

Dear Parent/Guardian

It has been a pleasure to welcome several new staff to TWGGS this term: Mrs Maywood has joined as Curriculum Leader Psychology and Sociology, along with Miss Kemp-King teaching the same subjects. Dr Boone is teaching Chemistry, Mrs Roberts teaching English, and Mrs Finlayson has returned to her old school to teach Maths and GCSE Economics, as has Miss Fenn to train to teach Geography. Miss Garcia Ruiz and Miss Perez both join the Spanish department, and Mrs Twaites, Mrs Calloway and Mrs Darracott are all on fixed term contracts to cover staffing gaps in Science and maternity leave in Food Technology and PE. We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Reid-Brown, Mr Charter and Mrs Lodge this year, teaching Drama, English, Economics, and French respectively. We wish them all well in their time here and hope they will be very happy at TWGGS.

Examination Results

TWGGS girls and staff achieved impressive examination results this summer, with 80.7% of all A Level entries at grades A*, A and B (52% at A* and A grades) and a mean grade of B+, enabling U6th leavers to go on to highly competitive courses at top universities, as well as art foundation courses and employment with training attached. We look forward to celebrating these results with them and their parents at Speech Day in December, and to hearing of girls' first terms at university. At GCSE, the A*-C pass rate was 99% across 1539 entries, and 100% of pupils attained 5 or more A*-C grades (including English and Maths). The mean grade was, once again an A, with 79% of entries attaining A* and A grades. Detailed results, by subject, are as usual available on the school website. Congratulations to all!

Hockey Season – Shin Pads and Gum Guards – Mrs Ralph, Bursar

Parents are reminded annually that whilst shin pads and gum guards are listed as optional items on the school uniform list, it is strongly recommended that girls taking part in hockey lessons wear both of these items. Please note however, that girls will continue to participate fully in hockey lessons if they are not wearing one or both of these. For girls who represent TWGGS in hockey matches, it is compulsory that both items are worn.

Reminder From The PE Department

Please can we remind all girls to keep PE kit safely locked away in a bag in a PE locker. Lockers must be locked at all times with a suitable padlock to prevent anyone accessing belongings. We would also like to remind girls not to give out their locker code to anyone and to ensure all valuables are handed in to the valuables box at the start of the PE lesson.

Parking in Local Area – Mrs Wybar

As you are aware, the school is surrounded by narrow residential streets; please could I ask parents to be considerate of our neighbours, when parking or dropping off/ collecting girls in the vicinity of TWGGS? The car park in John Street is a convenient place to park and collect girls at the end of the day. Equally, I should like to reiterate that parents should not drive onto the school site, or down Southfield Road, when dropping off or collecting girls, other than, of course, those who have mobility problems or are carrying large musical instruments/ bulky art work! Thank you for your co-operation.

Excellent Results at the Kyabobo Girls' School, Nkwanta, Ghana - Julie Robinson, GEP Trustee

As you may be aware, TWGGS has a long association with the Ghana Education Project (GEP); this charity with the support of TWGGS has built and now runs the Kyabobo Girls' School in a remote and deprived area of Ghana. The school opened in 2013, and the first cohort of pupils sat their BECE exam in the summer. Passing this exam enables pupils to continue education beyond the age of 14. To give some context to the results, last year in Nkwanta district, only 14% of girls who took this exam passed. We are therefore delighted that nearly 85% of pupils at GEP's school have passed, and will now continue at the school for another three years. These girls would not have had this opportunity without the support of the whole TWGGS community over the last fifteen years. GEP sends a huge thank you to all at and connected with TWGGS on their behalf. It is clear that KGS mirrors the excellent teaching and highly motivated girls that we see at TWGGS.

