

**Headmaster**

We began this week in Assembly reminding ourselves of the greatest commandment and also perhaps the greatest thinking achievement of the last century. We have reached an exciting part of the story of how a critical part of the Enigma Coding machine fell into allied hands in World War II in quite dramatic circumstances – do ask the children! Well, thinking skills have very much been the theme of this week with our now annual Mind Sports Festival in full swing. Highlights so far have been some excellent competitions in Codebreaker, Connect Four, Octi, Quoridor, Checkers, Exchange Chess and Abalone for our older pupils and for our younger pupils our Reception classes were visited by Year 7 who taught them a number of strategy games and commented effusively on the potential they had spotted for the future.

On a different theme, next week is our annual Book Week with **dressing up day** on **MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup>** February and a host of exciting activities to follow. Please see the Library column for more details.

With my apologies please note that there will be **NO EARLY MORNING CHESS** next Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February as I have a meeting off-site early next Tuesday.

Parents will now no doubt be aware of the potential travel difficulties that will ensue from next Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February with the resurfacing of Ormond Crescent. Please do give consideration for the following ideas to ensure a smooth as possible start and end to the school day for everyone's benefit and sanity:

- Lift-sharing to reduce the number of cars searching for spaces
- Leaving home earlier and parking slightly further away (e.g. the High Street)
- Walking to school or using public transport if practical

Given the special circumstances, we would like to extend an invitation for any TPS families who live on our **morning only** minibuses to take up this service for one week only. Please contact the school office if this is of interest (first come, first served!). Please refer to the routes we cover via the website link below:

<https://twickenhamprep.org.uk/admissions/mini-bus-school-run/>

Finally, on the sporting front I would like to congratulate Liam who, after six hours of trials, has been selected for the U10 Middlesex County Cricket training squad.

**Whole School News**

**Reception–Year 3, Years 6 & 7: Parent/Pupil Mid-Year Review Meetings  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March until Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

The online booking system for the Parent/Pupil Mid-Year Review Meetings, which are taking place in March, **is now open for bookings.**

This system enables parents to book their own appointment times online. An email giving more details has been sent.

A link to the system is below:

[twickenhamprep.parentseveningsystem.co.uk](http://twickenhamprep.parentseveningsystem.co.uk).

Please note that, although the deadline for booking appointments is Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm, slots will fill up fast so please do log on and reserve your appointments as soon as you are able to.

***Pupils in Year 1 and above are expected to attend with their parents.***

### **Spring Term Class Assembly Dates**

Y7 Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February

RG Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

5M Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

RM Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

### **Second-Hand Uniform Sale – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

The Parents' Committee will be running their termly second-hand uniform sale in March – whether you're buying or selling, add the date to your diary!

### **Easter Holiday 2018**

A reminder that the last day of Spring Term is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March (half day) and pupils return for the Summer Term on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

## **Prep**

**Year 4 Parents' Evening: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 5.30pm-7.30pm**

**Year 5 Parents' Evening: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 4.30pm-6.30pm**

Please note that there are no allocated appointments on these Parents Evenings, which take place in the School Hall, so parents may need to queue to see some staff. A meeting should last approximately five minutes. This is not the occasion for very long conversations with staff, but separate longer appointments can be made for a future date. Should you require longer, please discuss this with the relevant staff member.

***Pupils in Year 5 are expected to attend with their parents but NOT Year 4 pupils.***

### **TPS Year 6 Cycling Proficiency: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March-Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

A letter has been sent home this week regarding Year 6 Cycling Proficiency which starts on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Bikes will need to be in good working order and must be brought in on the morning of Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Parents may of course collect their children's bikes and take them home at the end of each day. However if parents would prefer to leave bikes at school they must be locked and secure in the bike racks or locked around the back of the Art/Music building, by the table tennis table. The children are to provide their own locks and are responsible for locking up their own bikes. Whilst the school will do what we can to ensure that the bikes are as secure as possible, please note that our insurance will not cover the bikes in case of loss or theft. Pupils should wear tracksuits and trainers for the Cycling Proficiency course. They will also need to bring a suitable coat. Please **do not forget a helmet!**

### **Years 3 & 4 and Years 5 & 6 Productions**

Rehearsals and preparations are underway already so please do note the production dates in your diaries as detailed in the TPS Spring Term Calendar Card:

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 4.30pm**

**Year 3 and Year 4 Production**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 6.30pm**

**Year 5 and Year 6 Production**

## Year 3 & 4 Production – Makeup Artists Required!

Miss Maddison is looking for any parent/carer volunteers who might be willing and able to help with make-up for the Year 3 & 4 Production on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March from 4pm onwards. Please contact Miss Maddison directly via my email to confirm if you are able to help: [kmaddison@twickenhamprep.co.uk](mailto:kmaddison@twickenhamprep.co.uk)

### Pre-Prep

#### Road Safety

The Pre-Prep children have been enjoying a series of Pre-Prep assemblies about road safety. Mrs Barnes used some songs to teach the children about using the road safely which are detailed below. Reception children received their free TFL Children's Traffic Club pack which has a code to access some online games and songs suitable to EYFS children. We cannot source packs for the children in Year 1 and 2, but if parents are interested please do use the website: [www.TrafficClub.London](http://www.TrafficClub.London) to access the games and songs at home.



