

# QI Noticeboard

June 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to thank those parents who took the opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher during the Optional Parents Evening consultations before half term. Year F Parents will be having their consultations on 14<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> June. 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 are delighted to, once again, be arranging more opportunities to invite parents in to share the learning happening in school. Each Year Group will be sending an email to let parents know when, around the last 2 weeks at the end of term, they plan to host a 'Drop In' session to share something exciting that the children have been learning. We hope you will be able to join us and look forward to seeing you then!

Mrs Allen

## For Your Information



### Platinum Jubilee

The Department for Education have issued all primary school children across the country with a free commemorative book that celebrates the achievements of the United Kingdom and Commonwealth over the last 70 years. A group of our lovely Year 6 children helped count our delivery and as we were not sent enough for every child to have one each, they thought it fairest to send one copy home to each 'family' so that no-one misses out.

We thoroughly enjoyed our celebratory activities in school to mark Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee – there are some photos on our website which we hope you enjoy viewing – there is even a photo of Her Majesty at QI!

Check out the page - [QI News](#) ☺

We all thoroughly enjoyed the PTA sale of Krispy Kreme donuts which raised £237.00. Thank you to all our PTA members who made this happen! In addition, £172 was donated in coins to decorate the Queen's Head – which you can see a few photographs of on the website page linked above.

## Dates for Your Diary

### Sports Day:

**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**

We are busy organising our separate Sports Days for KS1 and KS2. A text will be sent out week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> June to specify the team colour children are representing, as a corresponding colour Tee-shirt will be needed. Please do let us know if you have difficulty sourcing a tee-shirt as we can provide a colour band for your child to wear. The PTA will be providing refreshments for spectators between 8:40am and 9:00am from the hall.

For awareness, a letter will be sent home with your child on Tuesday 5 July, informing you of the teaching teams for September. ☺

**Parent Drop-Ins:** Each year group is looking forward to inviting you to come and share some of your child's learning before the end of term. You will receive your invitation through the year group emails next week.

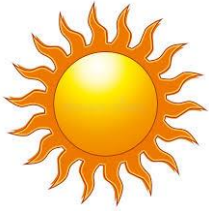
### **Advance Notice of INSET Dates for 2022/23**

<b>Autumn Term 2022</b>	<b>Spring Term 2023</b>	<b>Summer Term 2023</b>
Thursday 1 September	Tuesday 3 January	Thursday 4 May - Polling Day
Monday 31 October	Monday 13 March	Friday 7 July

## Communications

Parents will continue to receive whole school communications, via the office using Teachers2Parents and more specific Year Group information via the teachers using the Year Group emails. Please do remember to notify the school if you change address and/or contact number or email address to ensure you get all our messages and information. Thank you.

## Health and Safety



As part of our Personal, Social and Health Education (known as PSHE) on Health and Wellbeing, the children will be learning about Sun Safety during their class assembly. We will be educating the children on how to keep safe in the sun and protect skin from sun damage. They will also be warned not to look directly at the sun, even when wearing dark glasses.

As you may already know, a Heat Health Alert has been issued by the MET Office - **Met Office - Heat Alert** between Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June in parts of England, so we urge you to take extra care.

Children cannot control their body temperature as efficiently as adults during hot weather because they do not sweat as much and so can be at risk of ill-health from heat. Heat - related illness can range from mild heat stress to potentially life-threatening heatstroke. The main risk from heat is dehydration (not having enough water in the body). If sensible precautions are taken children are unlikely to be adversely affected by hot conditions, however, we should be vigilant for signs of heat stress, heat exhaustion and heatstroke.

Please ensure your child:

- ☀ Has sun cream applied before school – children can re-apply their own sun cream in school but please ensure their sun cream is in date (to be effective) and has their name on it.
- ☀ Is encouraged to wear a hat/cap – we have a good stock of QI caps available should you wish to purchase one for £4.00.
- ☀ Has a named water bottle in school – it is essential that this is provided every day as it is essential that children remain hydrated.