A delicious way to raise funds for Ghana Education Project

Award Winning Christmas Puddings are for sale in aid of the Ghana Education Project. This charity has a long association with TWGGS and has built, and now runs a secondary school for girls in a remote and deprived part of Ghana. The Ultimate Plum Pudding is one of the finest Christmas puddings you can buy; it is endorsed by BBC Good Food Magazine and has won a **Gold Award at the Great Taste Awards!**

The puddings are made at a small craft baker in Cumbria. Ingredients are top quality, fruits are soaked in brandy and sherry overnight and walnuts, stem ginger, apricots, cherries are included in these light textured puddings. Rest assured it is not steamed until it is black and bitter, but is instead light, sweet and aromatic. Most people have no idea Christmas pudding can be

this good! Because of the small nature of the producer, the puddings cannot be purchased in supermarkets. A pudding made with no gluten containing ingredients is available, but please be aware that this cannot be certified as gluten free as it is made in the same bakery as the other puddings.

However, we have not forgotten those of you who cannot be tempted by traditional pudding and are offering the equally delicious Triple Chocolate Pudding, made with melted dark Belgian chocolate, fine French cocoa powder, chocolate chips, chocolate liqueur and a good slosh of brandy. Alternatively you can order a Sticky Toffee Pudding, not too sweet, not too treacly, a lovely light sponge with a gorgeous gooey sauce.

Orders can be placed with the attached order form and must be returned to the school finance office by **Wednesday 2nd November** accompanied by a cheque made out to Ghana Education Project. Puddings can be collected from school from the 9th December. Please help us to raise money by buying one or more of these delicious puddings to use as part of your Christmas feast, as a gift or to keep in your larder. (Order form attached after PTA Newsletter.)

Ultimate Plum Pudding (908g)	Serves 8	£10.00
Ultimate Plum Pudding (454g)	Serves 4	£6.00
No Gluten Plum Puddings (454g)	Serves 4	£6.00
Alcohol Free Plum Pudding	Serves 4	£5.50
Triple Chocolate Pudding	Serves 3-4	£5.50
Sticky Toffee Pudding	Serves 3-4	£5.50

Year 7 Trip to Carroty Wood

On 23rd September Year 7 travelled to Carroty Wood for a day of adventure and fun.

Rosie Henning Broderson, 7T - My favourite activity was high ropes. It was a great trip and a fun experience. It was also a chance to get to know my class mates better. It also helped me with my co-operation skills and made me feel I was connected to my form.

Samira Ahmed, 7T - I loved the trip to Carroty Wood because it was a great chance to get to know each other. On the abseiling loads of us were so scared and everyone looked out for each other and have become friends. It was great fun! We built shelters, did archery, high ropes and loads more!! Thanks for all the fun!

Aimee Bullard 7T - I loved Carroty Wood and I feel as if I have really bonded with my form. My favourite part of the trip was den building as we could really show off our creative skills and really connect with your team. I also enjoyed archery even though I wasn't very good whatsoever!

In conclusion we loved this trip and we would definitely, for sure, go back to Carroty Wood.

Year 8 Trip to Bewl Water June 2016 – Freya Hood and Grace Forbes (formerly 8W)

(My apologies to Freya and Grace – this article should have appeared in the July Newsletter – Mrs Willy)

On Friday 17th June Year 8 were taken out of lessons to 'endure' a day of fun and physical activity. Throughout the day we were challenged to improve our teamwork, direction and achieve personal goals. The year was split into three groups, mixing up the forms. As each group embarked on their first activity, there was a buzz in the air. Some began teambuilding, which proved to be an exhilarating test of mental and physical strength, with some water thrown in! Everyone got really involved and it brought out the true strength of the bonds that have been built over the last two years.

Next like true TWGGS girls we all battled through the rain, freezing cold! The orienteers ran through muddy fields; the water activity groups had water fights on the water while seeing the beauty of the rain; and team builders pulled together to complete intricate challenges. Lunch was a time of sharing and gossip, while tips were shared for final activities. The day ended with the same energy as it began. After the last orienteers returned, wet kayakers and raft builders dried, and team builders celebrated their achievements, it was time to leave. Despite the true English weather, Bewl Water was a great round-off to Year 8 and a trip we're sure everyone will remember.