#### Song 1: Traffic Light Song – very suitable for the younger children

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=it-dTcFGsFc>

#### Song 2: Road Safety Campaign

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KnwxN24E2yY&list=PLAA1E902032CE5A90>



#### Healthy Lifestyle

Follow the link below if you would like to find out how to make some delicious Funny Face Pizzas, Butternut Squash Soup, Purrfect Mushrooms and the Fruit Scone Family:

[http://www.greatgrubclub.com/cook-it#.Wo1Yn\\_1l8dU](http://www.greatgrubclub.com/cook-it#.Wo1Yn_1l8dU)

### EYFS

#### Book Week Dressing Up Day – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February

Reception PE kits will not be required for PE lessons on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February as it is book character dressing up day. Reception children should dress up as a character from Tracey Corderoy's 'Fairy Tale Pets' book. We have arranged for the children to do suitable PE activities which do not require changing so they can make the most of their costumes for the day.

**Please ensure that the children wear their usual trainers on this day though.**

Please do chat with the children at home in advance of Monday about their favourite fairy tale character (from any fairy tale), how he/she looks and what he/she wears as we will be doing related activities in class during the week.



#### Developing Independence and Self-Management Skills

When possible, it would be very helpful for the children to have a bit of extra time to practise zipping or buttoning up their coats and putting on gloves/mittens with fingers. We are always on hand to assist the children but we will always encourage them 'to have a go' first at the part they can do so we are focusing on the positive. Thank you to parents who have started to encourage the children more with this. There has been a noticeable change in the children's attempts at being independent during this rainy week.

## Year 1 - Speaking and Listening

We are particularly focusing on improving speaking and listening skills. In class we are working on taking turns and being relevant in conversation so that there are less interruptions and everyone has a turn to speak. We are focusing particularly on listening carefully to instructions so the children know what to do and to stay safe in an activity. It would be most valuable if you would spend some time with your child playing some simple games that focus particularly on listening. Below are some examples:



1. 'I went shopping and I bought...' – everyone playing takes turns adding something to the shopping list each time they repeat it.
2. A Family Story, where each person adds a sentence.
3. Being silent for a whole minute; what tiny sounds can you hear, 1.inside, 2.outside the room
4. How Did I Say It? Did I speak loudly, softly, fast or slowly?
5. Directed drawing; read out instructions, and your child has to draw exactly what you say

## Year 1 - Maths

We have been learning how to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. It would be great if the children could practise this at home. It would help if you could start at random numbers in the pattern and not always zero. You could use the following links for practice at home:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uDSWMjtMff4>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hae10bsW\\_CM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hae10bsW_CM)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K0pZHpvq0y4>

## Year 2



This half term the Year 2 History topic is The Great Fire of London so if the children are interested they may wish to do a little research around this new topic.

If you have time over the next half of term, there is an excellent exhibition at The Museum of London which you may be interested in seeing. Follow the link below to find out more:

<https://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/discover/great-fire-london-1666>

If you fancy something closer to home there are some fun activities for children on the following link: <http://www.fireoflondon.org.uk/>

## Library

### Book Week Reminders

- Please remember we will be celebrating book week from **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**.
- We will have a **whole school dressing up day on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February** (Pre-prep and Prep) with fun and prizes for all years. We look forward to seeing Fairy Tale characters (Reception) and Shifty McGifty characters (Years 1&2) in Pre-prep and fictional adventure or exploration characters in Prep.

### Birthday Books

Does your child have a birthday in February or March? Would they like to mark the occasion by donating a book to the school library? This is a very popular scheme

whereby your child presents their special birthday book to the school during our Friday celebration assembly. All children are welcome to make a donation. There are so many good books being published now, I always have an extensive wishlist! So please email me for a copy to avoid duplications. When your child brings the book into school I will arrange a special birthday book plate in the book. The children then present the book to the school during the Friday celebration assembly. We hope you will join in with this scheme to provide the library with some wonderful new books.

