



Headmaster

Assembly Theme

We are continuing to look at different Commonwealth countries and so far have thought about Tonga, Mauritius and the Seychelles – including a really interesting story of hidden treasure. Next week we will be thinking about the only Commonwealth country in South America, Guyana. This is a really intriguing nation, which has almost unspoilt rain forests and unique bio-diversity. We will also be having a special assembly with a representative from the Commonwealth office later on during the week.

Exams Week

Pupils in Years 4-7 have their exams next week and we wish them well.

EPSCA Chess Semi-Finals in Bristol

Last Friday and Saturday we took a large number of pupils and parents to the National Chess Semi-Finals at Bristol Grammar School. This overnight expedition was very popular with our pupils and I would like to pass on my thanks to the parents who joined us to support the pupils' efforts. This is the largest school tournament in the country and nearly ninety teams competed. We came a respectable 16th and 17th winning two silver awards. Particular congratulations to the following pupils who scored considerable points for our teams: Ishe (U11 Team) and Ewan, Akshay and Matthew (U9 Team).

Half Term

A reminder that we break for half term at the end of next week. Please note that Friday 25th May is a full school day, as is normal before a half term break. School will start again on Monday 4th June.

Walk for Teenage Cancer Trust

On Sunday 3rd June a large number of our Reception children are walking 5km for the Teenage Cancer Trust. Good luck!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/harriwalksforalex>

Prizegiving Trophies

Could all trophies from last year's Prizegiving please be returned to the school office as soon as possible, and by Wednesday 6th June at the very latest.

Whole School News

Summer Term Class Assemblies

Parents are warmly invited to join us and attend their child's class assembly from 8.55am until 9.15am. Breakfast is available from 8am and coffee from 8.30am in the Dining Room. Details of the dates are as follows:

Tuesday 22nd May: **1M**
Wednesday 6th June: **3M**
Tuesday 19th June: **Year 8 Leavers Assembly**

Malawi

Mrs Hepburn and Miss Maddison are heading off to Malawi at half term to work with our partner school in Songwe. They have been asked by the charity to take second hand school fleeces and **any** sports tops (preferably football/rugby club tops) which would be gratefully received. If you have any of these items that you would like to donate, there will be a box under the covered walkway every morning until half term where they can be left.

TPS would like to thank the Parents' Committee who have generously sourced TPS pencils and beach balls which will be given as gifts to the children in Malawi.

Pre-Prep Concert

We look forward to seeing you if you are able to attend the Pre-Prep Concert next Thursday 24th May in the School Hall. Parents, carers and extended family are all invited! Guests should enter the Hall via the Dining Room doors in the Playground.

Doors will open at 2.15pm and the concert will begin at 2.30pm. We anticipate the concert running for approximately 45 minutes.

Children will be dismissed as usual from the Pre-Prep doors once the concert has finished, so please head on out into the playground at the end of the performance.

Safeguarding and Pupil Wellbeing

Consent For Kids (Blue Seat Studios)



Blue Seat Studios have created a video aimed at younger children on the issue of consent and their bodies. Have a look and see what you think. It may suit your children, or it might not but it is helpful for parents and carers who wish to discuss this with their child in terms of personal safety and things that make them feel comfortable. Do watch it yourself first before giving a younger child access to it to be sure you are comfortable with the issues raised. The video is geared for young children and can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h3nhM9UIJc>

Prep

Year 6 Sky Visit – Friday 18th May –Tomorrow!

During the course of what promises to be a very exciting trip, they will have the opportunity to take a behind the scenes tour, before producing their very own TV report using state of the art technology. 6H will visit the studios in the morning leaving school at 8.35am and returning around 1.15pm. 6L will leave at 12.20pm and return around 5.30pm. Pupils should come to school wearing their uniform and will need to bring a packed lunch.

Year 7 Surrey Wildlife Trust Trip - Friday 25th May

Year 7 pupils will travel to Nower Wood in Leatherhead to work with the Surrey Wildlife Trust next Friday. The staff from SWT will be working with the children on ecology topics to support their classroom learning. Letters with full details have been sent home.

Cricket & Rounders Sports Team Photos: Wednesday 23rd May & Friday 25th May

On Wednesday 23rd May and Friday 25th May, pupils will be having Sports Team photographs taken during their Games afternoons.

Cricket Photos – what to wear and bring:

All boys should come to school wearing Cricket kit: TPS Cricket shirt, white Cricket trousers, white socks, white trainers and their blazer. **Additionally** they will need in their sports bag: TPS Football/Rugby top, TPS black shorts, TPS purple socks and TPS fleece. Tracksuit bottoms are not required.

Rounders Photos – what to wear and bring:

All girls should come to school wearing Rounders kit: TPS purple sports top, purple skirt, white ankle socks and white trainers. **Additionally** they will need in their sports bag: Long TPS purple hockey socks and TPS fleece. Tracksuit bottoms are not required.

Mandarin Enrichment Programme – Year 6 Girls and Year 8 Boys

We are very pleased to say that we will be running our Mandarin enrichment programme for the Year 6 girls and Year 8 boys again this year.

