

QI Noticeboard

April 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can hardly believe that we are at the end of the Spring Term already!

Over this term, I have worked with a number of external advisors who have been most impressed with the incredibly positive atmosphere and sense of 'normality' evident across the school following the disruption of the last couple of years. We worked really hard to provide stability and consistency for the children throughout the pandemic, and are delighted that this seems to have had a beneficial impact on them. As we strive to ensure we give the children the very best opportunities and support that we can, it has been reassuring to see the progress they are making not only in their reading, writing and maths, but also in their creative development, sports and social skills. I always feel extremely fortunate to be able to influence so many young people and contribute to them building secure foundations for life.

We look forward to creating more opportunities to invite parents in to share the learning happening in school once again. In the meantime, please do take a few moments to have a look on the year group pages on our website (in the Our Learning tab) for a snapshot of the wonderful learning that the children have enjoyed this term. There are some lovely photos on there!

I wish you a wonderful Easter break and hope that we get to see some more sunshine! ☺

Mrs Allen

For Your Information



Platinum Jubilee – during the last two weeks of May, we have planned some activities to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee. These celebrations will commence with an assembly led by one of Hampshire's Deputy Lord-Lieutenants, who will talk about Queen Elizabeth II's life and Her Majesty's 70 years of service to the nation. The children will also take part in a Ceramic Painting workshop, where they will have the opportunity to decorate a ceramic plate with the support of local artists. We hope this will be a lovely keepsake for children to take home to commemorate the occasion.

Dates for Your Diary

School Meal Increase: from **Monday 25 April**, the cost of a school meal will increase by 10p to **£2.60**. The School Council Executive Officers helped Mrs Allen make a few amendments to the Menu for the Summer Term, and will give her feedback as the term progresses. See the Summer Term Menu - <https://tinyurl.com/3cauxbr4>

Class Photos: on **Friday 27 May**, our photographer, Cardwell & Simons will be taking class photos outside if it's dry and in the hall if it's wet!

Sports Day: this year, we are organising separate Sports Days for KS1 and KS2, as it worked so well last year and enabled us to offer more age appropriate events. This year, we are pleased to invite parents to spectate once again - the dates will be:

KS1 (Yrs F to 2): Thursday 30 June – 9:00 to 11:30 &

KS2 (Yrs 3 to 6): Tuesday 5 July – 9:00 to 11:45

Statutory Assessment Tests will resume this year and will take place during the summer term:

Year 2 Statutory Assessment Tests – **between 3 and 27 May 2022**

Year 6 End of Key Stage 2 tests are timetabled **from Monday 9 May to Thursday 12 May 2022**

Year 1 Phonics screening check - **week commencing Monday 6 June 2022**

Year 4 Multiplication Tables check between **Monday 6 and 24 June 2022**

Please avoid any unnecessary absence during these times.

School Closure Dates

Enforced Closure (Polling Day) on **Thursday 5 May**

QI is closed for INSET on **Friday 8 July**

Early Closure at 1:10pm on **Thursday 21 July**

Advance Notice QI will be closed for INSET on Thursday 1 September

Governors



As the school's financial year 2021-22 comes to an end, you may be interested to know how some of the school's money has been spent to enhance the Quality of Education for your child. As always, the largest part of the budget is used to pay staff but in addition to this, £75,000 was used to provide additional teachers to help children catch up where they had gaps in their learning and to ensure that there was minimal disruption to classes in the event that members of staff were absent with COVID.

Around £10,000 was spent on buying new books for the Library and class Book Areas to enhance the children's reading for pleasure. Approximately £35,000 was used to buy learning resources as well as stationery and equipment for use in the classroom. £15,500 was spent on IT hardware to increase the number of computers in school for children and staff to access and an upgrade to a new SMARTboard in our ICT Suite.

Approximately, £56,000 paid for site improvements to repair pathways, erect fencing, repairs to the roof and provide heating and lighting to the outside classroom. An additional £20,000 was used to buy new green chairs and other furniture throughout the school. The school also spent nearly £20,000 for private Speech & Language Therapy and Educational Psychology to further support children with specific needs. We are delighted to be able to organise school trips once again and use part of the school's budget to subsidise these to reduce or remove costs to parents at this time.

During the summer break, we have a £60,000 project planned to have all the children's toilet refurbished. We pride ourselves on maintaining a high quality environment with plentiful resources for the children and staff to use.



