



# GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith



**Spring Term: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**Dear Parents,**

I hope that you have all had a wonderful week, and are looking forward to the weekend ahead. We had an excellent World Book Day with the children dressing up in some fabulous costumes – it was brilliant to see so many Heroes and Villians around the school. Thank you to Miss Phlipa who organised the in house activities throughout the day, and for all your contributions to the school book swap.

Next week, is Science week, and the theme is 'Journeys'. We will be exploring Science in detail throughout the week in school and it will be rounded off with a Science Workshop for all pupils on Friday around 'Big Science' deepening the theme of 'Journeys' further.

### **Parent Workshops:**

A reminder: our parent workshops will take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March for Year One and Year Two. The English workshop will begin at 09:00 am and will cover:

- *Grammar*
- *Reading and comprehension at home*
- *Spelling*

The Mathematics workshop will begin at 10:30 am and will cover:

- *The four operations*
- *Number bonds*
- *Resources that can be used at home*
- *Mathematical Vocabulary*

You do not need to book a place on these workshops, please just turn up on the day. You can stay for one or both of the workshops, and these will take place in the Science Room.

### **Comic Relief:**

The school will be celebrating Comic Relief in school on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. The children are allowed to wear red (full Mufti) and we request that you donate £1 to support this fantastic cause. The collection pots will be located in the classrooms.

### **Reception Parents:**

We are going to ask that after the Easter Holidays and to support the beginning of the transisiton into Year 1 you drop your child off at the glass doors in the foyer and allow them to go into class independently. This is to help prepare the children for Year 1 where they will walk up the stairs by themselves having been dismissed form the foyer. Thank you for your support with this.

**House Points: This house point treat will be an 'Easter Festive Treat!'**

House	Points
Parks	907
Gandhi	986
Pankhurst	978
Shackleton	902

**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%
Year 1	97.2%
Year 2	96.8%
Year 3	97.5%
Whole School	97.2%

**Key Dates:**

Week Commencing 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	School Hub to visit GEMS Didcot
Week Commencing 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Waste Week (information will be in next weeks newsletter)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	The School Choir to the Voice In a Million concert
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Wacky Wheels
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Residential – Woodrow House

**Twitter:**

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**Principal's Question:** For a house point on Monday, please write down four facts your learnt about Shrove Tuesday / Pancake day this week. Please hand your answers to your classroom teacher

