

Governors

On behalf of the Governors, I would like to wish you a relaxing and well-earned half term break.

This half term has been very busy with lots of work and activities, ranging from sailing/kayaking at the Lensbury, Public Speaking competition, Stride Business Course, Pre-Prep Concert, a very successful Open Day, Class Assemblies (I learned a lot about water at the 1M Assembly!), Sports fixtures, Chess, and TPS winning the National Think Tank competition with two teams going to Turkey. Some rest and recuperation are definitely required!!

Our Year 8 boys sit their Common Entrance exams after half term. I would like to wish them all much success as they have all worked hard, are well prepared, and deserve their success. I also hope that they take time to enjoy the half term holiday and relax. I speak from the experience of my own son, his friends, and recent TPS school leavers in saying that the experience, responsibilities and confidence that the boys gain in Years 7 and 8 is excellent and prepares them well for future schools and beyond. It's a unique and positive period that they look back on with fond memories.

After half term the children will have many opportunities to have some fun, with Sports Days, Swimming Galas, Parents' Committee Summer Fair, School Trips Week and outings – which are all wonderful ways to round off the school year!

I hope you all have a very enjoyable half term break with your family and friends, and come back ready for more.

Harry Bates
Chair of Governors

Headmaster

We started this half-term by talking about the Commonwealth, with the recent Heads of Government meetings in London and Windsor. We finished this half-term with a Commonwealth assembly where representatives from the Commonwealth came to speak to the pupils about the work of the Commonwealth, its history, future challenges and opportunities. The pupils asked lots of interesting and well-informed questions culminating in an interesting discussion about the potential opportunities for the Commonwealth that Brexit may bring. The Commonwealth Office have kindly donated posters and copies of the Commonwealth Charter to our pupils which they should be bringing home today.

It has been a very busy and successful half-term. I have been really impressed with the serious and focused approach of our pupils in the Years 4-7 subject assessments this week and I know that our Year 8 boys have prepared well for their Common Entrance exams after half-term.

Early on in the term we had a very successful and busy Open Day with our pupils demonstrating their characteristic enthusiasm in welcoming visitors and demonstrating their skills and abilities. We also played extremely well at the Think Tank National Finals with TPS teams coming first and second convincingly ahead of the opposition. We now look forward to travelling to Antalya in Turkey in June to represent the United Kingdom in the International Mind Lab Olympics. An exciting prospect!

Our Year 3 & 4 girls have taken to the introduction of Cricket with enthusiasm and promise, despite several downpours diminishing the number of cricket fixtures possible. Our boys have enjoyed several good matches including a final ball win against St Philips in a nail-biting finish.

Some of our older boys have also been enjoying playing Tennis at the Lensbury Club this term. We have also sent teams to a Maths Quiz, the National Chess Semi-finals in Bristol and also enjoyed some excellent outings as different as Reception visiting Bockett's Farm to Year 6 visiting the Sky studios.

This term our Year 6 girls have been taking the Stride business course and there has been a mandarin experience too.

Yesterday the Pre-Prep sang and played beautifully in their Concert with the theme of Summer and we of course look forward to the many exciting events after half-term.

Sports Days, Swimming Galas, activity weeks away, the Parents' Committee Summer Fair to name but a few upcoming events next half term! It is always so impressive to see so many parents supporting our Class Assemblies every week and I look forward to seeing many of you at the numerous school events which will soon be upon us.

Finally, Mrs Hepburn and Miss Maddison will be travelling to Malawi with the charity; African Vision Malawi during the half-term break to visit Songwe School. Thanks to the generosity of TPS parents and the Parents' Committee they will be taking with them gifts and clothes which we trust will be a great benefit to the pupils there. We look forward to hearing their feedback on their return.

Prizegiving Trophies – FINAL CALL!

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:

Wednesday 6th June:

3M

Tuesday 19th June:

Year 8 Leavers Assembly

Reception 2018 Pupils Welcome Morning - Tuesday 5th June, 9.30am-11am

Pupils joining us into Reception this September are invited to spend part of the morning with us on Tuesday 5th June from 9.30am until 11am to familiarise themselves with our classrooms and to meet other children and the staff.