Year 8 Visits to Hampton Court - Miss Sowerby

In September the History Department took Year 8 to Hampton Court Palace. The girls have been studying the Tudors in their lessons and were impressed by the size and splendour of the Tudor royal apartments including the Great Hall, the Great Watching Chamber, the Chapel Royal and the courtyards. In each area the girls were encouraged to look at specific details such as the royal and Tudor symbols, the chimneys, the King's beasts and the magnificent hammer beam roof in the Great Hall. They were asked to draw inferences and think about how the Tudors used bricks and mortar, architecture and art as instruments of power and control. We also visited the amazing Tudor kitchens and learned how Henry VIII even used the time consuming and

expensive cooking method of roasting meat as a way to show off to his guests. Year 8 girls have since completed an assessment on Hampton Court as an historical source although, disappointingly, the ghost of Catherine Howard remains elusive!

Visit to Art Galleries – Georgina Burns, L6S

On 11th October, the L6th Art class went to London to view the Abstract Expressionist Exhibition at the Royal Academy of Arts and to visit the Tate Modern. The RA exhibition was a once in a lifetime opportunity where we were able to see some of the most renowned Abstract Expressionist artists such as Pollock, Rothko and Still. Their work, often on an intimidating scale, reflected the anxiety and uncertainty felt during the 50s in New York. The clever use of colour and technique created a variety of different effects, for example: Jackson Pollock's paintings gave the impression of movement, resulting from his physical and fluid painting action, and Rothko's application of colour, where he placed similar tone close together, meant his paintings seemed to almost vibrate. For the second half of our trip we visited the Tate Modern. With the new addition of the Switch gallery, there is now finally a proper home for performance and conceptual art; a fascinating century old concept, which is sadly often overlooked. Alongside the new gallery the highlights of our visit were the famously scandalous Bricks of 1972 and the Georgia O'Keeffe exhibition.

UNIQ Summer School at Oxford University – Hannah Billett, U6W

I was lucky enough to receive a place on Oxford's free summer school programme to study History of Art this summer, during the first week of July. The week's programme consisted of a mix of academic and social activities, including an alumni dinner at Christ Church, where we met the curator for the National Portrait Gallery, and a PhD Art History student studying at Oxford. I stayed in student accommodation in St John's College, and throughout the week I was able to visit the other colleges that also housed Art History undergraduates. The academic programme was incredibly exciting and special; we were acting as first-years, so we had the privilege of accessing all of the student facilities. After being presented with the concept of Art History by the head of the department, Professor Craig Clunas, we were given introductions to the Balfour, Sackler and Weston libraries, where we spent most of the week preparing for a presentation to the department professors on an object or painting that we had researched. I had to give a twenty minute presentation on a totem or 'crest' pole from the Haida Gwaii community of Canada, now housed in the Pitt Rivers Museum. This was quite daunting considering my audience, but I found researching something so niche in depth was very interesting, and as a result I really enjoyed the project. We visited the Christ Church picture gallery, and the Pitt Rivers and Ashmolean museum collections, with talks from the curators and Craig who also gave us exclusive access to some modern Chinese art in the private Ashmolean collection. At the end of the week we had a mini graduation ceremony at the Sheldonian theatre, and a BOP party where everyone dressed as something beginning with U, N, I or Q – I went as 'an idea'! I made so many new friends and overall, the week was really eye-opening, giving me an insight into life at Oxford University, and informing me of career paths I hadn't previously considered.

Drama and Theatre Studies – Mrs Davis

We hit the ground running in the Drama department this term! The Sixth Form Theatre Studies cohort enjoyed a Saturday matinee performance of the critically acclaimed new work, "Things I know To Be True" at the Lyric, Hammersmith, on 24th September. A challenging play on account of the emotive and topical issues explored. Following the journey of a modern-day family, the audience witnesses the stresses, laughter and idiosyncrasies that accompany family life. At times the piece was heart-warming; Imogen Stubbs created comedy in role as the Mother, Fran, entertaining the audience with her witty dialogue. In contrast, a serious transgender sub-plot followed the brother, Mark, on his journey to transition as a woman. Each character used a variety of theatrical techniques, including poetic monologues and physical theatre, to communicate a wide range of emotions. I don't think there was a dry eye by the end of the production – it really was a tearjerker!

