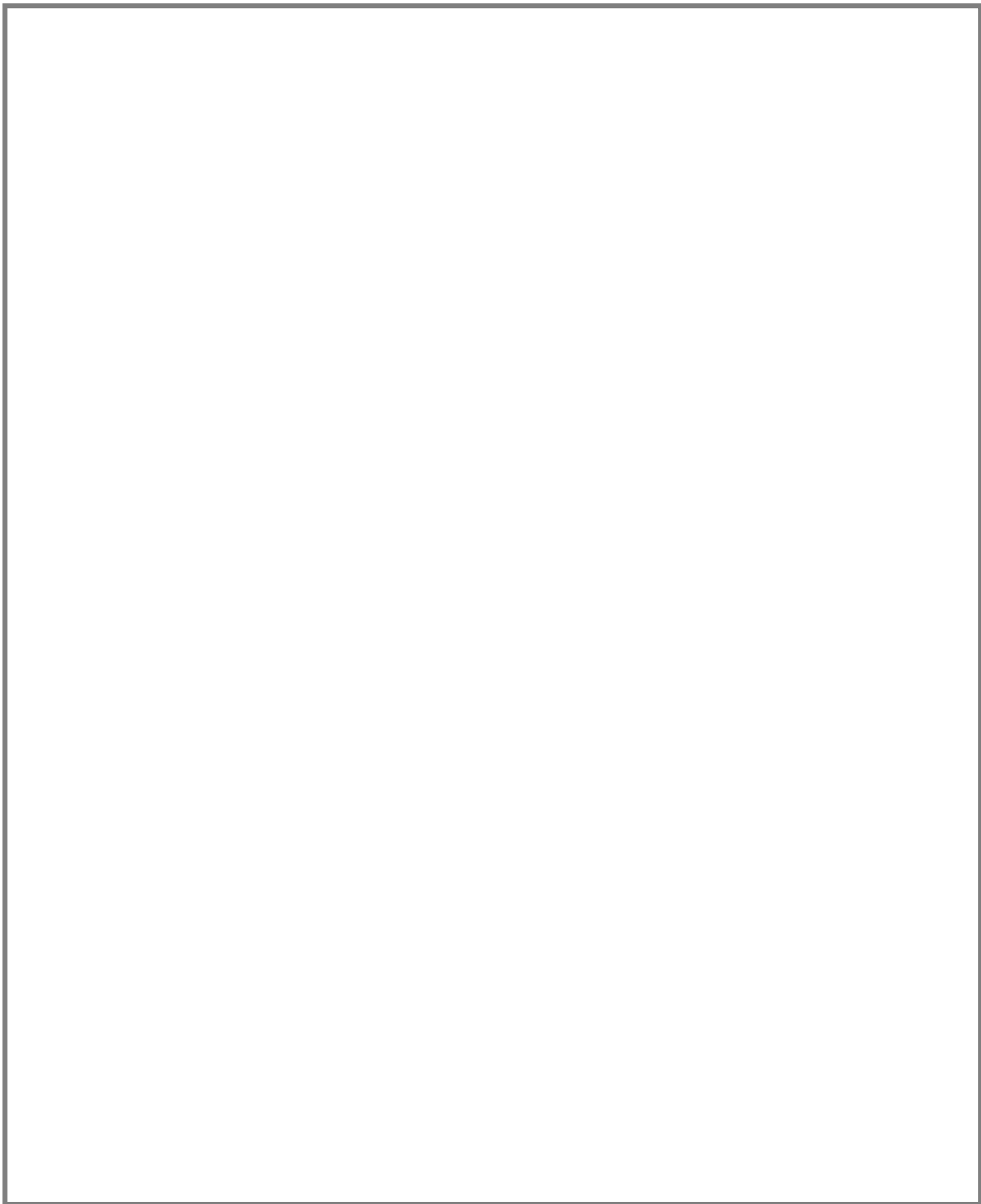


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Principal

Key Dates with the PTA update for the 'Race Night and the School Disco'

Date	Event
Monday 22nd April 2019	Bank Holiday Monday
Tuesday 23rd April 2019	INSET Day (School Closed)
Wednesday 24th April 2019	All pupils return to school
Wednesday 24th April 2019	Forest School begins for Year 1
Thursday 25th April from 6:00 pm	Y1 Phonics Workshop (Year 1 parents only)
Monday 29th April 2019 – 1st May 2019	Year 3 Safe Walking
Monday 29th April 2019	Silkworms and Butterflies arrive
W/C 29th April 2019	Afterschool Clubs Begin
Friday 3rd May 2019	Whole School Diversity Day
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday Monday
W/C Monday 6th May 2019	Whole School Homework Project (The theme is - Start to Finish)
W/C Monday 6th May 2019	Year Two SATS
Thursday 9th May 2019	Dentist in to visit Reception, Year 1 and 2
Friday 17th May 2019	Outdoor Learning Day
W/C Monday 20th May 2019	Whole School Art Week
Monday 20th May 2019	Bike Swap for Pupils
Monday 20th May 2019	Year Two Educational Visit to Kew Gardens
Thursday 23rd May 2019 from 09:00 am	Year Two Assembly
Friday 24th May	Whole School House Day – Pupils to wear their House t – shirts
Friday 24th May from 3:30 pm	PTA Bake Sale
Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May	Half Term
Wednesday 5th June 2019	Reception PANTS Workshop (led by the school nurse)
Thursday 6th June 2019 from 08:30 am	Year 1, 2 and 3 parent drop off
Thursday 6th June 2019	Class Photos
Friday 7th June 2019	Family Day: Session 1: 09:30 am – 11:30 am Session 2: 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
W/C 10th June 2019	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Tuesday 11th June and Thursday 13th June 2019	Final Parents Evening for the Academic Year
Friday 14th June 2019	Den Building Day (Please donate £1)
Friday 21st June 2019	Superhero Day for Year 2
Friday 21st June 2019 from 3:15 pm	PTA – Y3 Litter Pick
W/C 24th June 2019	Ducklings arrive at TPA
Friday 28th June from 7:00 pm	PTA Race Night
Wednesday 3rd July	Reception Educational Visit to Bocketts Farm
Thursday 4th July or Thursday 11th July Weather Depending	Sports Day Reception and Year 1: 09:00 am – 11:00 am Year 2 and Year 3: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
W/C 8th July 2019	Whole School Enterprise Week
W/C 8th July 2019	Final week for After School Clubs
Monday 15th July 2019 from 2:00 pm	New Reception Children / Parents Afternoon
Tuesday 16th July 2019	In House Transitions – Meet the Teacher
Tuesday 16th July 2019	Final School Reports to Parents
Wednesday 17th July 2019	Year 3 End of Year Performance
Friday 19th July 2019	PTA – School Disco
Tuesday 23rd July 2019	End of Term – School Closes at 2:00 pm (no after school provision)





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