New Parents' Meeting - Thursday 7th June, 7pm

Parents of new pupils joining us into Pre-Prep and Prep are invited to the evening events starting at 7pm (7:30pm for Prep) on Thursday 7th June. The new Pre-Prep parents' meeting will take place in the Pre-Prep central area and all other year groups will meet in the Hall. This will be followed by drinks and nibbles and a chance to meet staff informally.

Year 2 to 3 'Moving Up' Transition Evening – Thursday 7th June, 7.30pm

Parents of Year 2 pupils are invited to an evening event in the school Hall starting at 7.30pm. This is an opportunity for parents to find out more about the transition from Year 2 to Year 3, and to find out more about the Prep school. This will be followed by drinks and nibbles and a chance to meet staff informally. An email with full details has been sent to all Year 2 families.

Junior Maths Challenge 2018

Congratulations to all pupils in Year 7 and 8 who took part in the Junior Maths Challenge. We have been very impressed by the number of awards earned and student's certificates are due to arrive in school soon! Special congratulations to the seven pupils who received a prestigious Gold certificate (In Year 8: Aiden S (Best in School) , Luke C & Ali S, and in Year 7: Rufus B, Ajayan A, Oliver G, and Freddie B). Aiden, Luke and Rufus have also received an invite to take part in the next round, the Junior Kangaroo, later this Summer.

Prep

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 started yesterday and further sessions are detailed below:

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

Year 8 Common Entrance Written Exams Week:

The CE exams begin on Tuesday 5th June for four days until Friday 8th June. Boys must ensure that they are organised and have the correct equipment with them each day. Things to remember are sharp pencils, a ruler, an eraser and appropriate hand-writing pens that work!

It would also be a good idea for boys to bring a water bottle to the exams with them.

Year 8 Trip to Thorpe Park – Friday 8th June

After their final exam the Year 8 boys will be going Thorpe Park on Friday 8th June as an end-of-exams treat! A letter with full details has been sent home.

PGL Trip Years 4 & 5

A reminder that the medical consent forms for PGL were due back on the 23rd May. If parents have not already done so please can they return them to the office by Monday 4th June at the latest.

Secondly we will be holding a PGL meeting for parents on Thursday 7th June at 4:15 pm in the school hall.

During this meeting any Year 4 & 5 pupils who wish to can go to the music room where Mrs King and Mr Bushnell will answer any questions they may have.

Year 6 French Trip

A letter had been sent home with parental consent forms for Maison Clare Fontaine. Please can these be returned to the office by Friday 8th June.

A meeting for parents will be held on Friday 8th June at 4:15pm.

Year 7 & 8 St Davids Trip

A letter has been sent home, if you have not handed in the parental consent forms, please bring to the office by Monday 11th June.

A meeting for parents and pupils will be held on Tuesday 12th June at 4:10pm.

Year 3 Fishbourne Palace – Tuesday 5th June

On Tuesday 5th June Year 3 will be visiting Fishbourne Roman Palace, West Sussex. A letter has been sent home with all the details. This can also be found on the Parents' Area of the website.

Years 3 & 4 Institut Francais – Thursday 7th June

On Thursday 7th June Year 3 & 4 will be visiting Institut Francais, Kensington. A letter has been sent home with all the details. This can also be found on the Parents' Area of the website.

Year 6 Merchant of Venice – Friday 8th June

On Friday 8th June Year 6 will be going to the Orange Tree Theatre to watch a performance of Merchant of Venice during the school day.

Save the date – Leavers Parents Dinner - Tuesday 26th June 7pm

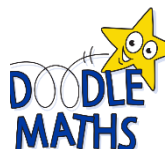
Invitations will go out after half term to Year 6 and 8 leavers' parents. Mr Malam hopes you will be able to join him for what is always an enjoyable event.

Rainy Playtimes

We always facilitate the children getting out to play even on damp days as we like them to have a good run around and a break from the indoors. However it has been difficult this week as several children did not have a raincoat at school. Please help us to enable the children to have fun and exercise by providing a suitable raincoat – this does not need to be a heavy winter coat just a light rain mac. Thank you!