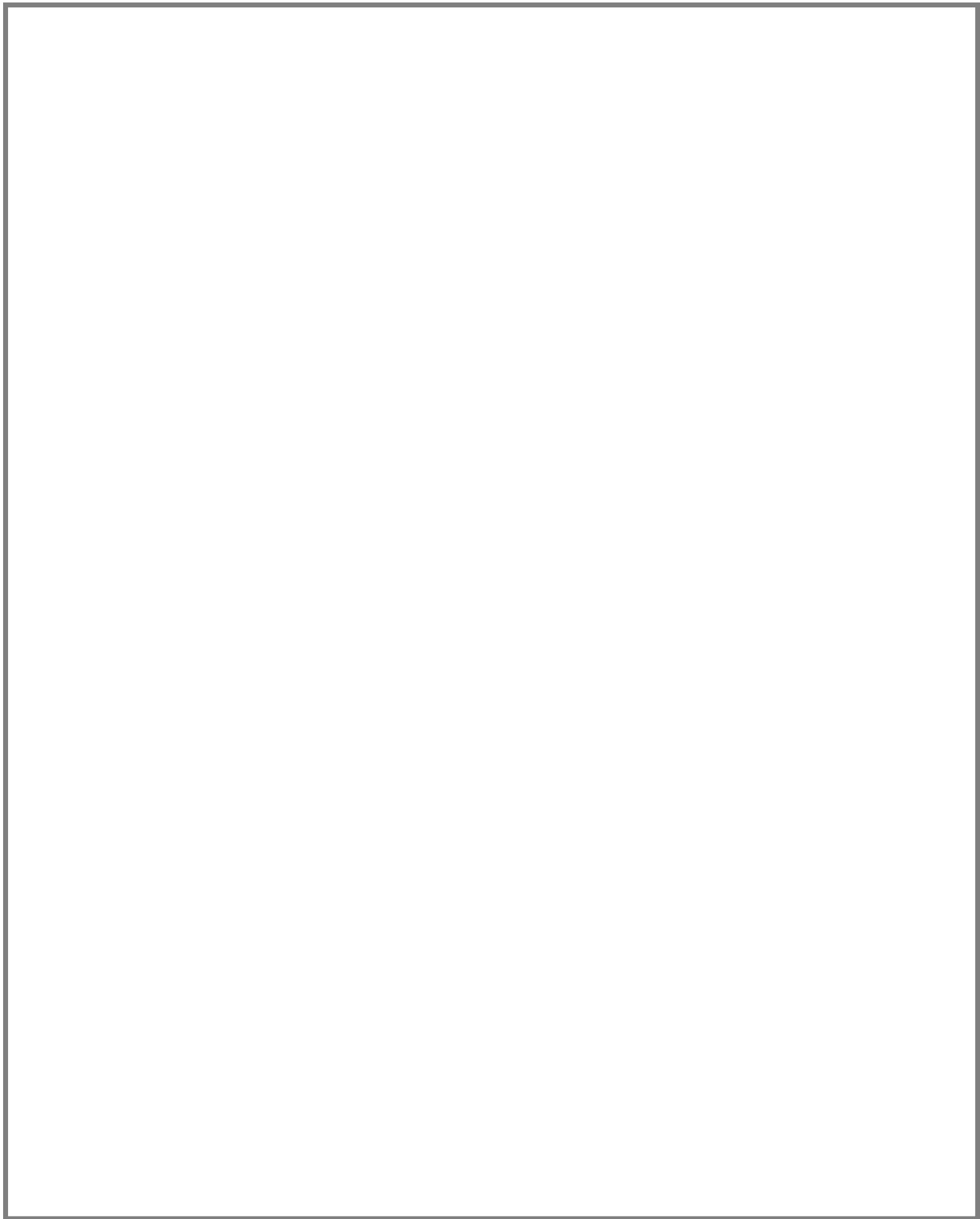
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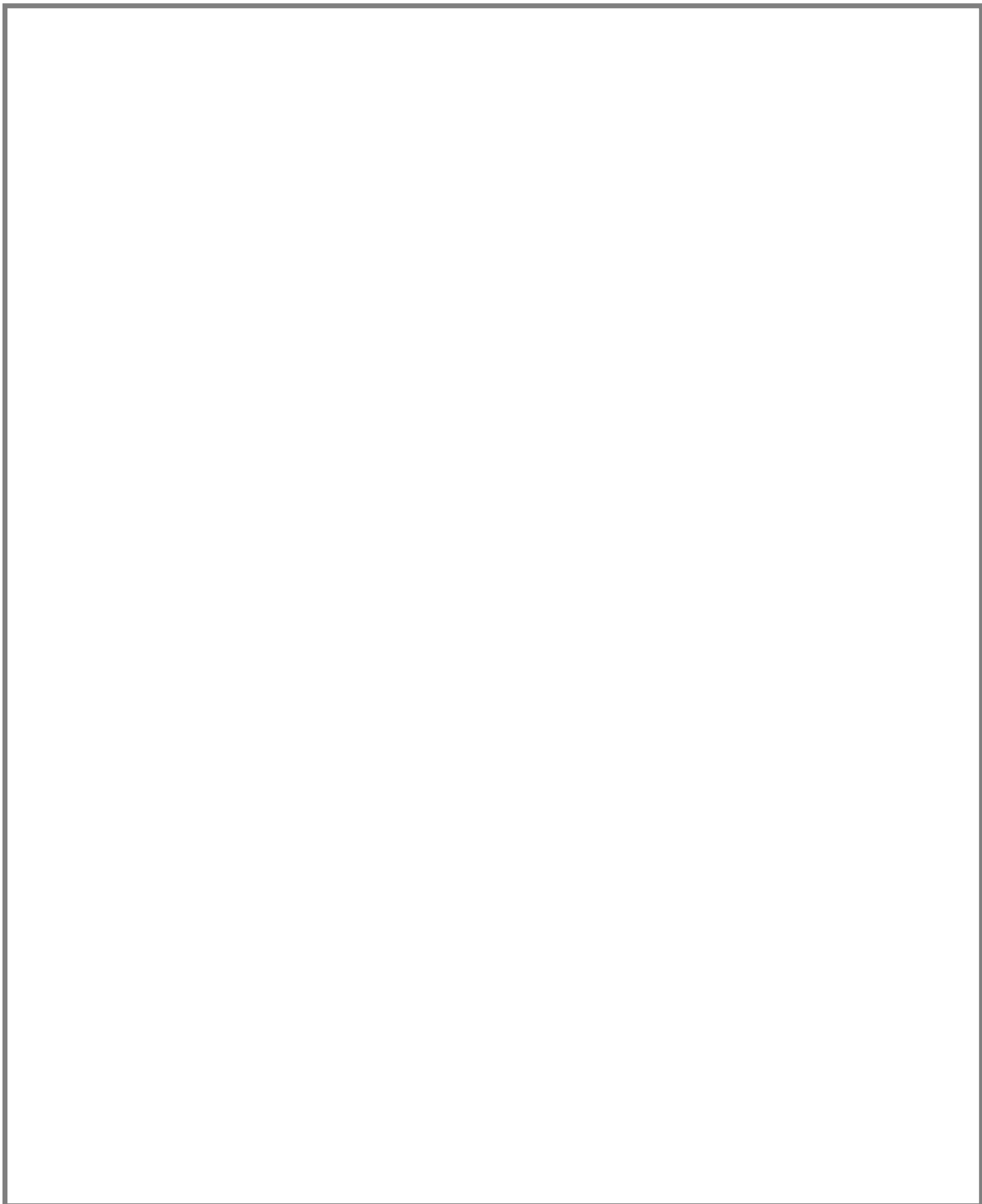


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