The course will give them a taste of Chinese language and culture in a series of lessons from the teachers from Dragons in Europe. Pupils do not need to bring in anything extra for the lessons. The Year 8 boys' course will commence in June, details of the dates are in the calendar card and on the website calendar. The Year 6 girls programme is as detailed below:

	Year 6 Girls
Mandarin Session 1	Thursday 24 th May, 2.40pm-4pm
Mandarin Session 2	Thursday 7 th June, 2.40pm-4pm
Mandarin Session 3	Thursday 14 th June, 2.40pm-4pm

Year 6 Girls - Stride Business Course

Full details have been sent home explaining the course content. Details of the remaining sessions are as follows (as published in the Summer Term Calendar Card):

Monday 4 th June	Session 5
Monday 11 th June	Session 6
Thursday 21 st June	Session 7
Friday 22 nd June	Session 8

Common Entrance Written Exams Week:

Tuesday 5th June – Friday 8th June

Years 4-7 School Exams Week:

Monday 21st May - Friday 25th May

Revision booklets went home with pupils last week and are available on the Parents' Area of the website. If you have any questions please contact your child's subject teacher/s.

Save the date – Leavers Parents Dinner - Tuesday 26th June

Invitations will go out after half term to Year 6 and 8 leavers' parents. Mr Malam hopes you will be able to join him for what is always an enjoyable event.

Pre-Prep

Pre-Prep Dismissal



We are reviewing our arrangements at the end of the day to ensure the safest possible dismissal for the children. It will help us greatly if parents/carers follow the guidelines below and help us to re-enforce the reasons for these rules with the children.

- We can ensure the children's safety when they are collected punctually at the designated dismissal time for the class, the club or 4pm Supervision.
- Please do not routinely collect your child later than their correct dismissal time.
- Children can only be dismissed into the care of a responsible adult and not a Prep sibling.
- Children will only be dismissed to a parent who comes up to the Pre-Prep door and not to those waiting by the picnic tables.
- We ask that Pre-Prep children are collected before their Prep sibling to alleviate congestion and the children's anxiety.
- We ask parents **not** to come into the building before 4pm as it is still school time and the building is not open to parents at this time.
- The children are not allowed to crowd around the doorway and windows as we need to have space to dismiss children safely.
- Please do not allow the children and younger siblings to run around the playground at the end of the day – this is not playtime and children need to be closely supervised so as to avoid unnecessary accidents.
- Children should only use the picnic tables to sit at – not stand and climb on as we use this area for eating.
- The children should not be allowed to run around the bike/scooter parking area or to play table tennis.
- We will aim to dismiss the children in good time and not to delay you after school.

We thank you in advance for your co-operation with these matters so we keep our young children safe.

Sun Safety

We have been enjoying lovely sunny playtimes in Pre-Prep however we have had a few children complaining of headaches this week. Please do provide your child with a sunhat which is available from the school office to shade his/her face and neck, and do make sure he/she has a water bottle every day.

Water is always available from the water fountains but the children do drink more if they have their own water bottle. Children are reminded to drink lots at break times and lunch times.

On a similar note children do not require winter coats only raincoats as they have a fleece at school for colder days.



Pre-Prep Concert Thursday 24th May



All Pre-Prep children will require brightly coloured summer clothes for their costume. Please provide the named costume to your child's teacher by **Monday 21st May** in a named plastic bag. It is helpful if Year 1 children can have a pair of sunglasses as part of their costume.

None of the children will require shoes as part of their costume.

Summer Uniform

In Pre-Prep we are lucky to have a lovely warm building. In warmer weather children do not require vests. Boys will particularly benefit from wearing shorts rather than long trousers as they will feel much more comfortable. Please do ensure that the shorts you choose are school uniform shorts as specified on our list. These are readily available from Stevensons, John Lewis, Marks and Spencer and many other high street retailers.

Healthy Eating



The Great Grub Club have lovely ideas and recipes for healthy living and cooking and eating on their website. From there you can also access a Jamie Oliver's blog about his Food Revolution.

The children may wish to try making a strawberry salad or even a fruit scone family! Follow the link below if you wish to find out a bit more – they look delicious!

Strawberry and Melon Salad

<http://www.greatgrubclub.com/strawberry-and-melon-salad#.V0WKNfkrlDU>

Super Smoothie

http://www.greatgrubclub.com/super-smoothie#.V0WKV_krlDU

Mini Yoghurt Ice Lollies

<http://www.greatgrubclub.com/fruity-yoghurt-ice-lollies#.V0WKkPkrlDU>

Fruit Scone Family

<http://www.greatgrubclub.com/fruit-scone-family#.V0WIhfkrlDU>

EYFS



Reception children have particularly enjoyed their outdoor play this week in the glorious sunshine. Do remember to provide a sunhat with a neck shade and a water bottle each day please as well as applying sun cream at home at the start of the day.

The school sunhat with the appropriate neck shade is available from the school office. Parents need to sign for the purchase and the cost will be added to the end of term bill.