Doodle Maths



A big thank you to Mr Hoo (Director of Studies), Mrs Lauder (Head of Maths) and Miss Melvin for organising the implementation of this maths App at school to support work in class and at home. Year 1 and Reception classes have been trialling the use of this with great success. We are sending home a letter to Year 2 parents whose children have not yet used this out of school. For those of you using the App already please do read the following from Mr Hoo:

As part of the implementation of DoodleMaths in our school, it has been recommended by DoodleMaths that pupils' Maths Age is recalibrated at regular intervals through the year to ensure that pupils are working at the appropriate level. Please be assured that stars earned previously will not be lost and that we value the work that the pupils have already completed.

It is important to note that DoodleMaths works at its best without any additional help from a grown up. I understand that certain sections of DoodleMaths may require text/sections to be read to them, which is acceptable as it allows the pupil to access the task. However, I would encourage you to allow your child to complete the tasks/questions on their own.

Pre-Prep Sports Day – Wednesday 13th, June, 9.30am at Kempton Cricket Club

We enjoy a competitive sports day with a keen sense of reward and participation for all. Every child can earn points for their House in each event so participation and trying new things is the key!

Please note that Pre-Prep Sports Day will be held at our sports ground at Kempton Cricket Club, Kempton Avenue, Sunbury Upon Thames, TW16 5NG. A letter will be sent home after half term with the details.



EYFS



The Robins group will have begun their session on the Nature Trail on Wednesday. If your child is in the Robins group, please ensure that he/she has their raincoat and boots at school every Wednesday. We have waterproof trousers they will not require a change of clothes on this day.

The children have enjoyed exploring our pirate theme based on the book Pirate Post. They have written invitations, letters and created their own pirate swords using Mobilo. We have been thinking about sharing, halving and making equal groups with pirate treasure and have begun to practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. Thank you for your continued support at home.

After half term we will be getting excited about our summer holidays by thinking about a seaside theme. We will be thinking about how to use money in our Seaside Souvenir Shop. It would be helpful if you would spend a little time talking to your child and



letting them experience using money when you buy things at the shops. We will also be mixing colours, singing seaside songs and having lots of fun 'At the Beach'. Do remember that Wednesday is our Show and Tell day, and this is great opportunity for your child to develop their language skills. Toys are not suitable artefacts for this activity but photographs or other objects are far more engaging. Children should not bring toys to school as they cause a lot of distraction in the classroom.



Year 2

We are looking forward to hearing the children's presentations. Please ensure that your child has their things at school ready for this on Monday 11th June.



Royal Wedding for the Royal Marsden

We had a lovely day last Friday all dressed in red, white and blue and raised a fantastic £180.16 for the Royal Marsden.

Library

Is this your son or daughter's final year?

For those of you with children in Year 6 and Year 8 who are leaving TPS at the end of this year, please consider making a book donation to the school Library. This is a popular way of saying farewell and is a lovely lasting reminder of their time at the school.

We have a fantastic wish list of both fiction and non-fiction books to choose from. If you are interested in making a donation please contact Mrs McCarey by email (library@twickenhamprep.co.uk) for a copy of the list. We make these suggestions to help avoid duplication in the library.

All donated books receive a special book plate in the book to record the gift. Pupils will also present the book to the school in an Awards Assembly.



Music

Music 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.

Mr Raul D'Oliveira will have vacancies in the Autumn Term for Trumpet. Those interested may apply from Year 3 upwards. Please collect an application form at the school office and return it before the end of Summer Term.

PE, Games & Sports



Summer first half term – Boys games

TPS Cricket has begun well with all the boys showing enthusiasm in both training and matches. At times, the weather has tried to prevent the boys from playing but they've shown character to keep going despite wet conditions.

U9s and U8s have impressed with their energy and willingness to learn new techniques throughout training and matches. Each child has tried to implement what is being taught and as a result their all-round ability has improved. They have enjoyed great matches against Surbiton, Hampton Prep and Claremont.

The U10s and U11s came up against a tough opposition in the form of Hampton Prep but managed to bowl and field accurately and give a good account of themselves. Fantastic application and sportsmanship was shown throughout matches.

The U13s have taken a constructive approach and are showing a collective improvement in all aspects of their game. They managed to give account of themselves against St Philips, playing some fine cricket shots and bowling straightish to secure a one run victory! Their encouragement and support for one another has really been something to be admired.