Mrs McCarey, School Librarian  
[library@twickenhamprep.co.uk](mailto:library@twickenhamprep.co.uk)

## Enrichment

### **Royal Holloway University's Annual Science Festival 'Science Exploration & Discovery' - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 10am-4pm**

Royal Holloway's annual science festival is back again this Spring with a packed programme - here's a taste of some exciting highlights we expect to include:

- Royal Institute lectures on Explosive Food and Feel the Power
- A talk on the Bloodhound SSC, a unique, project to design and build a car that will set a new world land speed record
- The Ugly Animal Roadshow by conservation comedian and biologist, Dr Simon Watt.
- Talks on Engineering Vocal Sounds and Big Bang Physics
- Wild Science – hands-on workshops with Mini-Beasts
- Live Steam Trains – miniature railway exhibition by the Gauge 1 Model Railway Association
- Discover the Stars at an indoor Planetarium
- Bletchley Park Enigma exhibition

More details about the programme will be published nearer the event.

All activities are free - all ages welcome.

No advanced booking is required, just turn up and be inspired by the wonders of science.

<https://www.royalholloway.ac.uk/science/sciencefestival/home.aspx>

## House



### **House Chess – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 4-5pm**

Next Tuesday the House Chess Competition will be held in the Dining Room from 4pm until 5pm. All pupils involved will receive a letter by the end of this week. Parents are invited to come and support the teams.

## Chess

### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

The English Chess Federation U11 qualifying event will take place here at Twickenham Prep School this Saturday.

Players have been informed and final details will be sent home soon.



### **Tuesday Early Morning Chess Next Week!**

Reminder **NO EARLY MORNING CHESS** next **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February** as Mr Malam is out at a meeting off-site that morning.



## RUGBY

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2.30pm-4.15pm**

**U9 A & B Rugby vs Surbiton**

**Venue:** Hinchley Wood, Manor Road South, KT10 0QA

**Finish:** 4.15pm at TPS

All boys in Year 4 will be involved

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2.30pm-4pm**

**U8 A & B Rugby vs Surbiton**

**Venue:** Kempton

**Finish:** 4pm at TPS

All boys in Year 3 will be involved

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

**St George's Windsor U10 Rugby Tournament**

**Venue:** St George's School, Windsor Castle, Windsor, SL4 1QF

Boys involved will be notified via the sports noticeboard



## HOCKEY

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2.30pm-4.45pm**

**U11 Hockey Matches vs LVS Ascot (Away)**

**Venue:** LVS, London Road, Ascot, Berkshire, SL5 8DR

**Finish:** 4.45pm at TPS

All girls in Year 6 will be involved

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2.30pm-4.15pm**

**U10 Hockey Matches vs LVS Ascot (Home)**

**Venue:** Staines Hockey Club, 244 Worpole Road, Staines, TW18 1HR (Home)

**Finish:** 4.15pm at TPS

All girls in Year 5 will be involved

***Match Rescheduled from Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March***

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2.30pm-4.15pm**

**U8 Hockey Match vs Claremont Fan Court School (Home)**

**Venue:** Surbiton Hockey Club, Sugden Road, Thames Ditton, KT7 0AE (Home)

**Finish:** 4.15pm at TPS

All girls in Year 3 will be involved



## **GIRLS' CRICKET**

We will be introducing Girls' Cricket to Years 3 and 4 on a Friday afternoons after Easter in the Summer Term. Following on from the success of the England Women's Cricket Team last summer, we want to be at the forefront of providing girls with a sport that is more accessible within the local area with various clubs, as well as paving a pathway towards playing county level and even higher.

The girls will wear their normal summer Games kit for Cricket; purple top, skirt and white socks.

For your information, below is a list of clubs where they run either mixed teams or have separate girls and boys teams:

East Molesey CC: KT8 9AL

Teddington CC: TW11 0EA

Teddington Town CC: TW11 0EA



## **CROSS-COUNTRY**

### **Danes Hill Cross-Country – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

Year 5-8 pupils selected have been given a letter by Mr Doughty giving them information regarding the event. Pupils will be leaving TPS at 8.45am and return at 12noon. They will need to come to school in their white PE kit, TPS tracksuit and running trainers. We would advise bringing a water bottle for the morning and a snack to eat after the race.



## **RICHMOND BOROUGH SWIMMING GALA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL HEATS**

Special Congratulations to all our swimmers who took part in an individual race or as part of a relay team. A fantastic effort in a tough environment!

