

QI Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to see everyone who came along to our 'Drop In' session on Wednesday 11th October, which was a great opportunity for the children to share their learning over last half term.

Thank you as always, for participating in our recent Parents' Consultation Evenings, which we hope you found useful. It was disappointing that we received so many late requests for appointments despite us communicating Parents' Evenings in the September newsletter and text message reminders. **Once again, we kindly ask parents/carers to make every effort to read all our school communications, as they are important.** 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.

Before half term, we communicated our **Online Safety for Children Information Sessions for Parents & Grandparents on Wednesday 8th November at 8:50, 14:30 and 17:30** and hope you can join us. Although in school we teach the children to keep safe online, we cannot control the home and wider environment where our children are at the highest risk. Please do come along to one of these 30-minute information sessions so you can work in partnership with us to help keep our children safe. Thank you. Mrs Allen

New Information

Staffing Updates – We welcome Mrs Butler, an experienced Learning Support Assistant, to the Year F team. We were very sad to say farewell to Mrs Harris after 9 years of service as an LSA at QI – she was a valued member of the team – we wish her every success for the future.

School Lunches – the winter menu is now in operation and is available to view on the 'Lunches' page of our website - <https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Lunches%2C+Snacks%2C+Water+%26amp%3B+Milk&pid=55>



Poppy Sales for the Royal British Legion – we will have poppies and merchandise on sale between **6th and 9th November**. A group of Year 6 volunteers will help distribute the following items to each Year Group so that everyone has a chance to purchase something or make a donation if they wish – please be aware that we cannot provide change. **Merchandise will be sold on a first come first served basis and each year group is allocated; paper poppies with no pin (50p), 14 plastic poppies on clips (50p), 14 button tabs (50p), 14 elastic wristbands (£1) and 28 snap band rulers (£1.50)** – we cannot give change or get additional stock. We will observe a minutes silence on Friday 10th November at 11:00am.

School Council, 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 was to vote on the events they wish to support for the coming year. They have already made a start on planning a special activity for our Children in Need fundraising event, which is **Friday 17th November** this year. 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 along with their school uniform (tee-shirts/tops can be worn). As our local branch of Nat West has closed, **we wish to invite parents to make their £1 donation via School Money** and we will submit the donations to Children in Need on Monday 20th November.



Harvest Festival - we greatly appreciate the generous donations of food received for the Waterlooville Food Bank in celebration of Harvest Festival. The Food Bank asked us to pass on their gratitude, as this will really help with the Christmas food parcels – thank you!

We would also like to extend our thanks to Reverend Chris Spencer, from St.Wilfrid's Cowplain, for hosting our Harvest Festival Assembly.



Parking Restrictions – for awareness, there are enforceable parking restriction signs displayed on the roads leading to the school gates at Burnside and Cornelius Drive. **A single yellow line means no waiting during the time specified i.e. 8-9am and 3-4pm Monday to Friday.**

Curriculum Enrichment

My Best Novel - we took 10 of our Year 5 learners to Crookhorn College to participate in a group-writing event. They listened to an overview of some novels studied at secondary school and were given the first line of a story and using their own imagination wrote sections of the novel. The children thoroughly enjoyed their experience and were great ambassadors of the school. ☺

Havant and Waterlooville Sports School Partnership - Years 5 & 6 played in their first Hampshire Cup Football match. It was a very tough match against strong opposition but the QI team rose to the challenge and strengthened as the match progressed! Although they lost that match, they are eager to play their next opponent when the fixtures of the next round is finalised.

10 children from Year 4 participated in a Tri-Golf festival where they were able to experience different golf activities such as - putting to knock down cones and chipping over cones to land on a target. The children thoroughly enjoyed their morning with one team achieving first place with the most points.

Child and Family Support Worker

'When a book might help'. Here at QI, we encourage all learners to become confident readers and enjoy picking up a book. Whilst we appreciate that reading can be difficult for some, gently encouraging your child to have an interest in books has many benefits. Studies have shown that reading to your child from an early age and then reading with them can offer comfort and reassurance, confidence and security, relaxation, happiness and fun. Giving a child time and full attention when reading them a story tells them they matter, builds their self-esteem, vocabulary, feeds imagination and even improves their sleeping patterns.

We are very lucky to have a fantastic range of books in our school library, but if you're looking for a rainy day activity one weekend we have some lovely libraries in Hampshire that are well worth a visit.

All Hampshire Libraries run a scheme called 'When a Book Might Help'. If you follow the link below, you will see they have a list of helpful subjects such as Health and Wellbeing, Disabilities and Neurodiversity, along with an array of suggested books linked to these that you can find in libraries across Hampshire. As parents, we often find ourselves stuck for answers to the wonderful questions our little ones ask, and diverting their attention to find answers in books really helps as well as educating them and putting their mind at ease. When you visit the library, all books that they have deemed to be a 'book that might help' will have this sticker attached to it.



<https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/library/kids-zone/whenabookmighthelp>

Here are a few recommended books:



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

Future Dates for Your Diary

Autumn Term 2023

6 November	NEW Poppies and merchandise on sale until Thursday 9 th November (we will observe a minutes silence on Friday 10 th November at 11am)
8 November	Online Safety for Children Information Sessions for Parents & Grandparents - 8:50, 14:30 and 17:30 (no need to book)
10 November	Flu Vaccinations - https://www.hampshirehealthyfamilies.org.uk/nasal-flu-vaccination-programme
13 November	NEW Wear odd socks in support of Anti-Bulling Week
17 November	NEW Children in Need Fundraising – Pudsey merchandise can be worn. A £1.00 donation payable via School Money please – no cash ☺



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.*

8 December	PTA Present Buying Day
11 December	Christmas Lunch for F, 1, 2, 3 & 4
12 December	Christmas Lunch for F, 1, 2, 5 & 6 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 Waterloooville 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.
15 December	Finish at 3:20pm for the Christmas Break (no early closure).
2 January	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.



School Age Immunisation Team



Get protected against flu



FLU: 5 REASONS TO GET PROTECTED AGAINST FLU

1. Protect your child - the vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
2. Protect your family and friends - having the vaccine will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
3. No injection needed - the nasal spray is painless and easy to administer.
4. It is better than having the flu - the nasal spray helps protect against flu and has been given to millions worldwide
5. Avoid costs - if your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare



COMING SOON



The Immunisation team
will be coming to school soon to
administer the flu nasal spray

Date: 10th November



Scan the QR code to complete
a flu consent form
(even if you wish to opt out)



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