COVID

From 1 April 2022, the Government's COVID restrictions ended. We have updated the Coronavirus Information page on our website to align with the new Government advice -

<https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Coronavirus+Information&pid=75>

Our One-way route around the school, which was introduced as a COVID safety measure, is remaining as a permanent feature on the site as it helps the flow of pedestrian traffic and has reduced the risk of accidents from people moving in all directions. Many parents have expressed their preference with this system and stated that it actually makes the start and end of the day easier. Whilst we appreciate that some shorter routes may be desirable to drop and collect your child, we respectfully ask that you keep to the One-way system for the benefit of everyone. Thank you to you all for your co-operation with this.

Our School Council

During this half term, we raised money for Comic Relief. There was a lovely atmosphere in school on Friday 18th March when the children came to school dressed in 'something that would make us smile.' Ms Burberry said: "A Christmas jumper in March certainly made me smile!" The children's outfits were fabulous and there was a lot of joy all day.



Some of the children in Year 5 and Year 6 also gave up their own time to make crafted items to sell to raise further funds. This was our first craft sale for charity and children in Year 5 and Year 6 were our first buyers.

If you haven't heard, we raised a massive £608.50 for Comic Relief – one of our highest totals to date! Thank you so much to everyone that donated or bought from the craft sale 😊

Next half term, the School Council will be looking at the markings on the playground and helping Planet Education review our sports programme. The School Council 'Executive Officers' will also continue to help Mrs Allen make improvements to the lunch menus and lunchtimes.

Curriculum Enrichment

We were delighted to welcome a Viking visitor to Year 4 to talk about life in Viking Britain, whilst Year 5 had a 'virtual' visitor deliver an online workshop about World War II. We also had an expert from SeaCity Museum come in to talk to Year 2 about the tragedy of the Titanic. Our Year 1 learners were fortunate enough to go on a school visit to Manor Farm and we look forward to arranging more opportunities for other year groups next term. All the children have very much enjoyed dressing in role to support their learning activities and we would like to extend a huge thank you to all our parents for finding, making, borrowing, buying or creating costumes to support this. It really does help add to the children's experience of what they are learning and is much appreciated.

During the Summer Term during PE, Year 6 children will complete their First Aid qualification through the British Red Cross programme, "First Aid Champions", which is a new First Aid teaching platform for learners aged 5-18. First Aid education is now on the RSE and health curriculum in England, and First Aid Champions can be used by all schools in the UK to teach the skills children and young people need to save a life.



Through this qualification, they will learn important first aid skills to help others. The children will watch clips and take part in activities to learn and practise first aid skills. The children will also learn about kindness, how to cope and keep calm, and how to keep safe. The programme will cover asthma attacks, bleeding, broken bones, burns, choking and head injuries, as well as keeping calm & coping skills whilst knowing how to call 999.

Sport Competitions

QI children have regularly participated in School Games events/competitions with other local schools. This half term, selected children have participated in the following Havant School Games events offsite:

- Years 4, 5 & 6 Tag Rugby; our Year 4 team won while Years 5 & 6 teams achieved 3rd & 7th place.
- Years 5 & 6 Dodgeball competition: 3 teams took part - 1 team achieved joint 2nd place and 2 teams achieved joint 3rd place.
- Cricket Skills Festival for Years 1 & 2: this event challenges children to achieve their personal best and develop their physical confidence in playing cricket. They just enjoyed the event.
- Swimming Gala for Years 5 & 6 and Aqua Splash for Years 3 & 4: we were the winners of both!
- Girls' Netball Tournament for Years 5 & 6: we took four teams to represent QI – they were placed 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th!

A fun time was had by all. Congratulations to all children who took part in these activities for being such great ambassadors for our school! Thank you, as always, to Mrs Jarrom and Mr Murray for all the behind the scenes organisation and to our lovely parents for transporting the children to and from these events - your support is invaluable. 😊



Feedback Opportunity

We would like to thank all the parents who responded to our Home Learning Survey on our website; we received around 150 responses which will help us gain a better understanding of the parents' views across KS1 and KS2. We aim to share a summary of the feedback with you after the Easter holidays. Again, we would like to thank parents for their help and we appreciate the time that was taken to complete the questionnaire. Further to the email sent from Year Groups this week regarding our Easter Art project, we look forward to seeing the children's Collages that they bring back into school after the break 😊

The staff and Governors of QI are always appreciative of your views on the school and its performance; to ensure continual improvement, we need to understand the perception our families have of our care and provision for their children. We invite parents to give feedback at any time throughout the year through the facility on our website <https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/form/?pid=2&form=16> or by completing a yellow feedback form at the school office. Thank you.