

# QI Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at our Christmas events over the last 2 weeks – Foundation's production of 'A King is Born', 'Born in a Barn' performed by Years 1 and 2 and the Key Stage 2 service held at Waterlooville Baptist Church. The children put a great deal of effort into rehearsals and it was wonderful to have such a large audience on the day. We hope you enjoyed these as much as we did!

To keep you informed regarding your child's progress, we will be sending home Interim Reports next half term and also hosting formal Parents' Evenings on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. However, you are always welcome to contact your child's teacher if ever you have a question about their learning and progress.

I would like to thank you all once again, for your continued support and partnership. I wish you all a wonderful Christmas with your loved ones and a Happy New Year for 2023.

Mrs Allen

## New Information

**Competition Winner** - earlier this term, we were invited to participate in the 'Meon Valley MP Flick Drummond's Annual Christmas Card Competition' - the theme was Christmas in Parliament.



Winning Designs with the Prime Minister



We are delighted to announce that Tilly (Year 4) won with her brilliant design of the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben in a Santa hat and scarf! Cruz (Year 6) was runner up with his design of the late Queen Elizabeth II with Paddington. Tilly's design will be on the front and Cruz's design on the back of the cards sent to people across the country and abroad, including Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, who received his by hand from Flick. Well done to both of them for their outstanding designs.

MP Flick Drummond attended our assembly on 16<sup>th</sup> December to present Tilly and Cruz with their prize (book vouchers) and thanked all those who submitted an entry – the standard was very high! ★

**Phone System** – we are upgrading our telephone system over the Christmas holiday. Please be aware that the new system will record all calls for training and monitoring purposes. The office is available to take calls between 8:00am and 4:30pm, 4:00pm on a Friday with the option to leave a message at all other times.

## FREE HCC Online Courses for Parents in the New Year!

Course	Dates	Time
Raising Resilient Children	Mondays 9 Jan – 6 Feb	6:30pm -8:00pm
Introduction to Paediatric 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid	Tuesdays 10 Jan – 31 Jan	6:45pm- 9:00pm
Positive Parenting	Wednesdays 11 Jan – 8 Feb	6:30pm -8:00pm
How Children Learn to Talk	Thursdays 12 Jan – 9 Feb	7:00pm-8:30pm
Makaton Level 1*	Mondays 16 Jan – 6 Feb	6:30pm- 8:30pm
Makaton Level 1*	Mondays 27 Feb – 20 Mar	6:30pm- 8:30pm
Positive Parenting	Mondays 27 Feb – 27 Mar	6:30pm -8:00pm
Introduction to Paediatric 1 <sup>st</sup> Aid	Tuesdays 28 Feb – 21 Mar	6:45pm- 9:00pm
Raising Resilient Children	Wednesdays 1 Mar – 29 Mar	6:30pm -8:00pm
How Children Learn to Read and Write	Thursdays 2 Mar – 30 Mar	7:00pm-8:30pm



To book a **free** place, please scan the QR code which will take you to <https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/library-courses>

## Volunteers



We would like to say a BIG thank you to our great team of volunteers:

Our new PTA Team for organising our annual Present Buying Day - it was wonderful to see the joy in the children's faces as they chose and wrapped gifts for their family. The amount of time, effort and planning involved is considerable, but worth every minute. They have also organised a special visitor for our youngest learners and will finish the term selling tasty Krispy Kreme donuts!

We have a number of volunteers who listen to children read, help out on school trips or even come and share their knowledge of skills with the children. Thank you to all of you for your contribution, it is really appreciated.

And lastly, to our Governors who have given up their time to attend termly meetings throughout the year, carry out monitoring visits and support the staff at information sessions. It has been lovely for them to join us at the recent Christmas events we have held and we really appreciate their commitment to the school.



## Updates and Feedback

**Staff Update** - We pass on our congratulations to Mrs Newland who gave birth to a daughter – mother and baby are doing well ♥.

**Fundraising:** We collected a total of almost £500 through donations made at the recent Christmas events - £50 to be given to the Waterlooville Baptist Church and the remainder will be given to our international charity, Village Africa who are currently fundraising for a new ambulance – for more information about Village Africa, please visit <https://villageafrica.org.uk/what-we-do/about-us/>.

We also collected £67.00 for Save the Children UNICEF through the donations received for wearing a Christmas Jumper on Present Buying Day.

We know that your contributions will be put to good use and thank you for your generosity.



As you know, we welcome feedback all year round so please share your comments, suggestions or questions with us via our 'Feedback Form' located on the 'Contact Us' page of our website. Thank you.

## Future Dates for Your Diary

**School Closure:** Staff will be receiving training on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January** and **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023**.

