

QI Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We always enjoy welcoming the spring as a chance for us to be outside learning even more and are starting to see the signs already. As a staff, we are also noticing other changes, particularly within our wider society. Sadly, many people seem to have developed a sense of entitlement and selfishness, which has such a negative impact on others. We have very high standards at QI and pride ourselves on the outstanding behaviour and attitudes of our learners, so will continue to promote our school values, through our C.A.R.E. Code, to ensure this negative mindset does not adversely affect our children. We really appreciate your support with reminding the children to use polite manners (including please and thank you) and always following the school rules, designed to keep everyone safe.

We know from our monitoring that our children make the most progress in their learning over the spring term, so our primary focus continues to be on developing their reading, writing and maths skills. We will be immersing ourselves in a range of exciting reading activities during World Book Day (when the children can dress up if they wish 😊) and also undertaking some amazing mathematical challenges as part of World Maths Day, which we will be celebrating on the 23rd March. We look forward to sharing the outcomes of the children's learning with you.

Mrs Allen

New Information

New P.E. Uniform Update



We are excited to announce that we have added two new clothing items to our school uniform range effective from September 2023 - a **P.E. sweatshirt and hoodie** - both in black with gold embroidery and in the same fabric as our green QI sweatshirts and cardigans. We have one of each available to view at the office.

These items are now available to purchase through School Money or via the office. In order to provide the best value to Parents/Carers, all uniform purchased directly from QI is at cost price. Skoolkit will stock these items but will be on sale at a much higher mark-up price.

The P.E. sweatshirt and/or hoodie will become our standard P.E. uniform to be worn on your child's P.E. day, along with a plain white t-shirt (also available from the office) and black or grey tracksuit bottoms, leggings, skort or shorts depending on whether you child is having indoor or outdoor P.E.

An updated 'Uniform Order Form' (with sizes and prices) is available to view and download on the 'School Uniform' page on our website - <https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=58>

Household Support Grant for Vulnerable Families – although only a relatively small amount of money was available, we were pleased to be able to provide financial support to 39 of our families who requested assistance. It was lovely to receive a 'thank you' from one of our parents in appreciation of the voucher they received. 😊

Pedestrian Safety



Our Parents' Car Park is now equipped with steel posts to reduce the risk of pedestrian injury from the overhang of vehicles. However, what is still prevalent is the risk to pedestrians who walk through the car park in between moving and stationary vehicles. Adults should model good road safety behaviour - please use the pathways to gain access to and from your vehicle – not all cars have parking sensors and small people cannot always be detected!

Adult Supervision of Children – Parents/Carers are responsible for their children after the end of day dismissal. Many of our older children have parental consent to leave the classroom unsupervised at 3:20pm – with this comes a level of trust that the child can conduct themselves in a safe and sensible way. All children are required to adhere to the C.A.R.E. code whilst onsite and stick to the pathways around the site and not venture off into the wooded areas or playing field. Please be mindful that the site is open to everyone from 3:10pm onwards and is a potential hot spot for incidents to occur if children are unsupervised.



Curricular Enrichment Events



Village Africa – QI has supported the Village Africa Charity since 2007 using donations collected at our annual Christmas performances. Ms Johnston, a local British Missionary who visits QI at least once a year, met with our Year 2 children to talk about their recent 'Travel to Tanzania' themed learning and to lead a whole school assembly. For more information about the charity and their new ambulance appeal, please visit their website - <https://villageafrica.org.uk/>

Year 5 - Sports Leaders - the children have completed their Sports Leaders UK Play Maker Award, led by Planet Education staff. The award teaches them organisation, communication, and teamwork skills to support other learners in sporting activities and events, and helps to build confidence and self-esteem as they take on the responsibility of assisting in leading their peers and younger children. The children concluded their learning by putting on an intra competition for the year 3 children through a multi-sport festival.

Year 6 - First Aid Champions - during the spring term, children in Year 6 will begin to complete their First Aid Champions course. The 5-week programme aims to provide children with the essential skills needed to help others in a first aid situation. Delivered through interactive workshops, role-play scenarios and practical demonstrations, this course will help boost confidence and understanding of the key steps required to help others, as well as provide them with the tools needed to save a life.

Havant and Waterlooville Sports School Partnership - the following sporting events were attended this month:

- Tri Golf Festival for 10 children in Years 5 and 6 – practise golf skills including putting and chipping
- Girls' Football for 10 children in Years 5 and 6 – we achieved 4th place out of 6 teams from other schools.
- Badminton County Finals – we achieved 8th place out of all schools in Hampshire! This is a fantastic achievement for the 5 children who represented QI.



As always, our thanks go to Mr Murray and Mrs Jarrom for organising these events. Well done to all those children who participated for their efforts and for being such great ambassadors of QI.

PTA Update



Thank you for all of your support with Present Buying Day and the Krispy Kreme doughnut sale in the Autumn Term. The PTA have been busy shopping for bargains in the January sales to restock for Present Buying Day 2023! Planning is already underway for Easter and future events – details of these to follow. If you can spare any time at all, please support our PTA by picking up a form from the office to sign up, as many hands make light work. ☺

Future Dates for the Diary

For Year Group specific events please refer to the website calendar -

<https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=9&viewid=1>

Spring Term 2023

2 nd March	NEU Strike Action – QI will remain open as usual World Book Day – optional Dress Up Day (ref email sent 20.2.2023)
13 th March	School closed for INSET (Staff Training)
23 rd March	NEW World Maths Day – Maths is Fun!
3 rd to 14 th April	Easter Break
8 th May	Additional Bank Holiday for the Coronation of King Charles III