



# GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith



## Autumn Term: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018

### Dear Parents,

I hope that you have had a wonderful week, and that you are looking forward to the weekend ahead. This week has been both busy and exciting at Twickenham Primary Academy with lots of fantastic learning going on; I know that year two have been thoroughly enjoying learning about the Great Fire of London, and year three have started their wider opportunities music lessons for this term. The children have also begun their afterschool clubs, and it is lovely to see how much they are already enjoying them.

The school celebrated its annual Jeans for Genes today, and thank you again for all your kind donations. Jeans for Genes is a fantastic charity supporting many children across the United Kingdom who have been born with a range of genetic medical conditions, and your support has been most welcomed

### Children's absence:

A couple of parents have asked about what to do if a child is ill and they need to be absent from school. Hopefully, the below will be helpful to you all:

If your child is going to be absent, you need to ring the school office by 08:00 am to report this to Mr Charles. If your child is going to be absent for more than one day, you will need to ring us at the beginning of each day to report this absence and give an update of the condition – unless this a prolonged absence which the school is aware of. Our school website has an infection control policy which will inform you if / and how long your child should be off school for a range of illnesses and medical conditions. As a rule of thumb, it is 48 hours away from school for sickness and diarrhoea.

- If your child's attendance has fallen below 90% then the school will stop authorising any absences that do not have medical evidence e.g. a doctor's note.
- If your child is going to have a medical appointment then you need to inform the school office, and provide them with the appointment letter.

### Headlice:

We haven't had any reported cases of head lice yet. However, please do check through your child's hair over the weekend. We do ask the pupils with long hair to wear it up as a preventative measure. The school office does have head lice prevention treatment in stock; if you would like any of this treatment to treat your child's head, please see Miss Karen.

### Lost Property:

The Lost property box is beginning to fill up – please do check through to see if any of the items belong to your children. We do ask that you clearly label all uniform.

### House Points:

House	Points Collected
Parks	236
Gandhi	260
Pankhurst	273
Shackleton	248

### 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 schools register.

Year Group	Target (96%)
Reception	95%
Year 1	96.8%
Year 2	93.4%
Year 3	98.5%
Whole School	96%

### Key Dates

Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 2 Scooter Training
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Black History Month begins
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Great Fire of London Workshop – Year 2 Mini beasts Workshop – Year 1
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	From 08:30 am – Y1, 2 and 3 parent drop off
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 1 to Whipsnade Zoo

### PTA:

The PTA now has an email address. It is [pta@gemstwickenhamprimary.co.uk](mailto:pta@gemstwickenhamprimary.co.uk) if you wish to get in touch.

### Twitter:

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

### Sibling Club:

Just a reminder, sibling club is for Reception pupils only. All pupils who are not siblings must Be collected at 3:30pm.

### Football Cards:

Please can I ask that you do not send your children in with the football playing cards. Thank you.

### Principal's Question:

For a house point on Monday, please send in a written answer to the question to 'Why did we wear our jeans on friday?'

- Please hand your answers to your classroom teacher

Mr John Smith

**Principal**

Dear Parents,

This week the children have made greater strides in using cursive when completing the different writing activities. We have been introducing children to leaflets and they planned and designed some impressive London leaflets. In our SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) lesson we focused on different types of sentences and using the associated punctuation marks.



In Maths we have been looking at properties of numbers and children enjoyed finding the correct numbers using clues such as "my number is even, it is greater than 50 but less than 80..."). Some children even wrote their own clues for their partners. We also worked on counting in 2s, 3s and 5s as well as place value and partitioning 2- and 3-digit numbers.



In Topic we looked at the timeline of London from AD43 when the Romans invaded London to present time. The children wrote 2 historical facts from the timeline and a question that they would like to know.

In Art and Design we started our Great Fire of London project. We talked and learned about the buildings and how streets looked during this time. Each child designed their own building from this time which we will construct using different materials in the next week to make a model street of London from 1666.



Today the children enjoyed wearing their jeans for Jeans for Genes. Thank you for the donations!

#### WEEK 4:

ENGLISH and PHONICS – We will focus on questions and the use of different conjunctions. In phonics we will look at reading and writing common exception words.

MATHS – We will focus on Addition.

TOPIC – We will learn about The Great Plague.

#### Reminders:

- **Art and Design project:** May we kindly ask each child to bring a shoe box including lid for our GFOL buildings and street project by next Tuesday.

Kind regards

Miss Philippa

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