

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to thank parents for taking an opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher during the Optional Parents Evening consultations before half term, and also for coming along to the Parent 'Drop In' earlier this week, to share the children's learning with them. As always, you will receive your child's end of year report in July, but in the meantime, you are welcome to contact us if you have any questions or concerns in the usual way. We really appreciate receiving constructive feedback that may help us improve our processes, and are grateful for the many positive comments that help inform what we do. If you would like to share your experience or thoughts with us, please complete the feedback form on our website

<https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/form/?pid=2&form=16>.

Thank you, Mrs Allen


New Information

Staffing for September – on Tuesday 4th July, we will announce to the children who their teacher will be in September and give them a letter to take home detailing the staffing arrangements for September. The Learning Support staff will accompany the children when they spend time with their new teacher on the 5th & 17th July where they will formulate their Summer Learning Project, which will form part of the learning in September.

We are fully aware that some classes have experienced staffing changes due to maternity and sickness and although we try our very best to minimise disruption and provide continuity, we can never guarantee that this will not happen again in the future - some things are unforeseeable and teachers are human!. We thank you in advance for your understanding.

Summer Reading Challenge 2023 – you need to have a Waterlooville Library card to take part in this challenge – to read (or listen) to 6 books (audio) between 15 July and 16 September. For more details, please visit www.hants.gov.uk/library.



The School Library Service recently conducted a review of our library books and set aside a pile of books that can no longer be in use in school. The books will be marked with an  to indicate that they are no longer the school's property and will be available for rehoming before the end of term. We will send out a text when those books are available for you to take.

School Council – Charity Fund Raising Friday 14th July - over the last few weeks, the School Council has been discussing and voting on our last fund raising event for this year. Each class voted and the most popular charity was veterinary support and their favourite activity was to bring an animal toy (of the stuffed, cuddly kind ☺) into school for the day. We will have to limit the size of the animal toy to no bigger than a football and please ensure that it has an identifiable mark in case it ends up in lost property! A donation of around £1 would be appreciated and will be donated to the PDSA Pet Hospital in Cowplain as it is our closest surgery.



Scooters - despite repeated reminders, we continue to see children riding scooters on site and we receive reports from pedestrians of 'near miss' accidents. For health and safety reasons, **all children (including pre-school children) must dismount their scooters (and bikes) when they arrive at the school entrance and walk them through the school site** - parents/carers should ensure this takes place. **We will be monitoring this until the end of term and if the situation does not improve significantly, we will implement a ban on scooters onsite from September.**



KS1 Sports Day Postponed until 12th July – the decision to postpone Sports Day is never taken lightly. Due to the rainfall overnight, the field was wet and slippery and the children would not have been able to sit without getting clothing wet. It also presented a Health & Safety risk of injury through slips/falls. We appreciate that postponing an event like this can be annoying for those who arrange time off in advance to attend. The reserve date is **12 July at 1:10pm – 3:20pm**. We hope that the rain holds off so that Sports Day can go ahead. We separate Sports Day for KS1 and KS2 to enable the children to have a better experience - the events are more competitive for KS2 i.e. the use of different equipment on some events and the distance is further etc.



Prime Hydration – this latest drink craze has entered some classrooms with children wanting to drink it as an alternative to water or using the bottle as a vessel for water. We wish to make it clear to everyone that we wish to keep the focus on learning and reduce any perception of unequal status amongst children, as Prime is the latest trend. It is for these reasons that Prime drinks/bottles of any kind are not permitted.



Ice Pops – our lovely PTA will be selling ice pops from the Playground after school on the 6th, 14th and 21st July for 50p per ice pop.

Gifts to Staff – as we fast approach the end of this academic year, we want to reiterate the message we gave at Christmas - our families are very thoughtful and generous when it comes to buying presents but we would like to express our wish that families do not buy staff gifts. So many people are feeling the significant financial pressures from the cost of living crisis. Well wishes are free ♥

Feedback

Parent Information Sessions – our Anxiety Information Session (21 June) was well received by those who attended – a copy of the presentation is available on our website –

<https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Support+for+Families&pid=99&action=saved>

We held 3 Online Safety sessions throughout the day on 13 June but these were attended by only 2% of our parent population. The feedback from those who attended was that the session was excellent and informative and worth attending. If you have any suggestions on how we could increase parental engagement on this subject please let us know - <https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/form/?pid=2&form=16>

Curricular Enrichment Events

Sports Enrichment Days 19th and 23rd June – our KS1 children enjoyed participating in soft archery and Bollywood Dancing and KS2 had a climbing wall, caving and soft archery

Havant and Waterlooville Sports School Partnership – We were delighted to take 10 children to the Hampshire Schools Games Festival in Winchester. The children had a wonderful day taking part in swimming, boxing, New Age Kurling/Boccia and inflatables. Well done to all those children who participated for their efforts and for being such great ambassadors of QI. We were particularly thankful to Morelands Primary School who helped us with a minibus and Mr Daynes for helping arrange transport.



We hosted two friendly Football Tournaments for 20 boys and 10 girls in Years 5 & 6 against local Primary schools. Our Boys' Team came 1st and 3rd against Horndean Junior and our Girls' Team came 3rd against Horndean Junior and Hearne Junior Schools. Well done to all those who took part. 😊

Choir – we received some lovely feedback from parents who attended the After School Club's end of term singing performance. We thank Mr Saxton for running this club in addition to his teaching commitments. The Choir will perform to the residents of Apsley Lodge retirement home in Waterlooville on Monday 3rd July.

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>

Advance Notice of INSET Dates for 2023/24

Autumn Term 2023	Spring Term 2024	Summer Term 2024
Friday 1 September Monday 30 October	Tuesday 2 January Date to be advised	Friday 5 July

Summer Term 2023

4 th July	KS2 Sports Day (Years 3 to 6) – 9am until 12:00midday (same time on 12 th July if rained off)
4 th July	Classes for September to be communicated via a letter at the end of the day
5 th July	Meet the Teacher Session 1 of 2
7 th July	INSET DAY –Training for staff
12 th July	NEW Reserve Sports Day – KS1 @ 1:10pm to 3:20pm
14 th July	NEW School Council Fundraiser: bring a toy pet to school for the day – up to £1 donation
17 th July	Meet the Teacher Session 2 of 2
21 st July	NEW 3:30pm – the Summer Holiday begins 😊

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