



GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith



Autumn Term: Friday 7th 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 been very busy here this week at Twickenham Primary Academy as we rehearse for our Christmas concerts, and as we look forward to our Christmas Fair which we are all very excited about.

I hope to see many of you at the Christmas Fair on Saturday; I'm sure it will be wonderful afternoon filled with many fun filled activities. Thank you in advance to the PTA who have worked incredibly hard in coordinating the event; I'm sure the children are going to have an excellent afternoon especially when they pay their visit to Santa in his grotto.

Just as a reminder, unfortunately there will no parking available on site during this day.

Reports:

You will receive your first school report for this academic year on Wednesday 19th December 2018. This is the first report of three that you will receive throughout the year. Please do take time to read the report carefully, and make contact with the classroom teacher if you need any further information. I'm sure you will all be very proud and pleased regarding the progress that the children have made this year.

Alongside the report, will be your child's attendance certificate for this academic year so far. Good attendance is 96% or over. If your child's attendance is below 90% you will be asked to attend a meeting with myself to discuss this further.

Afterschool Clubs:

Thank you to those parents who have returned their afterschool club forms. Just as a reminder, when clubs are oversubscribed – which they often are, all names are drawn out of a hat. The school does its absolute best to place the children in at least one club of their choice. You will receive confirmation of clubs by the end of next week.

Scooters:

A reminder to please not leave scooters on the school premises overnight. We cannot be held responsible for any theft that may take place.

Healthy Snacks:

Please may I remind you that snacks for break time need to be healthy. A couple of items containing lots of sugar have started to be brought into the school. Healthy snacks include: Brown bread , rice cakes, pitta breads, raisins, and cheese and banana bread and fruit etc.

House Points:

| House | Points Collected |
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| Parks | 2197 |
| Gandhi | 2220 |
| Pankhurst | 2180 |
| Shackleton | 2179 |

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 | 95.2% |
| Year 1 | 96.4% |
| Year 2 | 97.6% |
| Year 3 | 95.8% |
| Whole School | 96.09% |

Key Dates

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| Saturday 8 th December | The Christmas Fair from 2:00pm |
| Monday 10 th December | Final week for afterschool clubs |
| Monday 10 th December | Christmas Bauble Workshop for Y1,2 and 3 – Date Change |
| Thursday 13 th December | PTA movie night (Whole School) |
| Friday 14 th December | Y2 and Y3 Carol Concert 2:00 pm – Holy Trinity Church |
| 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 |

Twitter:

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Principal's Question: For **3 bonus** house points on Monday, please answer the question 'Apart from the colour red, what other colours does Santa traditionally wear?'

- Please hand your answers to your classroom teacher

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr John Smith

Principal

Dear Parents,

This week went by very quickly and the Christmas spirit has been amongst us. We continued to make decorations for our Christmas play and have been busy rehearsing on the stage. Christmas music has been playing both in the school entrance and in the classroom. What a lovely time for us all!

In our Maths lessons we have been busy solving problems and using language such as more than, less than, equal to... as well as working on reading and writing numerals and number words to 20. The children enjoyed the bingo and matching games and had fun completing problems on the Eboard. Some of the problems have been quite a challenge for the children so we will be focusing more on it next term.



Many of our English lessons have been linked to Christmas. The children wrote sentences to describe Christmas pictures using a range of adjectives. They also solved different Christmas word problems and have been introduced to our last Grammar friend, Elsie the Exclamation girl. We continued to revise our phonics, especially recognising, naming and using split digraphs in words.

In our Science lessons we have been learning to describe the physical properties of materials. The children had fun thinking about what objects look and feel like using adjectives. Some objects were hidden in a santa hat whilst the children described the object to their group for them to try and guess what was inside.



Reminders:

- The company running our Christmas Bauble workshop have rescheduled the workshop to this coming Monday the 10th.

Best Wishes,

Miss Rebecca

Reception and Year 1 Production Tickets

Tickets have been sent home in your child's book bag today. Please note that due to demand for tickets there are no spare tickets available for either dates.

News from the PTA

Tomorrow is the Christmas Fair! From 2pm -4pm we will have games, BBQ, bouncy castle, festive treats, crafts, gifts, the raffle and the TPA Tavern!

It is a cash only event and all money raised goes directly to purchase items or resources the school needs.

See you all there!

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