Following on from the production, the Sixth Form completed a six-hour workshop with Frantic Assembly, the company responsible for "Things I Know To Be True". Pushing personal boundaries and working collaboratively, pupils from TWGGS and Skinners worked in a mature manner to recreate some of the physical work from the performance. Congratulations to the 24 pupils who participated: the workshop practitioner commented on the outstanding attitude of all participants and on the calibre of work created.

Future workshops with Ian Drysdale will be taking place in the department next term. Exploring the practitioner Steven Berkoff, an iconic play "Look Back In Anger", Mr Drysdale will work with the Lower Sixth to help prepare them for the practical components of the course. We are, as ever, incredibly grateful to Mr Drysdale for his continued support – we are especially thankful for the guidance he has given Upper Sixth girls currently completing their Drama School applications.

At KS4 pupils have completed their mock examination in Drama, which they performed after school on the 13th and 17th October. We do this early to help pupils to manage their time in January - it is not practical for girls to be rehearsing alongside their revision for written mock examinations. The standard of work produced has been very impressive. Working from a stimulus, the girls have been characteristically proactive in writing their own scripts, creating characters and developing fast-paced plotlines. Everyone

involved should feel proud of their considerable achievements; performing in front of a live audience can be very daunting, but the girls' growing confidence was a pleasure to see.

The TWGGS Battle of the Books - Mrs Mattheus-Ratcliffe, Librarian

At TWGGS we are always on the lookout for new and creative ways to encourage our girls to read. But we also love a bit of competitive spirit. So, on 5th October it was time for our annual Year 8 reading competition, the Battle of the Books. The idea is that the girls read as many books as possible between 5th October and 4th November. Individual forms and girls will be competing against each other for a range of prizes to keep the interest levels high. We know that not all girls read at the same speed and with the same enthusiasm, so we accept that they can delve into all kinds of different texts: we accept fiction books, non-fiction books, as well as collections of poems or short stories (but not individual poems or stories). It will be up to the girls to decide and pace themselves.

The initial reading scores are already impressive: in just 3 days some girls genuinely managed to read 14 books! At this rate it will take us a long time to add up the numbers for the winners in November. But regardless of whether your daughter is in the Year 8 Battle of the Books or not, please keep encouraging her to read.

Start of the Book Group - Mrs Mattheus-Ratcliffe, Librarian

For over 10 years now TWGGS, together with over 15 other secondary schools from West Kent, has participated in the annual South East Schools' Teen Book Awards (SESTBA). Every year the librarians from participating schools decide on a reading theme with 10 titles for our pupils to discuss. The theme for this year is "A New Generation – Books that Evolved from Great Books". This means that we will be directly comparing a classic novel with a modern spin-off in each of our sessions. Our "pairs" are:

- *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* by J K Rowling paired with *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child* by J K Rowling et al
- *Peter Pan* by J M Barrie paired with *Hook's Daughter* by Heidi Schulz
- *A Study in Scarlett* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle paired with *House of Silk* by Anthony Horowitz
- *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen paired with *Lydia, the Wild Girl of Pride and Prejudice* by Natasha Farrant
- *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum paired with *Dorothy Must Die* by Danielle Paige

And on 28th March we will enjoy our well-deserved treat, the Book Gala Evening at Kent College Pembury. We are very excited about our reading list and hope that lots of girls will attend. The group will start with its first discussion on 1st November, so it is not too late to encourage your daughter to come and see me and join the group.

Rhyming Dewey - Mrs Mattheus-Ratcliffe, Librarian

As part of our Year 7 Library Induction the girls learn about the Dewey Decimal library organisation system, which is the worldwide standard for finding books in libraries. As you can probably remember from your own school days, this is quite a dry lesson, so we always try and liven up our session with something creative to keep the girls engaged. We asked the girls to come up with a rhyme for other library users which would help them to remember the connection between certain Dewey numbers and their subjects. You may think this is easy, but believe me it is not; the poem needs to contain two elements which are linked and cannot be changed, AND the subject and its Dewey number need to have an inert rhyme already! But, as always, our girls surpassed all expectations and came up with a variety of very amusing Dewey rhymes which earned them well-deserved chocolate prizes. Here are our two winning entries:-

