



# GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith



## Autumn Term: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents,

I hope that you have had a wonderful week, and are looking forward to the weekend ahead. The learning at Twickenham Primary Academy continues to be exciting and engaging - this week I joined Year 1 on their visit to Whipsnade Zoo. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit, learnt lots of new information about endangered species, and even got the chance to stroke a Corn Snake! Hopefully, you managed to watch some of our videos of the visit on twitter.

Next week, is the last week of term, and please do remember that Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October is our House Day therefore the children need to wear their house t - shirts. These can be purchased from Stevensons if you haven't had chance to buy these already. If you're unsure of your child's house, please see Mr Charles in the school office.

### Local Academy Board

We extended the period of application until Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Voting will therefore commence between Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October; there will be voting slips located in the school foyer. Thank you very much to those parents who have already nominated themselves. I am very much looking forward to welcoming new members to the Local Academy Board

### Children's Birthdays

At Twickenham Primary Academy, we do not accept cakes or sweets to be given out during the school day for children's birthdays. However, we actively support the PTA's initiative in donating a reading book to the school on your child's birthday (Non fiction if possible). If you wish to do so, please hand a donated book into the school office, a label with your child's name will then be inserted, and this book will be placed in the library. We have found in the past that the pupils are very proud and enjoy seeing their donated book in the school library

### Website:

I have some exciting news - the school website is due to have an overhaul within the next couple of months, and the school will also be developing its own app to support school / parent communication. I am currently in the process of having the website developed, and will update you when the app and the website is ready. My current estimate is that this will all be complete by the end of November.

### Parents Evening:

We look forward to welcoming you to parents evening on the 30<sup>th</sup> October and 1<sup>st</sup> November. Please ensure that you do hand in your booking form to Mr Charles if you haven't already. Your confirmed appointment will be emailed to you.

### House Points:

House	Points Collected
Parks	901
Gandhi	1015
Pankhurst	1103
Shackleton	840

### 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	98%
Year 1	98.7%
Year 2	98.4%
Year 3	98.4%
Whole School	98.4%

### Key Dates

Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA movie night – Year 1 and 2
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	World Food Day
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	House Day (House T shirts to be worn)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA Bake Sale from 3:30pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	End of term 1 – usual time

### Twitter:

Please follow us on [@GemsTwickenham](https://twitter.com/GemsTwickenham) for all the latest news and updates.

### Parent Pay:

Parent Pay seems to be working well for most parents. If you do have any issues around payment or allocation, please do see Miss Karen who will assist you with this.

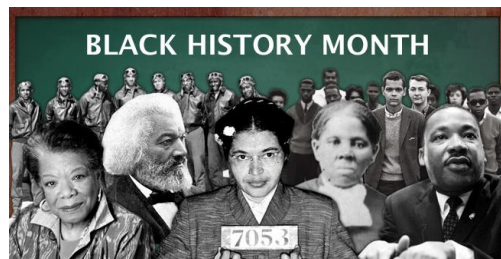
**Principal's Question:** For a house point on Monday, Please write the answer to 'Why are we celebrating Black History Month?'

- Please hand your answers to your classroom teacher

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr John Smith

### Principal



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents,

This week the children have been busy learning about Spiders, mainly from Australia. They could sort true and false facts as well as writing some of their own. The children have also found it fantastic watching learning clips and have asked lots of questions to find out further information!

In ICT this week we also used an online tool to create our own pictures of spiders, lots of us drew the female Redback spider! After we had drew our spider we then practiced our typic skills and wrote one fact that we had learned.



In Maths we were subtracting using cubes, numicon shapes and number lines. They have shown more confidence with counting back and writing number sentences. Yesterday we used our previously learned number bonds to work out the related subtraction facts.

On Tuesday we had a wonderful school trip to Whipsnade Zoo, which linked in to our topic of 'amazing animals'. The children thoroughly enjoyed this trip and we saw animals such as chimpanzees, elephants, giraffes and many more. We were even lucky enough to watch the lions feeding time which was very exciting! During the day we had an endangered animals workshop provided by the Zoo where we all got to stroke a corn snake. The children did extremely well with walking around the huge zoo all day and were great representatives to the school.





## **WEEK 6:**

**ENGLISH and PHONICS** – We will continue to focus on the story of 'Meerkat Mail' and we will be re-writing parts of the story. We will also be focusing on ensuring that we are using the correct grammar and punctuation on our writing. In phonics we will be focusing on digraphs, er, ur, ea and ure.

**MATHS** – We will focus on using our addition and mathematics skills to solve word problems

**TOPIC** – We will focus on comparing the different animals we have learnt about so far

Next week in Art we are making spiders from egg containers. If you have an egg boxes at home we would really appreciate you bringing them in for the children to use next week.

Kind regards,

Miss Rebecca

## News from the Office

### School Uniform

Please ensure that all your child's uniform and items are clearly named, we have had lots of items being mislaid lately and we would appreciate it if you could check that your child has brought home their own uniform as sometime items do get mixed up when the children are changing for PE etc.

### Year 3 School Trip – Natural History Museum

Parents, please ensure you have returned the consent form for your child to attend this trip to Mr Charles by Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October and payment has been made on ParentPay – Thank you.

### PTA – Bake Sale



Calling all bakers! 1/2 term is almost upon us and that means it's bake sale time! The sale will run from 3.30 - 4pm on Friday 19th October. We would love donations of any homemade treats, the spookier the better since Halloween is approaching. Just remember no nuts, Nutella or coconut.

Please leave donations in the school office on the morning of the sale. Remember all funds raised go directly to our school. Thank you TPA-PTA.

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