

# QI Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who came along to our 'Drop In' session on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October, which was a great opportunity for the children to share their learning so far this term. Several parents commented on how clear it was to see their child's progress since the start of September. Over 50% of our children were represented at this session, and we hope to offer this opportunity again later in the year.

Thank you for participating in our recent Parents' Consultation Evenings which we hope you found useful. The blended approach of telephone consultation or face to face continues to be well received. To keep you informed regarding your child's progress, we will be sending home Interim Reports and hosting formal Parents' Consultation Evenings again in the Spring Term.

I continue to see so many of you at drop off in the mornings, which has given me the chance to seek feedback on how effective our communication has been so far this term. I am delighted to hear that our messages are being received and I thank you for taking the time to read them!

We wish you all an enjoyable half-term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Mrs Allen

## Governor Vacancies

Come and join us! We have an opportunity to recruit two new Parent Governors on to our Governing Body.

Being a school Governor means being interested in getting the best education for the children in our school. Governors can become involved in a range of school matters, which may include recruitment, finance and curriculum. They also provide a strong link between the school and the local community, and an independent view to support the school on long term development and improvement.

Our Governors meet at least twice each term and are required to get to know the school through monitoring visits, talking with children and staff and participating in school activities. There are a range of training opportunities available to help Governors undertake their duties and develop their understanding of the key areas of school management. For more information, please read the Hampshire County Council's information pages - <https://tinyurl.com/School-Governance>

If you would like to register your interest, please let us know through the General Contact Form on our website and Mrs Allen or Mr Cator, our Chair of Governors will be in touch - <https://tinyurl.com/General-Contact-Form> - we look forward to hearing from you! 😊



## Donations



We were greatly humbled by the generous donations of food received for the Waterlooville Food Bank in celebration of Harvest Festival. The shelves at the Food Bank were bare two weeks ago but, as a result of the Harvest collections, are now full again! We have been asked by the staff at the Food Bank to pass on their gratitude – thank you!

We would also like to extend our thanks to Reverend Sandra Platford, Minister at Waterlooville Baptist Church, for hosting our Harvest Festival Assembly on Monday. We also had a number of brave learners who helped out with readings during the assembly. 😊

We were also pleased to receive the small number of games donated for use in school. Please do think of us if your



children have outgrown any board games and you are looking to recycle them – all we ask is that they are complete and in good condition. We would also be grateful to accept any donations of Duplo or Lego that we could use to support the children's learning. Thank you!

## Updates and Information

We welcome feedback all year round and thank those parents who have already used our Feedback Form on the 'Contact Us' page of our website to share comments, suggestions or questions with us.



**Home Learning** - Over the last two years, learning from home has developed across the country due to the changing Government requirements. Now that we are in a post-COVID period, we are focusing our efforts on developing our 'Home Learning' offer, using the feedback from the parent and child questionnaires that we conducted during the Summer term.

### UPDATE

After the October half-term holiday, we will introduce a trial of our new Home Learning offer. This will consist of an 'online' and 'offline' option on alternating weeks for either Maths or Spelling. Reading will be tracked weekly through the introduction of a 'Reading Diary'. We will be asking the parents to comment upon their child's reading at home. Feedback from our Home Learning tasks will come from fortnightly 'tests or quizzes' in school where the teachers will be assessing the number facts and spellings that the children have learnt at home. Our Teachers will be open to any feedback to help us develop our 'Home Learning' even further – please complete a Feedback Form on the Contact Us page of our website - <https://tinyurl.com/QI-Feedback-Form>

**School Photographer** - A very small number of parents contacted us to ask for individual/sibling photos to be held during the school day instead of on a Saturday. We thought it may be helpful to explain why we have arranged this outside of the school day. A Saturday session offers parents the opportunity to have photos taken with siblings who do not attend QI and/or parents together, it also enables families to have a professional family portrait at a more affordable price. When the Photographer is in school, the hall is used for the photographs, which means it cannot be used for usual curriculum learning and activities. All the equipment has to be packed away during lunch service and then set up again after. Lessons are disturbed when siblings are called out of class to sit their photos together and classes are disrupted as the children are constantly moving around the school. All this results in valuable learning time being lost. As a solution, and to limit the unnecessary impact on learning, we will be offering all parents the option to book either an individual OR sibling photograph when the Class Photographs are taken in May 2023. We hope this is a positive outcome and thank parents for their feedback.