Milena, Edie and Charlie in 7S

Find a language new to you?
Or looking for French, German, Spanish too?
400 is the Dewey number
Think about it in your slumber

Ella, Scarlet and Eliza in 7G

If you want to learn about fashion
Find out something really smashin'
Look for the number 391
And you could even learn how to do a bun

TWGGS Parents' Reading Group, Wednesday 30th November – Mrs Johnstone

The Parents' Reading Group meets on 30th November at 8pm to discuss two books: 'His Bloody Project' by Graeme Macrae Burnet, which is on the Man Booker shortlist - a gripping psychological crime novel, set in 1860s Scotland, and 'Dust' by Yvonne Adhiambo Owuor, a complex Nigerian novel combining family saga and political intrigue. Anyone interested in reading is very

welcome to join us, whether you have had time to read one, both or neither book. We meet at members' houses and have a friendly chat over cake, and sometimes the odd glass of wine. Please contact Mrs Johnstone on beverley.johnstone@twggs.kent.sch.uk if you would like to join us.

Shooting at CADSAAM (Army Cadet Competition for the South East) – Sgt Eleanor Goad, U61

On 16th September eight cadets left to represent the contingent in this regional annual shooting competition, CADSAAM. The weekend brought a relished opportunity to shoot on unfamiliar ranges, as well as being able to attempt new shooting routines. We shot from different stances, including kneeling and sitting, giving each of us a chance to hone our rifle skills and drills. Overall, TWGGS was placed 7th in the senior competition with more than forty other teams - many of which have private tutors for shooting and access to their own school ranges. One of our teams made it further than ever before in the finale of the weekend - the Falling Plate competition. All cadets should be tremendously proud of their performance over the weekend and several individual scores placed among the highest in the competition. Although the girls did not bring home any medals, they did get the chance to further explore and enjoy their passion for shooting. I am sure all those able to return to CADSAAM next year will do so with great determination and build on all the new experience this competition has given them.

TWGGS Ski Team – Mrs Ralph

On 10th September 2016 the TWGGS ski team took part in the English Ski Schools Association race for the South of England. The team (Elle Ayton, Evie Ayton, Rebecca Forte and Nejma Nassman) had been training hard at Bowles and Brentwood in advance of the competition, and they all performed very well on the day. Elle was 2nd in the U19 Girls, Evie was 3rd in the U16 Girls, and the whole team came 2nd overall in the U19 Girls category.

Ella Lance, 8S – Mrs Wybar

Congratulations to Ella, who was sailing in Ireland, in the 2016 Irish National Optimist Championships; she came 2nd overall in the Junior Fleet (out 92 sailors) and was 1st girl. Ella formally represented Great Britain at this event. During the summer holidays Ella also competed in the National Optimist Championships in Largs Scotland, where she was declared National Junior Girl Champion 2016 following 6 days of sailing and having completed 14 races. She was 1st Junior Girl, 5th Junior overall and the 3rd British junior sailor out of a fleet size of 122, including strong international entrants from the US, Spain, Germany, France, China, Hong Kong, & Bermuda. Current GBR Rio Olympic team member Hannah Mills won the same award in 1999. Ella's points advantage was such that she and her younger brother George also won the Ramshaw Brothers' Trophy. As a result of winning the Junior Girl Championship, she has now also been selected to sail in the GBR Optimist team going to the Trofeo International Optimist Trophy in Torrevieja, Spain in January 2017 under the supervision of the GBR National Coach.

Hockey Results – Miss Parkinson

The 1st X1 had an incredibly difficult group at the Kent County tournament, and they should be very proud of their performances as they played some of the strongest teams in the county. TWGGS lost to the overall winners of the tournament, Kent College, Canterbury, but they held their own until the final stages of the match. They played a very competitive match against Bromley High, which they were unlucky not to draw, losing 1-0, and finally they secured a win against Sir Roger Manwood. Although TWGGS did not progress to the quarter finals this year, it is a very young squad which bodes well for the future. Well played to all: Maddie Wood GK, Miar Murphy ©, Lucy Fyson (vc), Iszy Furminger, Annie Godfrey, Katie Nunn, Immy Cowdell, Molly Sacker, Lydia Woodcock, George Cremin, Rosie Fenton, Lauryn Thomas, Rosie Peacock, Tati Sneddon, Elsie Godfrey

