

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 British themed 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 all the completed Bingo Boards!

Just over 30% of our children were represented at our 'Day in the Life of ... Information Session' last Wednesday. This was an opportunity for us to communicate key information about Year Group's learning and to answer parents' questions. For reference we will email the presentation PowerPoints via the year group emails, although we have had to remove the videos and photographs to ensure children without consent are not included.

We look forward to seeing you all again at our October Parents' Evenings just before half term. To book a consultation, 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>

Prior to this, on **Wednesday 12th 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 just come along for 10 minutes 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

Donations



Can you help? Do you have any unused board games and/or Lego sets/pieces that are in good condition that you are willing to re-home? If yes, we would be delighted to receive these for use in our Games Club and during wet playtimes. Please pass them on to your child's class teacher or bring them to the office.

We will also be collecting dry food items and tins for Waterlooville Food Bank between **10th and 14th October** leading up to our Harvest Festival assembly, led by Reverend Platford of Waterlooville Baptist Church. 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

One-way system - in response to feedback requesting a shorter access route to the classrooms at the front of the building (Years 1 and 2), we have purchased additional chain link posts to demark the one way route from the mall to those classrooms. It is important that we maintain the smooth and safe flow of pedestrian traffic around the building at drop off and collection times and sincerely thank you for your co-operation in adhering to this. Please could we also remind parents that bikes and scooters must be dismantled at the school gate and walked with whilst on site – this is to ensure pedestrian safety.

Health & Safety - whilst onsite, parents must keep their children with them at all times and not allow them to wander off – particularly into the wooded areas. We are delighted to have 3 young deer resident on our site again, however this presents a higher risk of ticks and Lyme's disease. We also don't want to spook the deer, which may cause injury.



PLEASE
NO IDLING
Thank you for
turning off your
engine while waiting
or parked

Sadly, we have had a number of parents complain about idling engines, particularly at pick up times. It is an offence in law under the Section 42 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 to leave an engine idling. Idling creates air pollution and is unnecessary. Whenever your vehicle is parked up and stationary please switch off your engine to help ensure no further pollution to the air that we all breathe. **Thank you.**

For Information



Parent Feedback - we are always striving to further improve our provision and would like to thank all those who gave us their feedback, through our Annual Questionnaire, back in July. We were delighted to receive such positive ratings and comments, which evidences that our parents overwhelmingly agree that we provide a safe and happy learning environment for our children. However, with school improvement always at the forefront of our minds, we asked for suggestions on how to make QI

even better - the comments included; improved communication, more fun activities and after school clubs, home learning and school meals.

Since returning in September, cooked school meals are being eaten in the hall once again, children are mixing at break times and our full timetable of lunchtime activities, including playing on the Trimtrak and supervised games of football, dodgeball and tag are available for all children to access if they choose to.

In response to parent feedback, we have increased our offering of After School Clubs for the Autumn Term. This always presents us with a logistical challenge as our hall is always in use and we are dependent upon the availability of staff to volunteer to run them. Our current Clubs are listed on our website and we will update this each term as new clubs are offered.

Home Learning is always a contentious topic, as many parents have very differing views, but we will always strive to ensure it is purposeful and engaging. We will be sharing our revised Home Learning offer later this term and look forward to seeing how this progresses over the year.

Improving communication is key priority for us this year. As we communicate in multiple ways, it can sometimes cause confusion, so we want to explain our communication methods moving forward:

- **Year group emails** are used by Teachers to communicate year group specific information i.e. home learning, year group newsletters and information about trips, visitors into school, dress up days etc.
- **Teachers2Parents email** is used by the office staff to send out whole school information i.e. Whole School Newsletters, School Nurse Information incl. Flu Vaccinations, Sports Day and Parents Evening.
- **Teachers2Parents text messages** are used to send out short messages including reminders about events that have previously been communicated and to provide links to information on our website etc.
- **QI website** contains a wealth of up-to-date information including our calendar, After School Club schedule/letters, uniform, lunch menus, administration of medicine and leave of absence forms etc. all of which is available to view and download from our website. Additionally, throughout the year, we will make other forms available i.e. Parents Evening Bookings and Questionnaires. There is a 'search' facility on every page but should you need assistance locating something specific then our office staff are happy to help you find what you need and will happily provide you with a printed copy should you need it.



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.

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 and 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

School Photographer – following the success last year, we will open the school on **Saturday 19th November from 9am to 4pm** to provide families with an opportunity to have a professional photograph taken at a reasonable price. Parents can choose whether they have a portrait in school uniform or casual clothes AND a family portrait as well! To book an appointment, please contact Cardwell & Simons on 02380 773834 ext 2.

SAY CHEESE!



As usual, our group (class) photographs are booked to take place on **19th May 2023**.

Autumn Term 2022

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| 10th to 14th October | Food Donations for Harvest Festival/Waterlooville Food Bank |
| 12th 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) |
| 18th, 19th & 20th October | Parents Evenings by appointment (booking via website). |
| 21st October | Flu Immunisation (email sent out 29.9.22 - consent required) |
| 31st October | School closed for INSET (staff training) |
| 7th November | Wear odd socks in support of Anti-Bulling Week |
| 19th November (Saturday) | Individual/Family Photos with Cardwell & Simons by appointment – <i>please book as above</i> |



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.

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| 5th December | Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance (2 tickets per family) There will be a morning and afternoon performance at 9:15am & *2:40pm. |
| 8th December | Foundation Nativity (2 tickets per family) afternoon performance *2:40pm. |
| 9th December | PTA Present Buying Day |
| 12th December | Christmas Lunch for F,1, 2, 3 & 4 |
| 13th December | Christmas Lunch for F,1, 2, 5 & 6 |
| 14th December | KS2 Church Service at Waterlooville Baptist Church – doors open at 10am and will be limited to 2 adults per family. <i>Note: we are awaiting confirmation from the Church that this can go ahead.</i> |
| 16th December | Finish at 3:20pm for the Christmas Break |