The Year 7 & 8 boys have also enjoyed the introduction of Tennis this term. They have been perfecting their strokes at the Lensbury courts. The coaches have been praising their concentration and desire to improve.

The teachers have been impressed with the boys approach this half-term, let's hope it continues next half-term and that the weather is kind to us!



Boys' Sports Awards this half term have been given to the following boys with congratulations: Ben F, Jack S, Niyam L, Ollie W, William P, Liam M



Summer first half term – Girls games

U8 and U9

We are delighted with the wonderful attitude demonstrated by all during the first ever term of cricket played by girls at TPS! Both year groups have listened carefully,

attempted all new skills with enthusiasm and cooperated well with the boys. They have made excellent progress with their batting, bowling and fielding. We look forward with eager anticipation towards our first all girls' fixture against Claremont in the next half term and we are delighted to have introduced this exciting, fast and inclusive sport to our girls' games programme.

U10

The U10s have been working on developing their rounders' skills and tactical game play during this half term. Unfortunately their match against Radnor House was cancelled due to the rain. However, they have been practising enthusiastically ready for their match against Bishopsgate.

U11

The U11s have been fortunate with the weather this term and have played two super matches. The first was against Staines Prep at home where the A Team excelled themselves and secured a convincing victory score of 21-10 with Keziah and Hannahli selected as players of the match. The B team scored many runs, however were defeated 7.5 to 10. Park had an excellent game and was rewarded by being voted player of the match.

For the second match, the Year 6 girls travelled to Claremont. It was a close match from beginning to end with some excellent batting and fielding demonstrated throughout. There was only half a rounder between them after the first innings but Claremont managed to sneak ahead in the few minutes of the match. Well done to Hannahli and Alice who were selected players of the match by the Claremont team. The B team played with energy and enthusiasm stumping and catching many players out. They persevered until the final ball and narrowly lost 10.5-11.5.



Girls' Sports Awards this half term have been given to the following girls with congratulations: Rhea P, Park J, Olivia M, Amrit G, Rosie W, Phoebe M



Prep Swimming Galas

Monday 4th June - **Years 3 & 4 Swimming Gala**

Venue: Hampton Pool High Street, Hampton, TW12 2ST

Times: 10.00am start and 11.45am approximate finish

There will be a short medal presentation afterwards back at TPS on the front lawn.

Monday 11th June - **Years 5 & 6 Swimming Gala**

Venue: Hampton Pool High Street, Hampton, TW12 2ST

Times: 10.00am start and 11.45am approximate finish

There will be a short medal presentation afterwards back at TPS on the front lawn.

Monday 18th June - **Years 7 & 8 Swimming Gala**

Venue: Hampton Pool High Street, Hampton, TW12 2ST

Times: 10.00am start and 11.45am approximate finish

There will be a short medal presentation afterwards back at TPS on the front lawn.

Kit for Swimming galas

All pupils should come to school wearing their white PE kit and TPS tracksuits. They will need to remember their dark coloured swimming trunks/costume, goggles, a swim hat (if required for longer hair), a couple of towels and a spare t-shirt for between races. If the weather is warm, please apply sun cream before coming to school and bring a sun hat.



Prep Sports Days

Parents attending the events may take their children home directly from Kempton CC. There is some parking on site at Kempton Cricket Club, however it is limited. Alternative parking is available on The Avenue and the grounds can be accessed via the KCC gate on The Avenue

Wednesday 13th June - Years 5 & 6 Sports Day

Venue: Kempton Cricket Club, Kempton Avenue, Sunbury Upon Thames, TW16 5NG
Times: 2.15pm start and 3.45pm approximate finish

Pupils travelling via the school minibus should be collected from TPS at 4pm.

Thursday 14th June - Years 7 & 8 Sports Day

Venue: Kempton Cricket Club, Kempton Avenue, Sunbury Upon Thames, TW16 5NG
Times: 3pm start and 4pm approximate finish

Pupils travelling via the school minibus should be collected from TPS at 4.15pm.

Friday 15th June - Years 3 & 4 Sports Day

Venue: Kempton Cricket Club, Kempton Avenue, Sunbury Upon Thames, TW16 5NG
Times: 2.15pm start and 3.45pm approximate finish

Pupils travelling via the school minibus should be collected from TPS at 4pm.

