



# 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

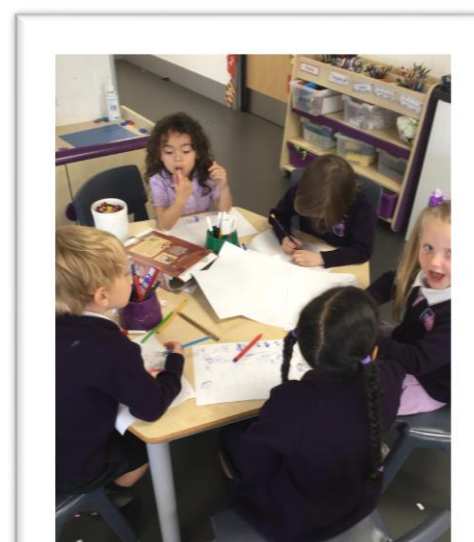
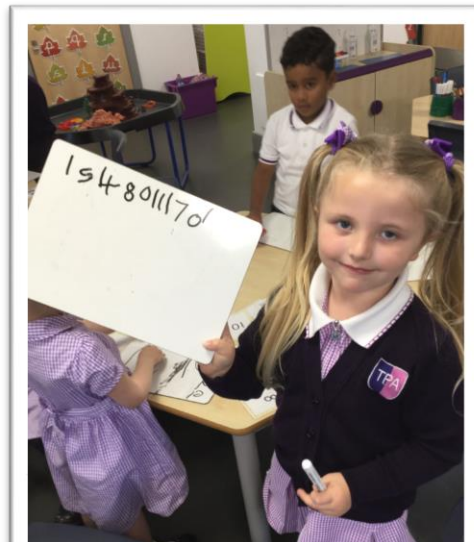
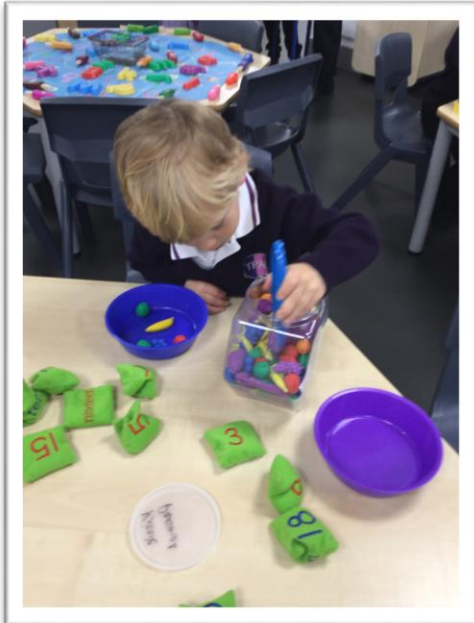
**Principal**

Dear Parents,

We've had a another busy and fun week of learning! In Maths we were completing more Numbers to 10 and beyond activities with a focus on the children not only recognising but forming these numbers correctly.

In Literacy our focus sounds were s,a,t,p which the children did really well to try and write using the cursive font that TPA uses throughout the school. The children really enjoyed watching Geraldine the giraffe explain the letters and sounds- the videos can be seen on youtube under 'Geraldine finds' if you would like to watch!

On Friday the school celebrated Genes for Jeans- thank you all so much for your contributions!



### Next Week:

LITERACY - We will introduce letter sounds *i, n, m, d* and look at key tricky words such as *l* and the

MATHS – We will focus on 2D and 3D shapes and complete activities such as making shape pictures, going on a shape hunt around the school and making 3D shapes using play dough.

TOPIC – We will continue to focus on our Families and Friends topic

### Reminders:

- Thursday Reading Drop in: Please feel free to come in on Thursday 8.30-9.30am to read a story to a group of children. You can either use a book from school or bring your own. Once the children have reading books this will change to reading on a 1:1 basis with the children. If you plan on coming along, please sign in at the office.
- PE: children are now changing for indoor and outdoor PE. If you could support your child at home with practising undressing and dressing independently that would be wonderful! We also ask that children have velcro shoes if they cannot tie laces.
- I hope you have all been able to access photos using Marvellous Me. Now the children have settled we will be sending photos/ messages when the children take part in some special learning in school.
- Thank you for placing your red message books/ WOW cards in the basket outside the classroom, it's a huge help!

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Kizzie