**Staff Updates** - We pass on our congratulations to Miss Atkins who gave birth to her daughter in September – both mother and daughter are doing well ♥ After the October half term, Mrs Burrige, Mrs Newland and Mrs Smith will all be starting maternity leave and we look forward to hearing news of the safe arrival of their babies. We are also delighted to welcome back Miss Britain, who will be teaching across the school.

**School Lunches** - We hope that you will all have read our email communication (sent 29/9) regarding the lunch **price increase to £2.80 and the new 3 week menu, both effective from 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022**. From time to time, the menu is subject to change if HC3S are unable to source food items from their suppliers. We will always text our parents/carers if this happens.



**Car Parking Courtesy** - Sadly, we have received complaints from some of our neighbours with a plea to all adults who access the school to show consideration for residents when parking at Aintree Drive, Burnside and Cornelius Drive. We have received reports of '*cars parked on grass verges opposite each other, on both sides of the road making it difficult to pass*', '*cars parked far too close to the corners of roads (Highway Code suggests 30 feet) making it difficult to pull out as vision is impaired*' and '*cars parked over dropped kerbs and driveways*'. We ask that everyone please recognise that residents require access to and from their homes and whilst it can be a rush during drop off and pick up, please be mindful of our neighbours and respect the parking restrictions in place, to reduce congestion and frustrations. For awareness, Havant Borough Council will send a Traffic Warden to issue Penalty Notices if they receive a number of complaints.



We have also received reports from our parents that some inconsiderate drivers are still leaving their engines on when parked in the Parents' Car Park. Please spare a thought for those who are walking directly behind the vehicle and who have no choice but to inhale the fumes! Although our Site Manager (Mr Murray) is monitoring this and will help remind people, we should not have to police this - so please be considerate to others to avoid us having to take further measures.

**Flu Vaccinations** – 74% of our children received their vaccination. We hope this helps protect our children this winter.

## Future Dates for Your Diary

**Poppy Sales for the Royal British Legion** – we will have poppies and merchandise on sale throughout the week commencing the 7<sup>th</sup> November. A group of Year 6 volunteers will help distribute these items to each Year Group so that everyone has a chance to purchase something or make a donation if they wish.



**Children In Need** – Now that every class in KS1 and KS2 has elected a Class Councillor and Years 5 and 6 have elected our Executive Team, the School Council is ready for action! The first task for the new School Council is to organise a fundraising event for Children In Need, which is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November this year. The Council have only just voted on events and started to plan for the day so we do not have the precise detail yet. What we do know is that there will be a special activity during the school day and children do not need to dress up. However, as always, if your child has any Children In Need merchandise (from this year or previous years), they are welcome to wear it in school on that Friday. The School Council will send a letter after the half term break with more details.

### Autumn Term 2022

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| <b>31<sup>st</sup> October</b>             | School closed for INSET (staff training)  |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> November</b>             | <b>NEW</b> Phonics Information Session for Years F and 1 Parents/Carers at 2:30pm or 5:30pm (approx. 30 mins). <i>A formal invite will be emailed via the Year Group emails.</i>      |
| <b>7<sup>th</sup> November</b>             | Wear odd socks in support of Anti-Bulling Week<br><b>NEW</b> Poppies and merchandise on sale until Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November (we will observe a minute of silence on this day) |
| <b>18<sup>th</sup> November</b>            | <b>NEW</b> Children in Need Fundraising – Pudsey merchandise can be worn  |
| <b>19<sup>th</sup> November (Saturday)</b> | Individual/Family Photos with Cardwell & Simons by appointment – <i>please book an appointment by calling 02380 773834 ext 2.</i>   |



### Advance Notice of Christmas Dates for the Diary

*\*Performance times are dependent on rehearsal length and may be subject to change. Further information will be shared with you during November.*

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| <b>5<sup>th</sup> December</b>  | Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance (2 tickets per family)<br>There will be a morning and afternoon performance at 9:15am & *2:40pm. |
| <b>8<sup>th</sup> December</b>  | Foundation Nativity (2 tickets per family) afternoon performance *2:40pm.  |
| <b>9<sup>th</sup> December</b>  | PTA Present Buying Day   |
| <b>12<sup>th</sup> December</b> | Christmas Lunch for F, 1, 2, 3 & 4   |
| <b>13<sup>th</sup> December</b> | Christmas Lunch for F, 1, 2, 5 & 6   |
| <b>14<sup>th</sup> December</b> | KS2 Church Service at Waterlooville Baptist Church – doors open at 10am and will be limited to 2 adults per family.                |
| <b>16<sup>th</sup> December</b> | Finish at 3:20pm for the Christmas Break (no early closure)  |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>   | <b>NEW</b> School closed for INSET (staff training)  |