Kit for Sports Days

Pupils should come to school wearing their white PE kit and TPS tracksuits. Please bring water bottles and sun cream/sun hat if the sun shines!

Fixtures:

Wednesday 6th June, 2.30pm-4.30pm

U11 Rounders Matches vs Bishopsagte

Venue: Kempton

Finish: 4.30pm at TPS

All year 6 girls will be involved.

Wednesday 6th June, 2.30pm-4.45pm

U10 Rounders Matches vs Bishopsagte

Venue: Bishospgate School, Englefield Green TW20 0YJ

Finish: 4.45pm at TPS

All year 5 girls will be involved.

Friday 8th June, 2.30pm-4.15pm – **In addition to the Calendar Card**

U8 Cricket Matches vs Claremont

Venue: Kempton

Finish: 4.15pm at TPS

All year 3 girls will be involved in these matches.

This match is being played an introduction for Claremont girls to cricket.



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
SUMMER TERM MENU**

Week Commencing Monday 4th June 2018

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Main Course	Pasta al Pomodoro Fresco	Sausages With Gravy	Beef Meatballs In A Tomato Sauce	Roast Turkey	Chunky Fish Fingers
Alternative	Chicken & Chorizo Stir Fry	Tuna & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake	Sweet & Sour Chicken Thighs	Sticky Pork	Chilli Con Carne
Vegetarian Alternative	Spring Vegetables Frittata	Vegetable Sausages (Carrots, Broccoli, Potato)	Cheesy Stuffed Mushrooms	Cauliflower Gratin	Four Cheeses Ravioli With Pesto
Carbohydrate	Garlic & Herb Ciabatta Slice	Mash	Spaghetti	Freshly Prepared Roast Potatoes	Chunky Chips
Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables Crudite's	Carrots	Sweetcorn	Broccoli	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	Chocolate Mousse With Fresh Strawberry	Raspberry Ripple Sponge Roll	Flapjack	Fruit Crumble	Vanilla Ice-Cream
A choice of seasonal fruit and yoghurt is available each day and may be taken in addition or in place of a dessert					

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.

12-3pm • Saturday
16th June 2018



**3 Weeks To Go!
We still need
your help!**

Twickenham Prep School's
Tropical Paradise
Summer Fair



Your class reps will know what activities your year group will be running. We also need volunteers to help 'derig' at the end of the fair. Please email if you can help tps.pcchair@outlook.com

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. **Attached is the entry form! Good luck!**

FACE PAINTERS & HAIR BRAIDERS STILL 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

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Twickenham Prep School's

Tropical Paradise

Pupil & Parent Summer Fair Bake Off & Cake Sale

Calling all baking enthusiasts! We'll be holding a **'Tropical Paradise'** TPS Bake Off and Cake Sale at the Summer Fair on Saturday 16th June.

Children are invited to get creative with cupcakes, and parents with a large cake.

What are you waiting for? Dust off your apron and get creative!

How To Enter

1. Complete the entry form below
2. On **Friday 15th June**, the day **BEFORE** the fair, bring your cake/s and this form (stick it to your cake box) to school between **8.15am - 8.45am / 3.15 - 4.15pm**
3. Listen out for the winner at 12.30pm at the fair on Saturday 16th June

Cakes will be judged on appearance and will be available for sale at the fair after judging

Cake Sale Cake Contributions

You don't have to enter your cakes into the competition, you can simply bring along your baked creation to school on Friday 15th June (as above), or bring it along to the fair before 12.30pm.

Entry Form • TPS Pupil & Parent Bake Off



NAME			CLASS	
MOBILE (Parent)				
GROUP ENTERED (please tick)				
Child (Prep)	Child (Pre-Prep)	Adult		



GUIDELINES

1. Bring your cake/s and form (stick to cake box) to school on Friday 15th June between 8.15am – 8.45am / 3.15pm – 4.15pm.
2. All cakes will be judged on appearance
3. All cakes must be made according to food hygiene regulations and must not contain nuts
4. There will be one prize per group (Prep child / Pre-prep child / adult)

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!