



GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith



Spring Term: Friday 25th January 2019

Dear Parents,

I hope you are well, and are looking forward to the weekend ahead. It has been a very exciting week in school as our Year 3 pupils have had their first Violin lesson, and all the pupils have been learning about how to keep their minds and bodies healthy during health week – the children have been enthusiastically earning extra house points if they complete 5 laps of the playground each day.

Safeguarding:

- The school recently commissioned an external safeguarding audit from the Local Authority and I am really pleased to report that the school had a very successful visit, and an overview of some of our strengths included that:
 - Safeguarding is clearly a priority in the school with time and resources allocated to ensure that the children are safe and that their emotional needs are met.
 - Safer recruitment procedures are good. An excellent Single Central Record is maintained which is one of the best examples seen by the Reviewer.
 - There is a clear commitment to training. Staff receive regular safeguarding training and as a result are knowledgeable about safeguarding issues.
 - The school ensures that pupils are well informed about a wide range of safeguarding topics. This will need to be expanded when the school has pupils in upper KS2.

Policy Update:

One of the recommendations that we have been given from the audit is to not allow parents into the foyer during pick up and drop off between 08:30 am – 09:00 am and 3:30pm – 4:00pm. Apart from Reception parents, can you support us with this as you can. We do appreciate that you may need to use the school office, but if you need to see a teacher please report to the school office. Most minor messages can be passed through either Miss Karen or Mr Matt but if you want to book an appointment to see the classroom teacher this can be made here too. Thank you very much for your support with this.

Key Dates: There have been a couple more additions to the school diary:

- Year 3 Parent Residential Meeting will take place on Thursday 7th March at 6:00 pm in the School Hall
- Comic Relief will take place on Friday 15th March (we will update you shortly with a theme)

We also be shortly be letting you know about the theme for World Book Day.

Parents Evening:

We will soon be taking the bookings for the parents evening that will occur after the Easter Holidays. This time we will be using an online booking system via are school website. We will circulate shortly, details about how to do this, but please make sure the school has an up to date email address so that you are able to book your appointments online.

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

House	Points
Parks	523
Gandhi	592
Pankhurst	578
Shackleton	561

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	97.9%
Year 1	97.2%
Year 2	96.2%
Year 3	98.1%
Whole School	97.5%

Key Dates

Monday 28 th January	Author Visit to Year 2
Friday 1 st February	3:30 PM – PTA Clear Out
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

Parking:

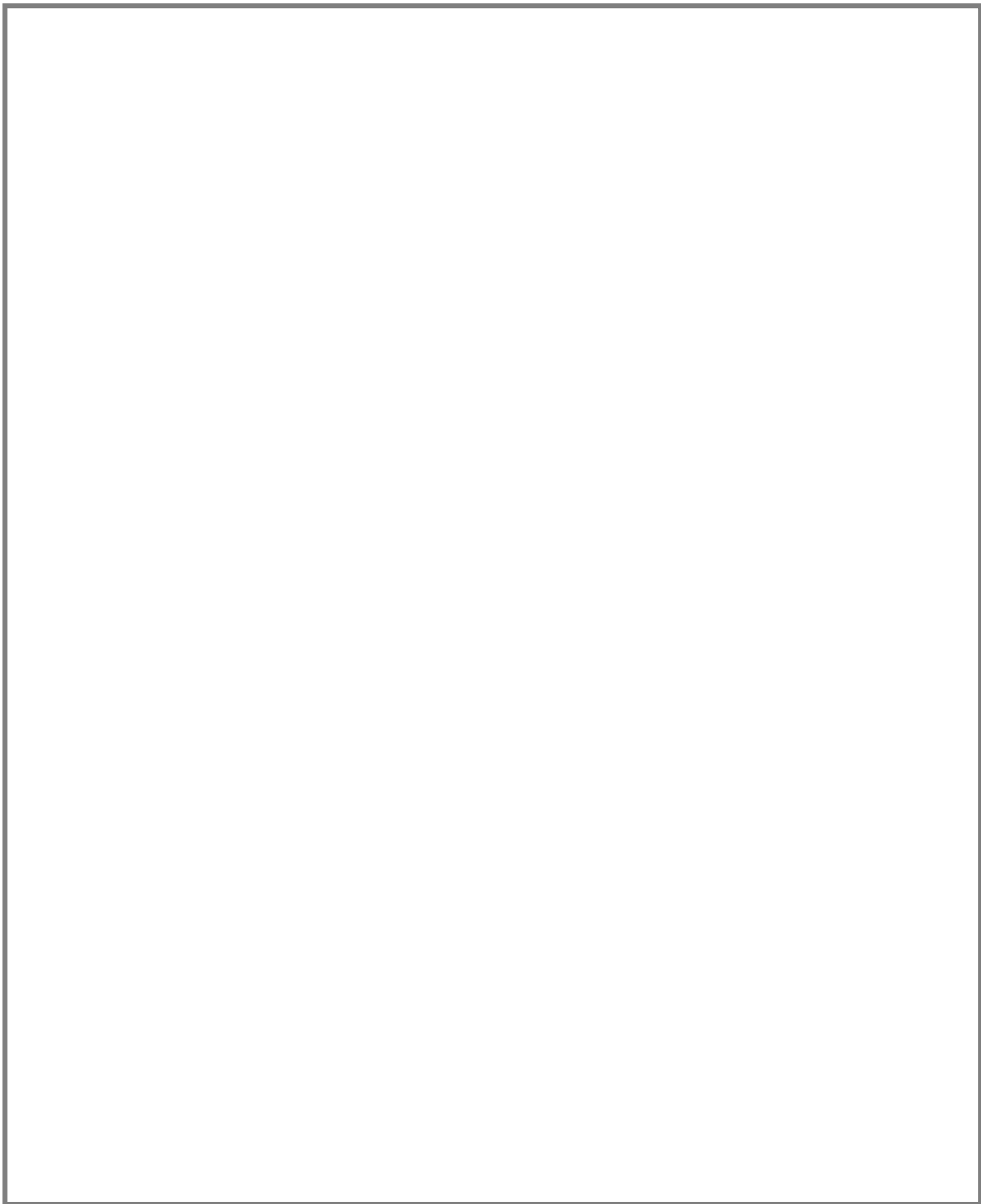
A reminder not to park down **Edwin, Colne, Knowle or Albion road**. Thank you to Zahid who has been looking out for this – this week; the school Travel Policy is on the school website.

Principal's Question: For a house points on Monday, please answer the question 'How can we keep our minds and bodies healthy?'

- Please hand your answers to your classroom teacher

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr John Smith
Principal





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