



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
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

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



Year 2 Darwin Weekly News

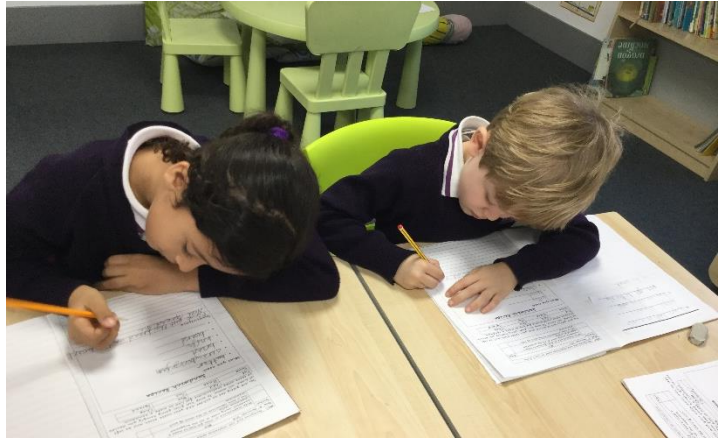
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This week the children have completed a quiz on Salvador Dali and Henri Matisse. They loved testing out their knowledge learnt throughout this topic and were excellent at sharing facts with others.

In English we looked at instructions and the use of time connectives and imperative “bossy” verbs. The children worked in small groups to invent their own game and write instructions for it. We had a combination of Christmas related board games and memory games.



Our Maths lessons focused on numbers and place value. We worked on how to partition 2 digit numbers in different combinations of tens and ones which has been a challenge for some. We will work on this more in spring term. We also looked at rounding numbers to the nearest multiple of ten and the use of ordinal numbers. The children enjoyed working out the secret messages using ordinal number codes.



This afternoon we went to the church for a Christmas play rehearsal with the other Year 2 class and the Year 3 children. The children were excellent at singing their songs and poems aloud for all to hear!

WEEK 14:

ENGLISH and PHONICS – We will be revising different SPAG concepts covered this term.

MATHS – We will be revising number and calculation concepts covered this term.

Bauble Workshop- This will take place on Tuesday (the company resheduled so the timings have changed).

Spelling and Maths Bee- This will take place on Tuesday morning.

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!

TPA PTA

Kind regards

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