

# QI Noticeboard

October 2020

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to have successfully completed our first half term with everyone settled back in school. Although we still have many of our familiar routines, things are certainly a little different as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the vast majority of parents who have fully cooperated with our safety measures, and for your patience and understanding at this difficult time. As a result of the efficient way in which parents have collected children at the end of the school day, after the half term break, we are changing the collection window to **between 3:10pm and 3:20pm**.

Thank you also to everyone who donated tinned food for the Harvest Festival; Waterloo Food Bank were extremely grateful to collect seven boxes to support those in need in our community. ☺

Following on from our last issue, please take a look at the QI Gallery on our website to view a selection of the children's Summer Learning Projects and lockdown portraits, as well as our year group pages for the Autumn Term. Both can be found under the 'Our Learning' tab:

<https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/gallery/?pid=7&gcatid=6>

**Important Information:** Over the half term, should any child test positive for coronavirus, it is essential that we are alerted **immediately** via the new reporting facility on our website:

<https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/form/?pid=2&form=325> Let's hope no-one needs to use it.

I wish you all an enjoyable – and safe - half term break. Take care of yourselves.

Mrs Allen

## For Your Information / Updates

**No Nuts** – May we urgently remind parents that **QI is a no nut school**. A member of staff had to be taken to hospital with breathing difficulties this term, as a result of nuts brought into school in a child's lunchbox. Nuts of any type, and products containing nuts (e.g. hazelnut spread, some cereal bars) are **not permitted** on the school site, due to children and staff with life-threatening allergies.



**Car Park Safety** – Two potentially serious incidents in the parents' car park have been reported to us this half term, each risking the safety of a child. We recognise that the majority of drivers take great care, but need to highlight this issue to the QI community due to the gravity of the possible consequences.

**Water Bottles** – Please could all parents ensure that their child brings a water bottle into school every day.



**Wrap up Warm** – While we have always ventilated our classrooms to ensure a healthy supply of fresh air while learning, this is now more important than ever. Parents are asked to make sure that children wear plenty of layers on the colder days which are increasingly upon us.

**School milk for children in receipt of free school meals** - Children entitled to free school meals are also eligible for free school milk. To take advantage of this, if you have not already, please email the school office on [adminoffice@queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk).

**School Meal Price Increase** - From 1st November, the cost of a school meal will be **£2.50 daily**.

**Growing Places Community Larder** - Growing Places at Mill Hill Nursery has opened up its community larder to everyone. Fill a shopping bag with essential items for £5. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/news/?pid=6&nid=1&storyid=18>

**Hampshire Special Educational Needs and Disability Independent Advice and Support Service** -- Hampshire SENDIASS offers information, advice and support on issues relating to a child or young person's special educational needs or disability. The service is free, confidential and impartial – with opening hours Monday to Thursday 9am - 5pm, and Fridays 9am - 4pm. For further information, visit [www.hampshiresendiass.co.uk](http://www.hampshiresendiass.co.uk), telephone 0808 164 5504 or email [info@hampshiresendiass.co.uk](mailto:info@hampshiresendiass.co.uk)

**Hampshire Parent Carer Network** - HPCN offers parent/carers of children and young people, aged 0-25 with additional needs (diagnosed or not) or disability, the opportunity to tell the Local Authority, Health and other services, what life is really like. Members can access sessions, events and training opportunities, plus a monthly newsletter full of information and ways to get involved. To join, visit <https://hpcn.us14.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=2f04c431b9ff23f7fe135d9b0&id=411d1c1d1b>

**Staff Changes** – We offer a warm welcome to Mrs Marples, Mrs Joines and Mrs Brown, joining our QI team as Learning Support staff. Miss Thomas is preparing for a new addition to her family and we look forward to news of her baby. Sadly, Mrs Howieson (in our office) is relocating to West Sussex over half term and will be greatly missed by us all. We say a huge 'Thank You' and wish her every success for the future.



**Chair:** Mrs Kayleigh Storey ♦ **Vice Chairs:** Mrs Katrina Kingswood and Mrs Sue Pope  
**Secretary:** Mrs Victoria Whitman ♦ **Treasurer:** Mrs Marie Wilson

During the PTA AGM on 29<sup>th</sup> September, existing members re-registered their interest to remain on the committee and new members were welcomed. Mrs Akhtar stood down after 10 years in dedicated service to the school, including the last year in post as Chair. Mrs Storey has taken on this mantle and will be well-supported by the rest of the PTA team; thank you to Mrs Pope, who has joined Mrs Kingswood as Vice Chair, to Mrs Whitman, who was re-elected as Secretary, and to Mrs Wilson who was re-elected as Treasurer.

In usual circumstances, the PTA would be planning a whole programme of activities over the academic year, many to raise funds for the school, but the current coronavirus pandemic means that events involving gatherings are not possible.

However, the recent pre-loved uniform events were favourably received, 'rehoming' outgrown uniform in good condition with new owners – a great way to recycle and keep parents' costs down. Moving forward, the PTA is looking into the possibility of an online forum for QI families which would match preloved uniform needs with available items. What a great idea!



Further information about the PTA is available on our website:  
<https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=PTA&pid=27>

## Governors

**Marcus Cator, Chair of Governors**

As stakeholders of the school, parents naturally have a responsibility to model responsible behaviour to their children and to support the school by adhering to the measures put in place as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. With this in mind, our Governors would like to express their sincere thanks for parents' compliance with the one way system and social distancing measures on the school site.



The pandemic has led to an even greater reliance on digital technology than before; while this has enabled us to keep in touch with loved ones, to access information, shopping and – in some cases – to work, there clearly are negative aspects to be mindful of. As well as those preying on the unwary through unscrupulous scams, our children need to be protected from online bullying, grooming and the effects of excessive screen time. The online world can be insular, and lead to a lack of skill and perspective in the 'real' world.

For further advice and information, parents are invited to explore the following excellent website:  
<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting>

## School Council

At the beginning of term, we held our School Council elections and voted for the posts of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Assistant Secretary. Instead of our usual 'campaign' assembly, each class watched a video of the candidates giving their speeches. All voting through secret ballots took place in the classroom. Congratulations to Mimi, Jack, Joshua, Gracie and Isabelle on their successful appointments. We will be electing new class councillors next half term.

The new Chair and Secretary team are consulting classes on a charity event to take place in November. They are also keen to reinstate our school suggestions box for the children and to action any good ideas.



## INSET / Diary Dates 2020

INSET on **Fri 20th November**

INSET on **Mon 4th January**

PROVISIONAL INSET on **Mon 15th March** (may be subject to change)

ENFORCED CLOSURE on **Thurs 6th May** (Polling Station)

INSET on **Friday 9th July**

## Feedback Opportunity

As always, we welcome your feedback on the school and its performance. Please see the facility on our website: <https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/form/?pid=2&form=16>