The U16 team played very well at the Kent County tournament. They had a tough group but managed a 0-0 draw with Duke of Yorks; a 1-0 win against Kent College, Canterbury and a 2-0 win against Highworth. TWGGS met an outstanding Sutton Valence side in the quarter final and lost the game. The team should be proud of their performances throughout the day: Rosie Neville GK, Sarah Barnaby, Emma Akers-Douglas, Michaela Holding, Flo Byers, Molly Sinclair, Connie Howard ©, Amber Maywood, Beth Slatter, Amira Carew, Elise Overd, Imy Ellis, Alice Milner, Imy Smith.

U19 Netball Tournament – Miss Manklow

On Thursday 22nd September the U19 netball team competed in a competition, consisting of twenty seven schools from around Kent, held at Rainham School for girls. After a very quick turnaround from the beginning of the year to the date of the tournament, the girls proved to be a talented team who played beautifully together.

All the schools were divided up into three pools with nine schools in each group. The first game was a tough one as the rain came down on us and unfortunately leaving us one goal short of a win. However, throughout the day the team really began to work well together and got themselves onto a winning streak, putting away more goals than needed to secure a place in the top eight.

We waited nervously for the results of the last round of games to come through and were absolutely delighted to find we made it through to the top eight. The team will now go through to play in the counties tournament held in late November. The girls did the

school proud and were an absolute pleasure to take to the tournament to represent our school. Well done to all the girls that competed:- Libby Horobin, Florence Colangelo, Lara Smith, Elisha Golding, Maisie Douch, Daisy Macnutt, Emma Cameron, Katie Nunn, Margot Roberson-Leech.

U16 Netball Tournament – Miss Manklow

On Tuesday 11th October the U16 netball team took part in the first stage of their U16 Tournament at Rainham School for Girls. With thirty five teams competing for eight places, teams were split into four groups with the top two teams in each group successfully qualifying for the county finals later this year.

The girls were nervous, but also very excited and although they had lost the toss for their first match against Langley Park School for Girls, they were confident in turning over the first ball to score a goal. The girls settled into the game well and began to control the court scoring consecutively throughout the first half. During the second half the opposition picked up the pace and managed to evade our defence to score a goal. TWGGS fought back and the consecutive scoring continued leaving the final score 16-1 to TWGGS.

Game two against Weald of Kent and the girls knew this match would not be so easy. After a shaky start with Weald turning the ball over to score first, TWGGS pulled it back working the ball around the circle and in to our shooters. The final score 8-3, another win for TWGGS. Game three against Bullers Wood saw yet another win for TWGGS, with some excellent interceptions from Alice Waters. Game four was the trickiest of the day with Cranbrook winning 3-0 in the first half. The team held their nerve well and remained calm continuing to drive forwards with short and easy passes. The final score 6-6. Games five and six against St George's Church of England School and Sydenham School were two amazing wins for TWGGS 18-0 and 19-0 pushing us to the top of our group. Excellent shooting from Elena Holland and Micky Holding!

TWGGS needed to win the final two games to come top of the group and proceed to the next round. The first game was an 8-3 win for TWGGS against Rainham School, taking the pressure off for the final game. The girls played extremely well and standards did not slip, even though they were tired from the full day of netball. A 16-5 win against Kent College Canterbury placed TWGGS first in their group meaning they advance to the County Finals later this year! Huge congratulations to all the girls for taking part:- Sophie Whittaker (Captain), Jess Smith, Elena Holland, Micky Holding, Connie Howard, Emma Holmes, Mimi Franklin, Alice Waters and Thuraya Lawal.

