

# QI Noticeboard

July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the end of the Summer Term draws the year to a close, I am writing to say a huge 'Thank You' to everyone for your continued support and constructive feedback throughout this academic year.

We say a fond farewell to all our Year 6 learners, who are now embarking on their secondary school journey. We were delighted to be able to organise some enrichment events in order to give them an exciting and fun end to their time with us - we wish them all the very best for the future. A big thank you to our PTA for organising the Year 6 Disco and a special mention to Mrs Kingswood (PTA) for organising their Leavers' Hoodies – they looked brilliant! ☺

We were delighted to see so many Parents/Carers attending our recent 'Drop In' sessions for each Year Group over the last two weeks. The children really enjoy the chance to share their learning and we hope that there will be many more opportunities next year.

Until then, I wish you all a very enjoyable and relaxing summer with your friends and families. Take care of yourselves and keep safe.

Mrs Allen

## Summer Learning

Research suggests that most school children go through a "summer dip", where learning falls back over the long summer holiday. However, parents can play a positive role in keeping learning levels up.



This year's Summer Reading Challenge is called Gadgeteers! The challenge is to read or listen to six books. When you visit your local library, your child will be given a collector's folder to collect stickers for every book read. If the challenge is completed, your child will receive a sustainable

medal and certificate. You could even win a Samsung Galaxy tablet! There are two ways that you can take part. You can register on the library website, where there is lots of information about the challenge with book suggestions, puzzles, activities, and a place to keep a record of all the books read. Alternatively, you can visit your local library - all you need to have is a library card. It starts on Saturday 16th July and continues all through the summer. We cannot wait to hear about all the great books the children have read when they return to school in September. For more information, please follow the link: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/gadgeteers-intro>



This year, we are using Geography to inspire our Summer Learning Project. We are keen to promote geographical vocabulary and knowledge through a fun bingo challenge. In September, we will be using the summer project as a starting point for our learning.

We will be finding places on maps and in atlases, and learning more about human and physical geographical features together with some key facts about world/UK geography. Parents/Carers should have received a letter, which provides more information and ideas about how the children can share their 'Geographic Features Bingo' spots. We hope the children will enjoy this activity and look forward to bringing it into school by Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September (earlier if its ready!) to be shared ☺.

## For your Information/Updates

### **Brickies (Lego) Workshops**

In this last week of the Summer term, we held 'Brickies' workshops in every class across the school. The children were set the challenge of becoming master builders and used Lego to design a house for the future. The children loved using their imaginations and creativity to come up with some truly fantastic designs and some of our Year 2 learners told Mrs Allen that they rated the session as 10/10! We would like to thank our lovely PTA for funding this wonderful opportunity. ☺



**End of KS2 Performance Data for the Year 2021-22** are available on our website to view - **Results**

**Lunch Arrangements** will revert to normal from September – all children in Years F, 1 and 2 and hot meals only in Years 3 to 6 will eat in the hall and packed lunches in Years 3 to 6 will continue to be eaten in the classrooms. As HC3S are not changing their food options until the October half term, our current **Lunch Menu** will continue until then, starting on Week 1 when we return on 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

## Sports Update

Our separate KS1 and KS2 Sports Days were a great success; congratulations to all our athletes for their superb efforts, and especially to the Blue Team for achieving the highest combined score for both KS1 and KS2 and were the overall champions of our 2022 Sport Days.



Years 5 and 6 have all been swimming this term. It is a national curriculum requirement that by the end of Year 6, children should be able to swim competently, confidently and proficiently for at least 25 metres, use a range of strokes effectively and perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations.

Year 5 have completed their Sports Leaders UK Play Maker Award, which teaches them various leadership skills to support other learners in sporting activities and events. Year 6 successfully completed their British Red Cross First Aid Award (led by Mr Murray) where they learnt key skills including how to put someone in the recovery position and give CPR.

Year 6 also attended their 3 day/2 night residential to Marchants Hill and took part in 8 adventurous daytime and 2 evening activities. Great fun was had by all and we look forward to running it again in June 2023 for our new Year 6 children! ☺

### Sports Enrichment Opportunities

A total of 30 children from Years 1 to 6 attended a Target Festival where they took part in a range of events including archery, BOCCIA, golf and nerfs – a great time was had by all. We also took 10 children from Years 4, 5 and 6 to the Hampshire School Games - Sports and Physical Activity Festival in Winchester to take part in a range of events including land sailing, golf, advanced skipping and time in the activity zone, which included a bunking bronco and surf simulator. WOW!



### P. E. Kit

Regrettably, we have been unable to secure a reliable provider of good quality and affordably priced P.E. kit. In the meantime, we would recommend that the children continue to use their current summer P.E. kit in September – black shorts/leggings and white tee shirt, with a black or grey hoodie or sweatshirt. ☺

## Parent Feedback

As you know, we greatly appreciate feedback from our stakeholders and would like to thank Parents/Carers who responded to our recent Relationships and Sex Education Consultation.

We would also like to thank those who have submitted feedback via our Annual Parents/Carers Feedback for 2021-22; this enables us to receive your views on the school and its performance this year - we will share a summary of the feedback with you in the Autumn Term.

## September



**Change to the end of day collection time** - the staggered end of day collection time is no longer required so, from September, we are reverting to our standard collection time of 3:20pm to 3:30pm.

### Please remember from 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022 to:

- Remain at the waiting points until **8:30am** and **3:15pm** – **NO ACCESS BEFORE THEN – Thank You**
- Continue to follow the one way system around the school – this eases the flow of pedestrian traffic
- Ensure your child has a named water bottle in school – every day
- Send your child into school in their summer PE kit on their PE Days
- Provide an unprocessed fruit or vegetable snack for **Snack and Story Time** (Years 3 to 6)
- NEVER** include the following in lunch boxes: ANY nuts or products containing nuts (incl chocolate spread made with hazelnuts) - risk of anaphylaxis, and fruit winders or fruit strings – risk of choking
- Please ensure your child has an appropriate hairstyle; short hair – minimum of grade 3 and no razor designs. Long hair – please tie back with discrete band not large hair bows. Thank you.
- Ensure your child does not wear make-up or nail polish to school.

We have updated the classroom locations on our **Site Plan for 2022-23**, which is available on our website.

## INSET / Diary Dates

QI is closed for INSET on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022

We welcome the children back to school on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022 Years 1 to 6

For future diary dates, please refer to our **School Calendar** on the website.