**TWICKENHAM PREPARATORY SCHOOL  
SPRING TERM MENU**

Week Commencing Monday 26th February 2018

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
<b>Main Course</b>	Macaroni cheese	Pork Sausages	Roast Pork loin	Beef meat loaf	Cod Fish fingers
<b>Alternative</b>	Cottage pie	Lamb Bolognese	Roast chicken thighs	Mozzarella tomato & basil pasta	Beef meatballs with spaghetti
<b>Vegetarian Alternative</b>	Nut-free Pesto pasta	Vegetable frittata	Butternut squash risotto	Broccoli & cheese quiche	Vegetable nuggets (carrots, sweetcorn, cauliflower)
<b>Carbohydrate</b>	Garlic bread	Creamy mash	Roast potatoes	Savoury rice	Chunky chips
<b>Vegetables</b>	Sweetcorn	Baked beans	Broccoli	Carrots	Mushy peas
We also offer fresh vegetable sticks for Pre-Prep and a seasonal salad bar for Prep with a protein item option daily					
<b>JACKET POTATO COUNTER (Prep Sitting Only)</b>	Jacket Potatoes With the choice of baked beans, tuna mayo and grated cheese	Jacket Potatoes With the choice of baked beans, tuna mayo and grated cheese	Jacket Potatoes With the choice of baked beans, tuna mayo and grated cheese	Jacket Potatoes With the choice of baked beans, tuna mayo and grated cheese	Jacket Potatoes With the choice of baked beans, tuna mayo and grated cheese
<b>Dessert</b>	Flapjack	Apple pie served with custard	Chocolate bread & butter pudding	Carrot cake with cream cheese topping	Oat ,Lemon & raisin cookie
<b>A choice of seasonal fruit and yoghurt is available each day and may be taken in addition or in place of a dessert</b>					
<b>Drinks</b>	Jugs of fresh water available daily				



# Parents' Committee News

Please send all bulletin submissions to Francesca Crutchfield at [tpsnews1@gmail.com](mailto:tpsnews1@gmail.com) by midday on Tuesdays for inclusion in the following Thursday's bulletin

## Dates for your diaries:

- Thursday 1st March – Secondhand Uniform sale
- Friday 2nd March – Spring cake sale
- Friday 9th March - Quiz night (SOLD OUT)

## Second Hand Uniform Sale: Have You Got Anything to Sell?

Next Thursday 1st March 2.30pm until 4.30pm

Anyone with outgrown clothing they would like to sell, please do bring it to the school office ASAP. Uniform can also be left in the Parents' Committee cupboard/in-tray in the corridor behind the school office.

Please attach a piece of paper with your name and contact details if you would like 50% commission on any items that sell. If there are no details, any money made will go to the Parents' Committee Funds. Please make sure items are still in good enough condition that you would be happy to buy them yourself! PLEASE NOTE we have to dispose of any threadbare, damaged or stained stock so PLEASE, PLEASE check the quality of the clothes you are sending to us.

If anyone would be willing to help next Thursday 1st, Tracy would love to hear from you at [tps.secondhanduniform@outlook.com](mailto:tps.secondhanduniform@outlook.com) or 07703 884746.

We can't run the sale without our friendly parent helpers!

## Latest on Classlist:

Don't forget the [Marketplace](#) on [Classlist](#) is there for parents to use, whether you are selling items e.g. second hand musical instruments, concert tickets etc, asking for recommendations, or looking for that lost item of school uniform.

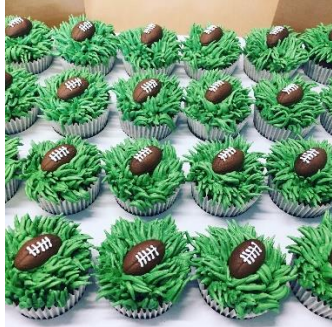
For example – does your child need a mouthguard? TPS dad Stephen Avatoom is here to help: <https://parent.classlist.com/#/listings/list/>

## Recruitment:

And finally, a reminder we are still looking to recruit a new team to take over the roles of Secretary, Treasurer and PC Chair. We also need some help to run the second-hand uniform sale as well as someone to take over the second-hand uniform sale accounts. We would like to give our successors the opportunity to shadow us during 2018 to make the transition smooth. To find out more contact please contact Gill ([tps.pcchair@outlook.com](mailto:tps.pcchair@outlook.com))

# CAKE SALE

Next Friday, 2nd March, after school



*As we are amid the Six Nations Rugby tournament, and as 1<sup>st</sup> March is St David's Day, and 17<sup>th</sup> March is St Patricks Day, we thought...let's combine the two – patron saints and rugby!*

If you can help set up, or sell, please contact:

[ros\\_bate@msn.com](mailto:ros_bate@msn.com)

- 8am-9am to collect cakes in
- 2:45pm-3:15pm to set up
- 3:15pm-4pm selling to Pre-Prep
- 4pm-4:30pm selling to Prep & clearing away

Please bake or buy and drop off your cakes in the morning

NUT FREE cakes please (no Cherry Bakewells!)

## THANK YOU!