Please be assured that if it is too hot, at any time during the summer, we amend our break time arrangements to keep children inside or in shaded areas to avoid prolonged exposure to the sun.

## Feedback Opportunity – Home Learning

In April, we asked our Parents/Carers to complete an online questionnaire to obtain feedback on our Home Learning provision. If you responded to the questionnaire and are interested in reading the findings, please view the Home Learning page added to the 'Our Learning' tab on our website – **Home Learning** page.

Home Learning is something that we value as a school, and we appreciate that it is not always an easy task to get it completed at home. We understand that finding the time for Home Learning can be a challenge as life becomes ever busier for our families outside of school and children also pursue their interests and hobbies, which is equally important. Please be assured that whatever Home Learning can be done will always benefit your child – whether it is reading together, practising number facts or even simply getting them to explain what learning they have done at school each day. Encouraging your child to remember by going back over what they have learnt before is a really important activity to do.

A big thank you to all the families who spent their time completing the Home Learning Questionnaire.

Our next feedback opportunity will be on our Relationships and Sex Education later this term.



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. We understand that on occasions, parents may find things that happen in school frustrating, or may not agree with some of the decisions we make. We ask that parents consider how they interact with staff and ensure they respond to situations in a calm and polite manner. We will always do all we can to support our children and families, but everyone in our community has the right to feel safe and respected. Please treat our staff team with kindness and consideration.

If you would like to share your experience or thoughts with us, please complete the **Feedback Form** on our website.

## Curriculum Enrichment

Last half term, children in Years 1, 4 and 6 all participated in a visit from Zoolab to learn about a range of animals, their habitats and how they adapt to their environments. The Zoolab teacher was extremely impressed with the children's behaviour and excellent questions.



Year 2 welcomed the Reverend Sandra Platford from Waterlooville Baptist church, who shared Bible stories as part of the children's R.E. learning.

Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace and loved all the amazing mosaics and Year 6 visited Hillier Gardens in Romsey. A big thank you to all the kind parent volunteers and also Mrs Edwards – one of our Governors - who joined them on the trips to help ensure the children's safety and supervision while off-site.

## Sport Competitions

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

- Cricket Festival for Years 1 and 2 – 10 children
- Tag Rugby for Years 3 & 4 – 12 children (1 team) won
- Tag Rugby 5 & 6 – 20 children (2 teams) – 1 team 3<sup>rd</sup> (1 not placed)
- Girls' Football (28 children – 3 teams) – gold team finished 3<sup>rd</sup>, silver and bronze teams finished 4<sup>th</sup> in their respective leagues
- Dodgeball competition Years 5 & 6 (18 children – 3 teams) – all children received a silver or bronze medal
- Girls friendly football held at QI (21 children – 2 teams) played against a school from Gosport
- Tennis Years 3 & 4 (12 children). Year 4 won the competition and Year 3 competed well and only lost 1 game
- Rugby Festival Years 1 & 2 (10 children)
- Racket Skills competition Years 1 & 2 (12 children – 2 teams) Year 1 – 2<sup>nd</sup> and Year 2 – 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Basketball Year 5 & 6 had the opportunity to represent Havant in the Hampshire School Games County Finals in Southampton.



Children who excel in a competition sport are chosen to represent QI. The selection criteria for festivals/skills events are based on those children who we feel would enjoy the experience – we aim to provide opportunities for as many children that wish to participate to do so during their time at QI. Congratulations to all children who took part in these activities for being such great ambassadors for our school! A fun time was had by all.

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. 😊

## Governors

Whilst the school continues to develop the provision and enhance the environment for our children, this is proving to be a considerable challenge. Unfortunately, we are experiencing restrictions and limitations on goods and services due to a range of external factors, including Brexit, the Ukrainian War and the continuing impact of the COVID pandemic. An example of this is our plan to have all the children's toilets refurbished over the summer holiday, which is now looking frustratingly unlikely in its entirety due to problems with the supply of materials, fixtures and fittings.