

QI Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a very positive start to the year, with the children settling quickly into their new classes and routines. We thoroughly enjoyed finding out about their various Geography inspired activities during the summer and say a big 'Thank You!' for supporting your children with these. The displays look wonderful and we were amazed by some of the incredible projects that the children have brought in!

Just over 40% of our children were represented at our 'Day in the Life of ...' Information Session. This was an opportunity for us to communicate key information about Year Group's learning and to answer parents' questions. We hope that those of you who attended found it useful. If you wish to give us feedback on this session, please use the 'Feedback Form' on our website -

<https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/form/?pid=2&form=16>

Our **Parents' Evenings** will be held on **12th, 17th and 19th October**. The purpose of this consultation is to discuss your child's start to the year with their class teacher and to share their current learning targets. To book an appointment, please submit the Parent Consultation Evening form on the 'Contact Us' page of our website - <https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/form/?pid=2&form=385> by **Tuesday 3rd October**.

Prior to this, on **Wednesday 11th October, all classes will be open from 3:15pm to 3:45pm** for you to pop in and see your child's books and share their learning with them. Please come along for 10 minutes if you can, and see all the great things they are doing, you don't need to book.

I have really enjoyed seeing so many of you at drop off in the mornings and you are always welcome to catch me if you have any questions or feedback you would like to share. We look forward to an exciting term ahead and thank you for your continued contribution to our strong partnership.

Mrs Allen

Ofsted Inspection

The long awaited Ofsted Inspection was fully embraced by our fantastic team of Staff and Governors, earlier this week. The children behaved impeccably as always, and were able to explain their learning exceptionally well to the Inspector, when asked. They are an absolute credit to the school. Thank you to all those parents who sent us lovely messages of support and for the thoughtful edible treats for the staff too ♥. Your support and kindness is greatly appreciated by us all.



We were pleased that so many families registered their views through the Ofsted Parent Survey. Overall, the feedback was very positive. The Ofsted report can take up to 6 weeks to be finalised and published and will be shared with parents/carers at the earliest opportunity.

For Information



QI has been awarded the 'School Games Gold Mark' for five consecutive years. In 2022/23 we were working towards our Platinum Award and are absolutely delighted to announce that we have been awarded the **Platinum Mark for 2023/24!**

This is the highest recognition in the Schools Games mark awarded to schools who passionately promote sporting participation, inclusive practice and emerging sports' leadership. We extend our huge thanks to Mr Murray and the Planet Education team for supporting our sport at QI and in particular to Miss Harris who helped collate the case study demonstrating our evidence to meet this award. What a wonderful achievement!

Staffing Update – we pass on our congratulations to Miss Salt on the birth of her baby boy – mother and son are doing well ♥.

Donations - We will be collecting dry food items and tins for Waterloo Food Bank between **9th and 13th October** leading up to our Harvest Festival assembly. Please help us by ensuring all food items are still in date! We thank you in advance for all donations, which will be gratefully received. ☺



Site Information



PLEASE
NO IDLING

Thank you for
turning off your
engine while waiting
or parked

We continue to receive reports of drivers leaving their engine idling whilst they are parked in the Cornelius Drive car park. Under Section 42 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 **it is an offence to leave an engine idling**. Whenever your vehicle is stationary or parked, please switch your engine off to help ensure no further pollution to the air that we all breathe. Parents should not have to walk their children through the car park to avoid fumes. Please pass this message on to any grandparents, relatives or friends who may also collect your child. We are in the process of buying signs for the car park as a visual reminder too. Thank you for your compliance.

Message from our Child and Family Support Worker

Our new Child & Family Support Worker – Carla Farrell, has felt very welcomed by the families she has met so far. She will be including a section in our newsletters on a specific topic which we hope will be both informative and helpful. This month, it's all about routine.

Starting school can be overwhelming for some children, especially new starters and those coming back after 6 weeks of summer holiday! Here at QI, we encourage all families to have a healthy and consistent routine for your children to support their transition from home to school. Just like adults, children feel more confident and secure when their daily activities are predictable and familiar.

A visual schedule sets out a daily routine for children in a way that is easy to understand. They're particularly popular with those who care for children with additional needs. Having them printed out or made as cards will allow your child to physically engage with them and hopefully feel a little more independent by using them. If you can find the time to create a routine board with your child it may help them take real ownership over it which may in turn be easier for you to implement.

Here are some examples of routine visual cards and checklist routine boards:



If you'd like support with this, please pop in to see Miss Farrell at the office or send her an email
CSFW@queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk ☺

Governor's Annual Report on Special Educational Needs and Disabilities provision – this report is available to view on the 'About Us' | 'Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)' page of our website, if you are interested to find out more about our SEND provision.

School Council – Congratulations to our newly elected Executive Officers – Edward, Emma, Sophia and Jude - and all our Class Councillors! They take on the task of meeting weekly, with Ms Burberry, to discuss topical events, plan our national fundraising events and choose the local charities that we will support this year. We look forward to hearing their views and ideas and thank them for volunteering their time to support our school.

Our Voice counts....



Future Dates for the Diary

Autumn Term 2023

9 to 13 October	Food Donations for Harvest Festival/Waterlooville Food Bank
11 October	All classes will be open from 3:15 – 3:45 for parents/carers to pop in and see their child's books (no booking required)
12, 17 & 19 October	Parents Evenings by appointment (booking via website by 3 rd Oct).
23 to 27 October	HALF TERM
30 October	School closed for INSET (staff training)
10 November	Flu Immunisation (email sent out 27.9.2023 - consent required)
13 November	Wear odd socks in support of Anti-Bullying Week: Make A Noise About Bullying



Advance Notice of Christmas Performance 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.*

12 December	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance (2 tickets per family) There will be a morning and afternoon performance at 9:15am & *2:40pm.
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 Nativity (2 tickets per family) afternoon performance *2:40pm.



We welcome feedback all year round and have a Feedback Form on the 'Contact Us' page of our website should you wish to share comments, suggestions or questions with us.