



GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith



Autumn Term: Friday 21st 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 th September	Year 2 Scooter Training
Wednesday 3 rd October	Black History Month begins
Thursday 4 th October	Great Fire of London Workshop – Year 2 Mini beasts Workshop – Year 1
Friday 5 th October	From 08:30 am – Y1, 2 and 3 parent drop off
Tuesday 9 th October	Year 1 to Whipsnade Zoo

PTA:

The PTA now has an email address. It is 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

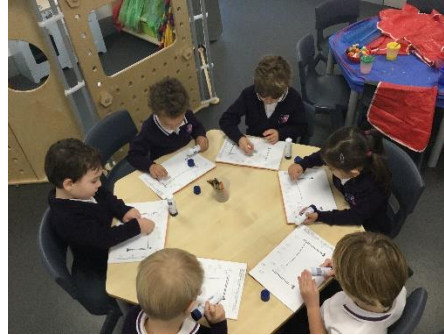
Mr John Smith

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Class: Hepworth Week 2

Dear parents,

In Maths we were completing more Numbers to 10 activities especially focusing on forming and sequencing them correctly. Some children have been working on numbers beyond 10 – counting and recognition



In Literacy the children showed some good understanding of the covered letter sounds and practised forming the letters correctly and naming words starting with these sounds t, p, a, s. The children really enjoy watching Geraldine the giraffe explain the letters and sounds.



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 words such as *it, is, sit, mum, dad...*

MATHS – We will focus on 2D and 3D shapes 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 Families and Friends by making a class family quilt and a friendship booklet.

Reminders:

- **Thursday Reading Drop in:** Please feel free to come in on Thursday 9.00-9.30am to read a story to a group of children or the whole class. You can either use a book from school or bring your own. This will change to reading on a 1:1 basis when the children start receiving their reading books.
- I hope that you have all been able to access your Marvellous Me. Now that the children have settled we will only be sending photos when children take part in special learning in school.
- P.E: The children are now changing for P.E. If you could support your child at home with practising dressing and undressing independently that would be fantastic. We also ask that the children have valcro shoes if they are not able to tie laes.

Have a super weekend.

Kind regards,

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