

QI Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a chance to read our most recent Ofsted Report which we emailed to parents/carers on 2nd November. We were really pleased that the Inspector identified so many of the school's considerable strengths, including our ambitious curriculum, inclusive environment and reading being a high priority. We were delighted by the second paragraph, which reinforces the most important thing to us *'Pupils feel safe in this welcoming community. They know that trusted adults look out for them. They are confident to share their worries, should they have any.'*

Of course, we are most proud of our wonderful children who demonstrate their *'exemplary behaviour, delightful manners and consistently show respect and care for others'*. We were surprised to also see reference to our Inspection included in the Portsmouth News which highlighted many of the positive statements within the report. The outcomes are testament to the excellent QI staff team, supported by our dedicated Governors, who work so hard to ensure the very best for all our children. A huge thank you to them all.

Please refer to our 'Christmas at QI' newsletter for detailed information which covers the next couple of weeks. We look forward to sharing the children's excitement as Christmas approaches and to you joining us for the Christmas Performances!

Mrs Allen

New Information

Uniform – we have sold uniform at cost price for the last 30 years. It is with mixed feelings that we announce that we will be phasing this out during this academic year. Whilst we acknowledge that buying uniform through the school provides convenience for some families, it takes a considerable amount of administrative time throughout the year and the stock occupies a lot of space. **Skoolkit** is our local supplier – they have a shop located in the Havant Meridian Centre and provide an online service with home delivery. They also offer discounts and free postage during promotional times in the year. We will continue to sell uniform while stocks last, so please continue to order uniform through the online payment system. We will continue to sell QI book bags and P.E. drawstring bags as these are not available through Skoolkit.

How to report a Parking Contravention – we often receive complaints from parents and neighbours regarding inconsiderate parking in the roads near the school, during drop off and collection times. We encourage all those who witness contraventions to report these directly to Hampshire County Council's Parking and Traffic Enforcement department, using their online Parking Contravention form for anything you feel needs further investigation - <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/parking/parking-contravention>. You will need to provide the **vehicle's registration number, make and colour, details of the contravention** and the **time** and there is an **option to upload 3 photos**. Together, we can try to tackle this ongoing problem. Thank you.

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Curricular Enrichment Events

November has been a very busy sporting month. Our children took part in the following sporting events:



- 10 children from Year 2 attended a Tri-Golf Festival. They tried new skills such as putting, chipping, aiming for targets and knocking cones. They enjoyed their morning and worked well as a team.
- 20 children from Years 5 & 6 participated in a Gold and Silver Football competition. Despite heavy rain in the morning, the competitions took place under blue skies. After many hard-fought close scoring matches, QI Stripes won the Silver Cup and QI Greens came fourth in the Silver Cup division.
- 10 children from Year 1 went to a Multi Ball Skills Festival. They tried a variety of skills using different balls including dribbling a basketball, striking a football, passing a rugby ball and balancing a tennis ball.
- 10 children from Year 3 participated in the Alternative Sports Festival where they had the opportunity to try different sports like Boccia, Fencing, Archery and New Age Kurling. They thoroughly enjoyed the event.
- 6 children from Year 4 took part in an Aqua Splash Festival where they had an opportunity to become more water confident through a range of fun water activities including races and collecting sinkers from the bottom of the pool.
- 12 children from Year 5 & 6 took part in Basketball Skills and a Basketball Tournament over 2 weeks. The skills session helped to improve their technique and then in the tournament they competed against 10 other teams with 1 of our teams finishing 2nd and the other 8th. Amazing!

Congratulations to all those children who participated for their sterling efforts and for being great ambassadors of QI. As always, our thanks go to Mr Murray and Mrs Jarrom for organising these events and Mrs Farrell for driving the mini bus for us!

Updates and Feedback

Online Safety UK - Online Safety Information Sessions for Parents & Grandparents – we were pleased to see an increase in the number of adults attending this year's session delivered by Lee Hayward. The feedback we received confirmed that it was very informative, with comments such as; *'an eye opener at how sophisticated algorithms feed us with content based on what it hears through devices with built in microphones'*, *'how using the Parent Controls - Google Family Link and Apple Family Link can really help monitor a child's online footprint'* and *'we found the information about the Government's new Online Safety Bill useful'*. We hope you also found Online Safety UK's 'Online Harms Newsletter' (emailed to parents/carers on 13th November) informative.

Staff Updates - We pass on our congratulations to Mr Caldwell on the arrival of his baby daughter – both mother and baby are well ♥. We would also like to congratulate Mrs Howell (previously Miss Brown) as she got married this month - her class name will change from 2B to 2H 😊.

