



GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith



Autumn Term: Friday 14th December 2018

Dear parents,

I hope that you have had a lovely week, and that you are looking forward to the weekend ahead. We have had a wonderful week here at Twickenham Primary Academy with an outstanding performance from our Year 2 and 3 pupils at Holy Trinity Church – You all performed excellently, and made your parents, relatives and teachers very proud. Hopefully, this has filled us all with the Christmas spirit.

The children have also enjoyed a Christmas bauble decorating workshop this week, and I am sure you will all agree they have made some very festive decorations which will look beautiful on your own Christmas tree.

Afterschool Clubs:

After school clubs have now finished this term. They will resume again week commencing 14th January. Please note: there will not be any Energy Kidz provision on the last day of term (Friday 21st) and that we close at 2:00 pm for the Christmas holidays.

Spelling and Mathematics bee:

Well done to all our children who took part in the spelling and math's bee. The children had a wonderful morning taking part in the competition, and as a Principal I was so pleased to see what budding mathematicians and linguists we have in school; the children approached the competition with such enthusiasm, and were well supported by their school friends in the audience.

Video Resource Centre:

You may have noticed on the school website that there is a section called the 'video resource center.' Over the next coming months, the school will be uploading videos of learning to this area of the website in which pupils which demonstrate the methods that they are taught subjects in school. Now that you have received the information about how to download the school app, we will let you know via the app when there is a video for you to watch. Please make sure you subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you e.g. Year 1, Year 2, Year 3

Christmas Shows:

I look forward to welcoming Reception and Year 1 parents to the Christmas Show on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th December at 09:00 am.

Key Dates:

We will be sending out the key dates for the spring term next Wednesday (19th). We will also upload the key dates onto the calendar via the school website for you to access. Hopefully, this will help with your diaries.

House Points:

House	Points Collected
Parks	2318
Gandhi	2391
Pankhurst	2396 – Well done Pankhurst you win the behaviour treat
Shackleton	2320

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 (96%)
Reception	96.8%
Year 1	97.8%
Year 2	96.8%
Year 3	97.4%
Whole School	97.2%

Key Dates

Wednesday 19 th December	Reception and Y1 Christmas Performance 09:00 am
Thursday 20 th December	Reception and Y1 Christmas Performance 09:00 am
Friday 21 st December	PTA £1 Christmas Jumper Day and School Christmas Lunch
Friday 21 st December 2018	End of Term – School closes at 2:00 pm
Monday 7 th January	School Closed for Inset
Tuesday 8 th January	Term begins again for all Pupils

Twitter:

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Principal's Question: For a house points on Monday, please answer the question 'What have you most enjoyed learning about this term?'

- Please hand your answers to your classroom teacher

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr John Smith

Principal



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