Plea from Nourish

Nourish, the Tunbridge Wells Community Foodbank, supports people in crisis on an emergency, short-term basis in Tunbridge Wells and the surrounding areas, and TWGGS is pleased to support their excellent work through our annual Harvest Festival food collection. On Saturday 12th November 2016, Nourish, in conjunction with Childrensalon, is holding a special fundraising event at the High Rocks, Tunbridge Wells. The ticketed event will consist of a night of music and food with a live auction and raffle in order to raise necessary funds and awareness for Nourish, which is especially needed in the run up to Christmas and the school holidays, when many children do not receive free school meals (sometimes both breakfast and lunch). If you are able, would you please consider contributing an item or service to the auction or raffle which will be held during the event. You can donate your time/skills to the auction (i.e. can you paint/ do woodwork/ make cakes/ garden/ cut hair, etc?) Any item or service donated will receive exposure on the Nourish website and social media. Please email paul.haines@nourishcommunityfoodbank.org.uk or grace@childrensalon.com if you would like to donate. Thank you for your support. You can find out more about the charity at www.nourishcommunityfoodbank.org.uk.

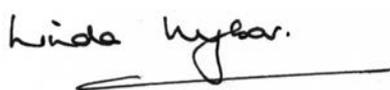
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If you are concerned that your daughter may require some extra support with her learning in school, please contact Miss Parkinson (SENCO) to discuss this in the first instance. If you are considering having your daughter tested for a learning need, please note that the tester is required to have an established relationship with the school in order for the information to be used.

PTA Update

Please see the attached Newsletter at the end of this document.

With best wishes,



Mrs L Wybar
Headteacher



TWGGS PTA Autumn Term Update



We've got a target! We're raising money for a covered outside dining area, in the courtyard. This will be an attractive covered space, conservatory style, so partially enclosed, designed to be long-lasting and to allow girls to eat outside in most weathers. If we get the money we are aiming for it to go in by next summer!

We'd just like to remind parents of the Easy Fundraising site. It's simple to register and any purchases you make online with participating companies results in a percentage going to the PTA. Please register at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/twggspta/> and install the donation reminder for a one click way of giving the school money with every Christmas purchase.



Match funding is a fantastic scheme whereby employers provide funding for organisations such as schools. It is a very simple and easy means of extra funding. As an employee it doesn't cost you anything, except maybe a little help at an event but could mean hundreds of pounds of extra money for our PTA, which directly benefits the children. Below is a list of example companies (by no means exhaustive!) that offer this. Abbey National, Barclays, BP, BT, Centrica, Fidelity, Kellogg's, Marks and Spencer, NatWest, Peugeot, RBS, Sainsbury, Tesco and Unilever

If you work for one of these companies or even another which has a match funding scheme, please do get in touch (we're a registered charity no. 307812). It really makes a huge difference.



Tickets for our Xmas Raffle will be with you before half term with some top prizes to be won. We want to keep the kids warm and dry in the quad so sell like the wind!

Classes 9T, 9W, 9I and 9G currently do not have a parent rep. If you have a daughter in one of these classes and would be willing to be a parent rep, please email pta@twggs.kent.sch.uk. The role involves organising get-



together for parents and also passing on information to parents in your class from the PTA. If no one comes forward, these classes will not have a rep.



Not getting any email correspondence through anymore? Then you've not registered for this year on Volunteer Local

(<http://twggspta.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=16066>)

We're planning a Christmas film night straight after school on Friday 2nd December in the Performing Arts Centre – watch this space!



This will be held on the evening of Friday 11th November 7pm – 9pm in the school hall at TWGGS. It's for year 7 and 8 girls together with boys from Skinners and the Boys' Grammar. More details to follow but we need adult volunteers so register on volunteer local below.

Not too late to get sponsored walk money in as, at the time of writing, returns are really low (21% of pupils) for what is our main fundraising event of the year. Forms and details are on the school website

(http://www.twggs.kent.sch.uk/pages/letters_home.html). Donations can be made by cheque or cash, online (<https://mydonate.bt.com/events/twggs2016>) or by texting TWIG16 followed by the amount with a pound sign e.g. TWIG16 £10 to 70070.



Disclosure & Barring Service

Finally, if you are doing any volunteering of PTA events at the school or where you will be in contact with TWGGS girls through the PTA, we need you to get a DBS check even if you hold one elsewhere. Please email the school on adminsupport@twggs.kent.sch.uk to arrange a suitable time to come

in.

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