

QI Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a lot of rain we are having! I know the children were most intrigued by the trench digging by the entrance to our woodland – many of them thought we were having a swimming pool built! Thank you for your continued patience whilst we have the contractors on site, we will update you once they have finished.

Our One Way Pedestrian route around the building is essential to the health and safety of all our children and parents. Feedback tells us that the majority of our community agree it works well and has reduced the risk of accidents from people, scooters and buggies moving in all directions. We are aware of some people who walk against the flow (please don't!) and ask that you ensure any friends or Grandparents collecting children on your behalf are also made aware of this system. Thank you for your co-operation which is for the benefit of everyone.

We value the responses from the 44 parents who completed our online feedback form about our current Home Learning provision – with the Leadership Team, we will use this as part of our review of the offer. As always, please do let us know if you have any comments, thoughts or ideas as we welcome your feedback. <https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/form/?pid=2&form=16>

I hope you all have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend.

Mrs Allen

New Information



King Charles III Coronation - we are excited to share with you some details of our forthcoming celebratory activities during the (3-day) week leading up to King Charles III's Coronation on 6th May.

We were delighted to welcome back Deputy Lieutenant Frere-Cook to lead our school assembly to talk about the Coronation and the role of our new King to learners in Years 2 to 6. This is the Deputy Lieutenant's second visit to our school - some of you may recall he visited us during our Platinum Jubilee celebrations for the late Queen Elizabeth II.

Each class has a designated time to participate in a **Coronation Dance Workshop** led by a professional dancer-choreographer from the West End. Together, they will explore what happens at a coronation, whilst learning about its special place in history and create a dance piece inspired by the coronation ceremony and its surrounding celebrations.

On **Friday 5th May**, we invite the children to wear **non-uniform in the colours of the Union Jack - red, white and blue** (jeans are permitted) with sensible footwear. At lunchtime, each child will receive a royal themed biscuit made by our kitchen staff. During the day, there will be a commemorative coin design task – we look forward to seeing the children's drawings. As a special keepsake, we will be giving each child an encased commemorative coin, that we have purchased from Tower Mint, to bring home.



We hope the children enjoy celebrating this momentous British occasion with us in school and that you have fun during the bank holiday celebrations that follow on at home. 😊

Online Safety - we are working with Online Safety UK to deliver information to children and families about staying safe online. We have arranged some information sessions for parents on **13th June** (details to follow) and invite you to join us to learn more about our children's online world. On page 3 of this newsletter is an article from National Online Safety, which refers to Ofcom's 'Children and Parents: Media Use and Attitudes Report 2023'. NOS has pulled out some of the report's most thought-provoking findings, which relate to online safety. We hope you find this informative and that you will be able to join us in June to learn more.

School Photographer - Cardwell and Simons will be taking class photos outside (weather permitting) or in the hall (if raining) on **Friday 19th May**.

SAY CHEESE!



IMPORTANT NOTE: Some parents expressed their disappointment when we organised professional individual/family photos on a Saturday to avoid it affecting the children's learning, so **we are offering an individual and/or sibling photograph as an optional extra to only those who request it.** Parents **MUST** submit their request using the booking form available via the 'Contact Us' page on our website by **Wednesday 10th May** stating whether an individual, sibling or both are required.

<https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/form/?pid=2&form=589>

Curricular Enrichment Events

St George's Day - as part of our ongoing learning on British Values, we recognise the four patron saints days throughout the year. During their class assemblies, the children learnt about St George's Day (23 April) and enjoyed hearing about some of our children's experiences through their links with Scouts and Guides as Baden-Powell chose St George to be their patron saint. ☺

Havant and Waterlooville Sports School Partnership – we hosted a Girls Football Friendly Tournament for 19 children in Years 4, 5 & 6 against Herne Junior School. The rain didn't stop play although they played fewer matches than intended – QI Stripes team played Herne in the final and were winning 1-0 until a goal was scored by Herne in the last 5 seconds of play resulting in a draw. The children enjoyed the tournament despite our typical British weather!



We would like to thank two of our Year 6 Sports Leaders, Layla-May and Miley, who stayed as ambassadors to help and support the event. Well done to all those children who participated for their efforts and for being such great ambassadors of QI.

P.E. Sweatshirt and Hoodie – we are pleased that 80% of our children in Years F to 5 have had a hoodie/sweatshirt bought for them. For those who have yet to purchase one, the introductory offer will remain in place until July – one item per child for £5.00. A plain black hoodie/sweatshirt will become part of the standard P.E. uniform from September 2023 and no coloured alternatives will be acceptable.

School Council



We are looking forward to having more outdoor breaks now that we are in the summer term. The School Council Executive Committee are preparing a PowerPoint presentation for the whole school, using photographs of the Class Councillors demonstrating how to play safely and how to care for the play equipment. Later this half-term, they will start planning our next fund raising event - this one will be for a local charity.

Future Dates for the Diary

Please refer to our website calendar for a comprehensive list of all events –
<https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=9&viewid=1>

Statutory Assessment Tests will take place during the summer term - please avoid any unnecessary absence during these times.

- Year 2 Statutory Assessment Tests – **2nd to 26th May (ALL SCHOOL DAYS IN MAY)**
- Year 6 End of Key Stage 2 tests are timetabled **from Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th May**
- Year 1 Phonics screening check - **week commencing Monday 12th June**
- Year 4 Multiplication Tables check between **Monday 5th and Friday 16th June**

Summer Term 2023

All school days in May	NEW Year 2 SATs
4 th May	Enforced Closure - Polling Day
5 th May	NEW Red, White and Blue Dress up day (not a fundraiser)
8 th May	Additional Bank Holiday for the Coronation of King Charles III
9 th May	NEW Year 6 SATs week
19 th May	Class Photographs - optional extra deadline for Individual/Sibling is 10 May
5 th – 16 th June	NEW Year 4 Multiplication Tables check
12 th June	NEW Year 1 Phonics Screening Check week
13 th June	NEW Online Safety UK – Information Sessions for Parents (details to follow)
29 th June	KS1 Sports day (Years F to 2) – 9am until 12:00midday (12 th July if rained off)
4 July	KS2 Sports day (Years 3 to 6) – 9am until 12:00midday (12 th July if rained off)

As always, we communicate year group specific events and information via the Year Group emails.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about OFCOM'S 'CHILDREN AND PARENTS: MEDIA USE AND ATTITUDES' REPORT 2023

Each year, Ofcom – Britain's regulatory body for communications – produces an overview of children and parents' media experiences across the previous year. The latest version has just been released, and we've pulled out some of the report's most thought-provoking findings which relate to online safety ...