We have been reading *Pirate Post* and each child has created their own pirate *mini-me*. A picture of this will go home on Friday. Please help your child to choose a name for their mini-me and to write it on the page. It will also help if your child could chat to you about the legend of their particular character to share at school next week.



Year 1

In Geography next week we will be looking at the map of the United Kingdom and the countries that make up the UK. We will be discussing the capital cities of the countries. The children have learnt the names of the five oceans and would benefit from some time to look at a globe or world map with an adult.





Thank you for your support during our work on London. The children have enjoyed visiting many famous places throughout London.

Year 2

Please remind the children to practise their poem words for the summer concert.

Chess

Saturday 19th May

KCS Chess Tournament

Those involved have been notified.



Music

Woodwind Lessons

Mr Scott Devlin will have vacancies in the Autumn Term for Flute, Clarinet and Saxophone. Those interested in Flute may apply from Year 2 upwards. Those interested in Clarinet and Saxophone may apply from Year 3 upwards. If you are interested please collect an application form from the school office and return it before the end of term.

PE, Games & Sports



Friday 18th May, 2.30pm-4.30pm

U8 A & B Teams Cricket Matches vs Claremont Fan Court

Venue: Claremont Fan Court, Claremont Drive, Esher, Surrey, KT10 9LY

Finish: 4.30pm at TPS

Boys and Girls will be notified via the sports noticeboard

Friday 18th May, 2.30pm-4.30pm

U9 A & B Teams Cricket Matches vs Hampton Prep

Venue: Carlisle Park, Wensleydale Road, Hampton TW12 2LP

Finish: 4.30pm at TPS

Boys will be notified via the sports noticeboard



YEARS 3 & 4 EARLY MORNING CRICKET CLUB - THURSDAYS

During the Summer Term Mr Doughty will be running a Years 3 and 4 Early Morning Cricket Club on Thursday mornings from 8.00am until 8.30am. There is no need to sign up, pupils may simply turn up and play but must arrive by 8am. Pupils should not bring their own bats to the club.

TWICKENHAM PREPARATORY SCHOOL SPRING TERM MENU

Week Commencing Monday 21st May 2018

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Main Course	Homemade Margarita Or Chicken Pesto Pizza	Beef Mince Ragu	Lamb Keema	Honey Glazed Pork Loin	Fish Cakes
Alternative	Falafel Burger	Cheese & Ham Stuffed Potato	Sausages In A Onion Gravy	Beef Bolognaise	Chicken Pasta Bake
Vegetarian Alternative	Spinach & Mascarpone Pizza	Vegetable Balls In A Tomato Sauce	Vegetable Biryani	Cheese & Onion Quiche	Halloumi Stir Fry
Carbohydrate	Sweet Potato Wedges	Penne Pasta	Rice	Freshly Prepared Roast Potatoes	Chunky Chips
Vegetables	Rocket Leaf Salad	Broccoli	Carrots	Fine Green Beans	Mushy Peas
We also offer fresh vegetable sticks for Pre-Prep and a seasonal salad bar for Prep with a protein item option daily					
JACKET POTATO COUNTER (Prep Sitting Only)	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
Dessert	Mango & orange Iced Smoothie	Tangy Lemon Gateau	Fruity Jelly Served With Cream	Chocolate Chip Muffin	Eaton Mess
A choice of seasonal fruit and yoghurt is available each day and may be taken in addition or in place of a dessert					
Drinks	Jugs of fresh water available daily				

Parents' Committee News

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

Dear All,

Thank you to everyone that came along to Tuesday's meeting. It was great to see so many Class Reps, regular PC helpers and importantly lots of new faces.

I left feeling very positive about the future of the Parents Committee and would like to reiterate that Karen, Marcus and myself are happy to answer your questions about our roles so please contact us to discuss and we hope to have a new committee in place before the end of the school year.

Thank you again for all your support.

*Gill Warms, PC Chair
tps.pcchair@outlook.com*

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Have You Got Anything to Sell? Helpers Needed!

Tuesday 5th June 2.30pm until 4.30pm

Anyone with outgrown clothing they would like to sell, please do bring it to the school office ASAP.

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 on Tuesday 5th June, Tracy would love to hear from you at tps.secondhanduniform@outlook.com or 07703 884746.

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



**4 Weeks To Go!
We need your
help!**

Twickenham Prep School's
Tropical Paradise
Summer Fair



12-3pm • Saturday 16th June 2018

FACE PAINTERS & HAIR BRAIDERS WANTED!

We need to recruit some more volunteers to help with face painting, face glitter and hair braiding at the Summer Fair.

Please let us know if you can spare 1 hour of your time:

Sarah@glossandinkpr.com

TRAINING PROVIDED: 4pm – 6pm • Monday 4th June • The Art Room

GAZEBOS, LUCKY JARS, RAFFLE & BAKING

Gazebos: We need LOTS of gazebos! If we can borrow yours please email tps.pcchair@outlook.com

Lucky Jars: Collect jars, fill with sweets (no chocolate or nuts)

Raffle: Please bring in any raffle prizes donations (unused items only please)

TPS Bake Off: Children are invited to get creative with cupcakes and parents with a large cake. Look out for the entry form coming soon!

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