

QI Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE Read this Newsletter!



Communication – we know that important information is being missed as a number of parents have told us they are not reading the newsletters we send out. This is also evident by the frequent calls to the office asking for information that has already been communicated. The most recent example of this was when many parents told us that they were unaware of the form to register for an individual/sibling photograph despite it being communicated in the March and April Newsletters. We are trying really hard to ensure we communicate as much as possible, without overloading people with information, but we need you to help us ensure it is received.

Here's a reminder of what you need to know:

1. **QI Newsletter** → whole school events - sent out on the last working day of every month
2. **Year Group Newsletter** → year group specific - sent out at the start of each half term
3. **Teachers2Parents Text Messages** → adhoc messages to individuals, reminders about events previously communicated in newsletters and links to information on our website etc.
4. **QI website** → this is kept up-to-date and holds a wealth of information including an up-to-date calendar of events, after school club info and feedback/booking forms and/or questionnaires via the '[Contact Us](#)' page etc.

We put a lot of time and effort into our written communications, which are the primary source of information for our Parents/Carers, so please, please make every effort to read them. We also ask that, to avoid disappointment or embarrassment, you meet the deadlines we set, as late requests add additional workload to our extremely busy team and cannot always be accommodated. We hate to disappoint anyone, so please help us to ensure we don't have to.



Thank you in advance for your co-operation. I hope you all have a sunny, fun filled May Half-Term.

Mrs Allen

New Information

School Lunches – HC3S have announced a **20p increase for a school meal from 5th June 2023**, due to the rising costs in the price of ingredients.



Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience, Friendship is a whole-school approach to health and wellbeing. We will be welcoming Julia and Caroline from SCARF into school on Monday 12th June who will be with us for the week. They will be leading a session with each year group to support their Personalised Development Learning (PDL) learning. Years 1 and 2 will have a session to support their 'Wonderful Me' lesson - learning about keeping healthy and naming body parts. Years 3 and 4 will have a session to support their 'Keeping Safe' learning about medicines and cigarettes. Years 5 and 6 will have a session to support their 'Rights and Respects' learning about money and responsibility – they will also have an extra session to support their Sex Education, covering the content already shared by the Year 5 and 6 team.

Online Safety UK – "Embrace The Cyber World But Understand It's Dangers"


Lee Haywood from Online Safety UK is looking forward to providing education to parents around some of the difficulties faced from the online world. In particular, he will talk about the significance of emerging Artificial General Intelligence in your child's life, how to keep control on what happens on consoles without ever touching the controller and some of the other issues around apps like WhatsApp, TikTok, YouTube Shorts, BeReal, Snapchat & Instagram. In order to reach a wide audience, Lee will be running his sessions on **Tuesday 13th June at 9:00am, 2:30pm and 5:00pm** in the hall - we hope that you will make every effort to attend one of these - "[Embrace The Cyber World But Understand It's Dangers](#)".



To access Online Safety UK's free resources, please visit - <https://www.onlinesafetyuk.com/parental-resources/> - it provides parents with the up-to-date information on the latest apps, games and trends needed to stay in touch with their child's online life.

Curricular Enrichment Events

Enrichment Day – we are planning an exciting enrichment day for KS1 (19th June) and KS2 (23rd June) – we will include details of the children’s activities in our June Newsletter. ☺

 **Havant and Waterlooville Sports School Partnership** – we hosted a Friendly Netball Tournament for 19 children in Years 5 & 6 against Horndean Junior and St Peters Primary schools. All the teams played against each other, then there was a final for the two highest placed teams and a 3rd and 4th place match. Amazingly, QI Greens won the competition and QI yellows came 3rd.

We also hosted a friendly Boys’ Football Tournament against Horndean Junior School – the two teams from each school played against each other and QI Stripes then won the final 2-1 and QI Green team achieved 3rd place.



Well done to all those children who participated for their efforts and for being such great ambassadors of QI and our thanks, as always, to Mr Murray who organises these friendly tournaments. ☺

School Governors



During the Year 6 SATs week, Mrs Lunn and Mrs Edwards (Governors) assisted with and monitored the process of the statutory testing. This is a huge administrative task as it requires a large number of staff to supervise the testing. The Governors would like to express their thanks to all at QI who were involved in this process – it ran seamlessly.

Parents may be aware of recent reports in the media about the difficulty of this year’s SATS, in particular the Reading and Maths Reasoning papers, with some schools and parents reporting that their children were “distracted” because they had found these tests too difficult, had not been able to cope, and/or had not been able to complete them. From our own observations and questions raised with staff members, we would like to reassure our parents that this was not the case at QI. Whilst we have been informed that this year’s testing was more difficult than previous years, the children simply sat down, read the papers and got on with them, showing the positive mind-set and determination that the school’s ethos encourages. To the parents of those children - you can be very proud, as their behaviour under exam conditions was exemplary, showing great maturity and resilience. Should you have any concerns about the testing process or its impact, please do speak to your child’s class teacher or the school in the usual way.

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>

Summer Term 2023	
5 th – 16 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables check
6 th & 8 th June	Optional Parents Evening (by appointment)
12 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check week
13 th June	Online Safety UK: Information Sessions for Parents 9am, 2:30pm and 5pm in the hall
26 th June	Choir After School Club Performance to Parents in the hall at 4pm
29 th June	KS1 Sports day (Years F to 2) – 9am until 12:00midday (12 th July if rained off)
4 th July	KS2 Sports day (Years 3 to 6) – 9am until 12:00midday (12 th July if rained off)
4 th July	NEW Classes for September to be communicated via a letter at the end of the day
5 th July	NEW Meet the Teacher Session 1 of 2
7 th July	NEW INSET
17 th July	NEW Meet the Teacher Session 2 of 2 (Summer Learning Project)

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

Thank you for reading this Newsletter ☺