

QI Noticeboard

February 2022

Dear Parents,

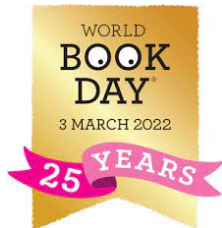
It has been wonderful to see all the exciting learning happening across the school this half term, as things start to feel a little more 'normal'. The children seem much more settled now and are generally making good progress across the curriculum. We thank you for all you do to support your children with their Home Learning and will be interested in gathering your feedback about this through our questionnaire next half term.

We greatly value the strong partnership we have with our parents and will always be happy to answer any questions, listen to any concerns or discuss your child's learning with you. We were delighted that over 94% of our parents booked a Parents' Evening Consultation this week and hope that you found the feedback from your child's teacher helpful in enabling you to further support your child. You will also have recently received your child's Interim Report and will receive another at the end of the Summer Term.

As the Government's COVID restrictions are lifting, we will be reviewing our safety measures in school in line with the new guidance we receive. We will continue to take a cautious approach when making any changes and will communicate these as necessary. I would like to say a big thank you to parents and visitors for sticking to our one-way system around the building. It has enabled a much more organised and safe flow of pedestrian traffic which eases congestion, so we will be continuing with this arrangement. I hope you all have an enjoyable and healthy half term break with your families! ☺

Mrs Allen

For Your Information / Updates



World Book Day

As part of our celebration of World Book Day, we will be hosting a **Book Swap for all year groups**. As well as encouraging reading and literacy, the event will be a great way to recycle books that have been outgrown or finished with – and it won't cost a penny!

Children are invited to bring in their unwanted children's books, in good condition, between Monday 28th February and Wednesday 2nd March. On Thursday, 3rd March, each year group will arrange their **Book Swap**. Each child will also receive a £1 Book Token to be redeemed against a new book from participating book shops. We hope you enjoy reading these together!

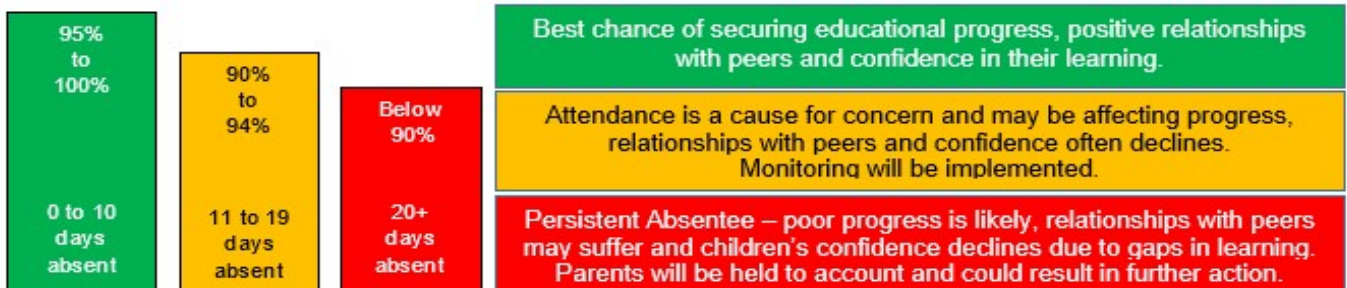
Queen's Platinum Jubilee

February 6th 2022 was the start of Queen Elizabeth II's 70th reigning year. We marked that special occasion by sharing information about Her Majesty's accession to the throne and how the country will be celebrating her Platinum Jubilee on 3rd June. The children were invited to share their ideas on how QI should celebrate and these will be considered when planning our events and activities, which will be scheduled to take place during the last few weeks of May. More details to follow nearer the time.



Governors

Good Attendance Matters!



Our whole school attendance figure is currently at **96.4%** year to date. (Absence related to COVID positive test results are not counted in the absence figures.) We are pleased that our risk assessment control measures have enabled us to minimise COVID transmissions and limit disruption to classes.

However, since the COVID restrictions on travel were lifted, we have seen a significant increase in Leave of Absence requests for holidays/weekends away. This unauthorised absence can negatively impact on children, especially those who may already have a number of absences. Children with only minor symptoms of feeling unwell (non COVID) should attend school – we will always contact a parent if we feel the child is struggling to engage in learning. Please be aware that Penalty Notices are being issued for families who meet the threshold, and legal action will be taken by the Local Authority for repeat offenders.

Curriculum Enrichment / Competitions

Visits and Visitors

We are delighted that we are able to arrange trips and receive visitors into school, once again, to provide additional exciting learning opportunities for our children.

The dates of these events are added to our school calendar on our website -

<https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=9&viewid=1>

We always receive really positive feedback on the outstanding behaviour of our learners, from the people beyond school that they meet. ☺

Sporting Events

For many years, QI children have participated in School Games events/competitions with other local schools. This half term, a number of children have participated in the following Havant School Games events offsite:

- Multi Skills Festival for Years 1, 2 and 4: these events challenge children to achieve their best and develop their physical confidence in jumping, throwing, catching, skipping.
- Table Tennis for individuals in Years 5 & 6: we achieved 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in the boys' events and the girls achieved 2nd and 3rd place. WOW!
- Girls' Football for Years 5 & 6: we took three teams to represent QI – our Gold team came 3rd and Silver and Bronze teams came 4th.
- Tri Golf for Years 5 and 6 – our team came 1st. Another Gold medal!
- Athletics for Years 5 and 6 – 12 children formed a team to compete in various running and field events and came 2nd out of 10 schools. They all had a wonderful time.

Congratulations to all children who took part in these activities, for being such great ambassadors for our school. A big 'Thank You' 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. ☺

Each term all children learn a new skill during their P.E. lessons and, at the end of term, they compete against their peers with the winners being recorded internally on our Sports Board. This provides an opportunity for all our children to compete in sporting activities and competition.

School Council

This term, the School Council have been planning for Comic Relief, surveying classes about their favourite authors and types of books and also collecting views about the types of play and sport equipment children would like to have available at break times.

For Comic Relief, each class has already voted on ideas for fundraising and a dress up day was the most popular choice. **The theme of the dress up will be to wear 'something that will make us smile.'** The Executive Team are also keen to run a craft sale to raise funds for Comic Relief and some 'crafty' children in Year 5 and 6 are helping them prepare. Our dress up day will be **18th March** and the School Council Executive Team will send a letter after half term with more details about the dress up and about the craft sale.

Over the next half term, the School Council will be conducting a survey with their peers about the markings on the playground. They hope to talk to our PTA who are interested in supporting this too.

School Closure Dates

QI is closed for INSET on **Monday 14th March**
Early Closure at 1:10pm on **Friday 8th April**
Enforced Closure (Polling Day) on **Thursday 5th May**
QI is closed for INSET on **Friday 8th July**

Feedback Opportunity

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 or by completing a yellow feedback form at the school office. Thank you ☺