

QI Noticeboard

July 2020

Dear Parents,

We have at last reached the end of a school year that will certainly go down in QI's history as the most incredible one ever. I would like to thank our Governors for their unwavering support when we have had to make difficult decisions. We have faced challenges that were unthinkable, even 6 months ago, and we will continue to adapt to the situation when we return in September. Until then, I thank you all for your understanding, your support, and your many messages of kindness – and it is these, as well as our dedication to the children, that have kept staff going during the past difficult months. We have provided childcare throughout for children of Key Workers, welcomed back Year F and Year 1, and most recently cherished one final week with Year 6 before the end of their QI journey. It has been truly wonderful to see the children returning to meet their new teachers.

Finally, thank you so very much to those parents of children leaving QI who have supported us through the PTA - with a special thanks to our PTA Chair, Sally Ahktar. Sally has given so much of her energy and time to the school over the past 10 years – we are truly indebted, and will miss her cheerful smile (everyday!). I wish each and every one of you a happy and healthy summer break.

Mrs Allen

Information/Updates

Staff Update – In addition to the staff changes mentioned in our letter about class teachers for September 2020, our wonderful cook, Mrs Wheeler, is leaving QI at the end of term. Mrs Wheeler has been much loved by staff and children alike for the past two decades and leaves very difficult shoes to fill. We thank her for her many kindnesses and wish her well for the future; there is no doubt that she will be missed enormously.

We are also saying farewell to Miss Moore, Learning Support Assistant in Year 6, who has enjoyed her time at QI so much that she is embarking on teacher training. We think she will be wonderful ☺.

September Opening – Our school will once again be open fulltime, to all year groups, in the autumn term. The usual expectations regarding attendance, uniform and appropriate hairstyles will apply. Our current social distancing measures, including the pedestrian one-way system will remain in place and we envisage that each year group will form its own separate bubble. See our letter of 20th July for additional details.

Summer Childcare – Please view the communications page of our website for details of 'Connect4Summer' and also Government guidance for parents and carers of children attending out-of-school settings during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak:

<https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Coronavirus+Information+and+Current+School+Communication&pid=75>

Summer Learning and Activities

A final learning outline for each year group has been published on our Learning from Home webpage, to provide guidance to help your child keep up skills over the summer break. All learning activities from the past weeks in lockdown will also remain accessible so you can dip into any activities that your child has not completed. **Please, please make sure that your child keeps reading (anything and everything!) as this will significantly help when they return to school in September.**

We are also challenging the children to a very special Summer Learning Project, which involves putting together a time capsule about this unique time in all our lives. This is a very flexible project and we look forward to seeing what the children have chosen to include.

The summer should also be about fun, so children are invited to make use of the ideas on our new **Summer Activities** webpage. In particular, you will find a link to the library's Summer Reading Challenge for 2020, but there are lots of other suggestions:

<https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Summer+Activities&pid=144>

**DATES FOR YOUR
DIARY**

INSET / Diary Dates 2020

School closed for INSET on **Thurs 3rd Sept**

First day back at school on **Friday 4th Sept** (Years 1-6)

Meet the Teacher sessions for new Year F on **Friday 4th Sept**

First day at school for new Year F on **Monday 14th Sept**

Half Term from **Mon 26th to Fri 30th Oct**