**After School Clubs** – the timetable of our spring term clubs and letters are available to view and download on the 'Clubs' page of our website

<https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Clubs&pid=149>

**Trick Box:** Since introducing 'Tricks' into the classroom in 2018, we have seen a great improvement in children being able to manage their own emotions and overcome conflict and challenges. If you would like to find out more about how this programme works at QI and strategies you can use to support your child at home, please join us on 17<sup>th</sup> January. Trick Box cards will be available to purchase for £3.50 on the day.  
<https://trickbox.co.uk/product/primary-programme/>



## Spring Term 2023

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	School closed for INSET (staff training)
<b>17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>NEW</b> TrickBox Information Session for Parents/Carers at 2:45pm or 5:30pm in the hall (approx. 30 mins).
<b>7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> &amp; 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>NEW</b> Parents Evenings by appointment (booking via website from 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan)
<b>13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	School closed for INSET (staff training)

As always, year group specific events and information will be communicated via the Year Group emails.



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SETTING UP APPS, GAMES AND SOFTWARE

Millions of new phones, tablets, laptops and games consoles will be nestling under Christmas trees this year. However, even if parents and carers have gone to the trouble of setting up these new devices and enabling the safety features, there are still potential hazards in the apps, games and software that children will want to install and use. Knowing what to look for and discussing those risks with your child may help avoid any nasty surprises this Christmas. Here are our top tips for ensuring that unwrapping this year's presents doesn't unleash any unexpected dangers.

## TAKE NOTE OF AGE RATINGS

Back when most games were bought in shops, checking the age rating was easy: it was on the front of the box. Now that most games are downloaded, it's tougher – but not impossible. All reputable download stores show a game's age rating at the point of purchase, and you can check the suitability of a specific title your child wants to play at [videostandards.org.uk/RatingBoard/games](http://videostandards.org.uk/RatingBoard/games).

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## 'FREE' ISN'T ALWAYS FREE

The games market has changed radically in recent years. Many titles are free to download, but then tempt players to pay for cosmetic items (as in Fortnite) or to unlock additional content. There can be huge peer pressure for children to pay for these items. Agree a budget for in-game purchases before the game is downloaded, and make sure children can't authorise in-game purchases by themselves.

## DISABLE IN-APP PURCHASING

It's not wise to leave children with devices that can make in-app purchases without your permission. Ideally, set up computers, consoles and phones so child accounts need an adult's authorisation to buy anything. On shared devices (like iPads, which don't allow user accounts), check the settings to ensure that in-app purchasing requires the account holder's password, fingerprint or face ID.

## APPS ARE AGE RATED, TOO

Like games, apps in the major stores have age ratings, too – so you can see in advance whether an app's appropriate for your child. Additionally, phones' parental control settings allow you to set age limits, preventing young ones from downloading unsuitable apps themselves. These ratings aren't infallible, however: we've seen TV apps featuring adult shows with an age rating of 3, for example.

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## CONSIDER STORAGE

Most apps and games will tell you in the online store how much space they need on a device. Check this carefully – especially with games, which can run into hundreds of megabytes and beyond. If you don't have enough free storage on a device to run the game or app, you won't get a refund from the store. You can normally check a device's available storage space through the settings menu.

## LEGAL APPS THAT BREAK THE LAW

There are many apps that are perfectly legal but enable illegal activity – streaming apps which let people watch football matches, say, without paying for Sky or BT Sport. Prosecution for using such apps is rare, but they can lead to risky behaviour like viewing rogue streams on sites teeming with malicious links. Watch for children installing unusual apps with 'TV', 'stream' or 'sport' in the name.

## IN-APP REGISTRATION

It's common for apps and games to ask users to register, entering personal details like email address, date of birth and other information you might not want your child to divulge. Ask them to get your permission before giving any personal info to an app – and consider using your details rather than the child's, so they're not targeted by marketing spam or put at risk of having their data stolen.

## Meet Our Expert

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## CHECK THE SPECS

To avoid let-downs, check a game's specs before buying – especially for PC or Mac, where games often need a particular graphics chip or processor to work. Sites like [systemrequirementslab.com](http://systemrequirementslab.com) can scan your computer to see if it will run certain games properly. On consoles, make sure you're buying the right version: some newer Xbox or PlayStation games won't play on older consoles.

## MONITOR IN-GAME COMMS

Voice chat with friends is part of the fun of modern gaming – but danger lurks here too. Many titles have open chat systems, meaning that children could speak to strangers or hear adult language and verbal abuse when games get particularly competitive. Using a shared family area (as opposed to alone in bedrooms) for online gaming is a good way to keep an occasional ear on what's being said.

## BE WARY OF GIFTS

Titles like Roblox, Minecraft and Fortnite have in-game currencies, which can be earned through progress in the game – but can also be bought with real money. A common scam is for a young player to be offered currency if they click a link, visit a certain site or contact another user directly. Warn your child about such offers; they should show you if they're in any doubt over an in-game gift.

## WATCH OUT FOR IMITATORS

Even in the official stores, untrustworthy rogue apps can slip through the net. Common tricks are apps or games that have a slightly different name to the genuine article (Fortnite rather than Fortnite, for instance) or use logos which deliberately look very similar to the official app. To avoid downloading these imitations, read the app's description and check who the publisher is listed as.

## STAY UPDATED

Most games and apps are subject to regular updates, which not only offer new content and features but also provide critical security improvements. Children tend to ignore such updates – usually because they don't understand why they're important, or they simply want to get straight on with gaming. Check your child's devices periodically to make sure these updates are being installed.

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