School Council - Thank you to everyone that donated to Children in Need – the teddies had a great day in school 😊. It was fantastic to have lots of families using School Money to pay online, which is still open for donations until 4 December. So far, we have raised £289 for the charity. The School Council are looking forward to raising money for another charity next term.

Anti-bullying week was 13th to 17th November - the National theme was 'Make a Noise About Bullying'. As always, we included activities in our learning during that week to raise awareness. We invited the children to wear odd socks to school to show our support of this.



PTA – The AGM took place on 15th November. We would like to thank the 25 lovely volunteers who have signed themselves up as Committee Members to organise and run our PTA events for 2023-24.



They are busy creating a calendar of events for this academic year whilst making the final arrangements for the Christmas activities they are organising as this is their busiest time of the year.

Christmas Gift Design – we would also like to thank the PTA and Mrs Jarrom (office) for organising and distributing the personalised gift orders. There were some absolutely wonderful designs and we hope the recipients will love them.

Child and Family Support Worker

Managing Children's Expectations at Christmas

It's that time of year again, lights are going up around the neighbourhood, days are getting colder, Christmas songs are playing on the radio... and while for some this is a magical time, for others it can create unwanted stress and can put a lot of financial pressure on parents.



A Barnardos article reported that from a very early age children hear from their friends about what they are getting from Santa, they're seeing toy ads on TV and they're being asked what they're getting for Christmas. Parents are under increasing pressure to deliver on these expectations, and may feel overwhelmed thinking 'How am I going to get my child what they want? How do I say no to what they've asked for?' On top of this, there is also the expectation that at Christmas, everybody will have fun and everything is going to be just perfect. This puts families under a lot of pressure this time of year.

Here are some helpful tips from Barnardos on how parents can manage their children's expectations this Christmas.

- Think before making any promises - it's not easy to say no to your child, but making promises you can't keep can put you under immense pressure.
- What a child wants is not necessarily what they need - focus on what's important for children at Christmas and all year round – that they have a positive family experience. This is much more important than any number of toys.
- Not bad parents! - reassure yourselves that you are not bad parents if you can't give your child every toy they have ever wished for. Being honest with your child and explaining that Santa can't bring a certain gift this year will not have any long-term negative impact on your child's development. You could also find your own way to explain to your child that Santa is very busy at Christmas and will try his best to bring a surprise to everyone.
- Refocus - take the focus off material things and back onto what's important at Christmas time. Remember that there is a difference between value and cost and the best times we have with our children often come with no price tag.
- Think of your own best childhood memories - often these are memories of family time spent together rather than the gifts we got. A parent's best gift to their child is the time that they spend with them; this will create longer lasting memories for children.
- Teen's chat - for teenagers and young people, sit down in advance and have a chat about what is possible for the family this year. Agree on a reasonable Christmas budget with your children. You will find they are often happier to forgo or substitute an expensive item when they have been involved in the decision.
- Include your children in the planning of gifts - ask them to think about what they really need or want. If a child really wants a bike, they may not care about its newness, so a second-hand one painted up with decals and stickers to their own design could be just as pleasing!

Ultimately spending time together and making memories is the most important thing. If you'd like further support with this, please pop in to see Miss Farrell at the office or send her an email CSFW@queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk



Future Dates for Your Diary



After School Clubs – there are no after school clubs running in December. The 'Clubs' page on our website will be updated with the timetable for the spring term **by 15 December**. The clubs will resume week commencing 8th January and finish the week of 18 March 2024.

Christmas Activities

Please refer to the 'Christmas at QI 2023' Newsletter for more detailed information on the events that will be running during the last two weeks of term.

8 December	PTA Present Buying Day
11 December	Christmas Lunch for F,1, 2, 3 & 4 – no need to pre-book
12 December	Christmas Lunch for F,1, 2, 5 & 6 – no need to pre-book
12 December	Years 1 & 2 'The Nativity – The Story of Baby Jesus' (2 tickets per family). There will be a morning and afternoon performance at 9:15am & *2:40pm. <i>*Performance times are dependent on rehearsal length and may be subject to change. We will communicate any change via text.</i>
13 December	KS2 Church Service at Waterlooville Baptist Church – doors open at 10am and will be limited to 2 adults per family.
14 December	Foundation 'Twinkly Nativity' story and songs (2 tickets per family) afternoon performance *2:40pm. <i>*Performance time is dependent on rehearsal length and may be subject to change. We will communicate any change via text.</i>
15 December	Finish at 3:20pm for the Christmas Break (no early closure).

Spring Term 2024

2 January	School closed for INSET (staff training)
3 January	Welcome back to school 😊
8 January	NEW After School Clubs start this week
11 March	NEW School closed for INSET (staff training)



Feedback - 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.