



GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith



Spring Term: Friday 1st February 2019

Dear Parents,

I hope that you have all had a wonderful week and are looking forward to the weekend ahead! We have had a very exciting week at Twickenham Primary Academy as Year Two received a visit from a real life author – Karl Newson. The children were thoroughly inspired by their workshop, and looking at the standard of writing across the school, I believe we have some of our very own authors in the making.

Next week, we have our internet safety day. We will be reminding the children about how to use the internet safely, and what to do if the children come across something that may make them feel uncomfortable or concerned. We will also be sending home an information pack for parents about how they can support their children when they are using devices at home. Hopefully, you will all find this very helpful.

Parking:

Thank you for your continued support regarding the parking – I know it can be difficult but we do have to ensure we meet our school travel planning condition. I have asked the teachers to send across the school travel policy to remind parents about the agreement you made when sending your child to Twickenham Primary Academy. I have checked with the Local Authority, and paying for a parking space unfortunately does not supersede the policy. However, if you are blue badge driver please let the school office know as this policy will not apply to you. Thank you.

Play House:

Excitingly, Reception pupils have had a new two -storey play house delivered which I am sure they will be very much looking forward to using. Mr Nick will be putting the structure together next week on Tuesday. He would very much welcome an extra pair of hands if any of our parents are available. Once the house is built we will then be painting it, and if any parents would be able to lend a hand in supporting us with this we would be very grateful – please do inform the school office if you're able to help.

School Office Contact:

Mr Matt in the school office now has an email - m.fennon@gemstwickenhamprimary.co.uk. Please email Mr Matt with any enquires that you may have. Unfortunately, Mr Charles still remains unwell.

Parents Evening:

Next week we will be sending out an online link to book parents evening for Tuesday 26th and Thursday 28th February 2019. You will be able to select your slot online, and will receive a confirmation email once this has been booked. Hopefully, this will be much quicker, simpler process for all parents. As usual there will be a 15 minute allocated slot for each parent consultation.

Parent Workshops:

We will be running a mathematics parents workshop and an English parent workshop after half term – I will confirm the dates next week. Miss Rebecca and Miss Philippa will be sending out a short audit to find out about what parents would find beneficial to support their children’s learning at home.

House Points: This house point treat will be an ‘Easter Festive Treat!’

House	Points
Parks	670
Gandhi	751
Pankhurst	707
Shackleton	694

Attendance:

Just a reminder, 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	96.1%
Year 1	97.4%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	97.6%
Whole School	97.1%

Key Dates

Thursday 7 th February	Whole School Mathematics Workshop
Wednesday 13 th February	Year 1 to visit Windsor Castle
Thursday 14 th February	Reception to visit Polka Theatre
Friday 15 th February	House Day
Friday 15 th February	PTA Bake Sale
Friday 15 th February	Last day of Spring 1 half term

Twitter:

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Principal’s Question: For a house point on Monday, please answer the question, ‘What belongs to you but is mostly used by others?’ Please hand your answers to your classroom teacher

Have a lovely weekend,



Mr John Smith
Principal



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