

QI Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As another school year ends, I am writing to say a huge 'Thank You' for your continued support and partnership throughout this academic year. Improving our communication was a primary focus for us this year, and through the positive feedback from parents that we have received, I am confident that we have certainly made progress with this. Please do let us know if you have any thoughts to share with us, we are always keen to get even better! Feedback Form - <https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/form/?pid=2&form=16>

We say a fond farewell to all our Year 6 learners, who will now begin their secondary school journey - we wish them all the very best for the future. Our thanks to the PTA for organising the Year 6 Disco, that was thoroughly enjoyed and to Mrs Slack (PTA) for organising the Leavers' Hoodies – they loved them! 😊

We were delighted to see so many Parents (and Grandparents!) attending our recent 'Drop In' sessions for each Year Group. The children really enjoy the chance to share their learning and achievements and we look forward to plenty more opportunities next year.

Until then, I wish you all a very enjoyable and relaxing summer with your friends and families.

Thank you, Mrs Allen

New Information

End of KS2 Performance Data for the Year 2022-23 is available on our website to view - <https://tinyurl.com/QI-KS2-Results>

Staffing for September – for a full list of our staffing team, please visit our website - <https://tinyurl.com/QIStaff>



Summer Learning Project and Reading Challenge - research suggests that most school age 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. Once again, we are using Geography to inspire our

Summer Learning Project. We are keen to promote geographical vocabulary and knowledge through a fun bingo challenge. The learning projects are different for each year group and will be a starting point for our learning in September. This will include 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.

The children have been given a printed copy of the Summer Learning Project to bring home, it will also be emailed to parents and is available on the 'Communications' page of our website - <https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Communications&pid=53&action=saved>. The letter provides more detail 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 6th September** to be shared (earlier please, if it is ready!). 😊

As communicated in the June QI Newsletter, this year's Summer Reading Challenge is Ready, Set, Read! The challenge is to read or listen to six books. For more details, please visit www.hants.gov.uk/library. The children should have brought home a bookmark with details, following Mrs Carey's Reading Assembly.



Activities during the Summer Holiday - please take a moment to look at the 96 page '[Summer Holiday 2023 Guide](#)' as it is a fantastic collation of local information on holiday clubs, live music events, shows, festivals, family fun days, places to visit and much more!

For information on **Planet Education Holiday Clubs** please visit <https://tinyurl.com/yyb9bkvx>

School Council – our Charity Fund Raising event raised £338 for the PDSA pet hospital in Cowplains. Thank you for your kind donations. 😊



After School Clubs – the timetable of our autumn term clubs including letters are available to view on the 'Clubs' page of our website – <https://tinyurl.com/QIclub>. Clubs are not open to our Foundation learners until the summer term. Please remember to make a note of the start and end dates of clubs or check the 'Clubs' page of our website to avoid making unnecessary calls to the busy office team. Thank you 😊

P.E. Hoodie/Sweatshirt Offer – the £5.00 offer will finish at the end of September so if you have not purchased one yet and would like to, please contact Mrs Ellert via the office as she has a list of those children who are eligible for one. You can no longer purchase these via the online payment system as some people were trying to make multiple purchases when we have allocated one per child only. We sell all uniform items at cost price and the P.E. hoodies/sweatshirts have been heavily subsidised by QI to encourage take up.

Curricular Enrichment Events



Sports Day: Well done to all our athletes for their superb efforts, especially to the Blue Team for achieving the highest combined score for both KS1 and KS2 and were the overall champions of our 2023 Sport Days.

The oldest and youngest child in the Blue Team received the shield on behalf of their winning team ♥

Notable high scores:

- ☺ Archery – Red had the highest points tally
- ☺ Water Shift – Blue had the highest points tally
- ☺ Javelin – Red & Yellow had the highest points tally
- ☺ KS2 Standing Long Jump – Green
- ☺ KS1 Target Throw – Green
- ☺ KS1 Running – Yellow
- ☺ KS2 Running – Blue



1st – Blue – 498 pts

2nd – Yellow – 457 pts

3rd – Red – 455 pts

4th – Green – 402 pts

A big thank you to the PTA for organising the refreshments for our KS2 Sports Day spectators. ☺

We are delighted that we received no complaints this year of any published Sports Day photos on parents' social media accounts, so thank you for your compliance in helping us to safeguard all our children.

Preparing for September

Restricted Site Access - our Burnside gate is locked between 9:00am and 3:15pm as is Aintree Drive gate.

- ① **Burnside entrance** - if you need to collect your child during the day, please use the intercom at the pedestrian gate to communicate with a member of staff. The pedestrian gate will automatically unlock at 3:15pm. There will be no access to the carpark at any time.
- ① **Cornelius Drive entrance** - the pedestrian gates are kept closed but unlocked during the day and the vehicle access is restricted to allow access for parents, visitors and deliveries.



We monitor all access to the school site during the school day. The most vulnerable times are during drop off and collection, as we do not know who may be on the site when it is open to everyone. Children remain the responsibility of the parents until they enter the school building at drop off and after they leave the school building at collection time. We have observed children running off into the wooded areas within our grounds after school – it is essential that you keep your child with you at all times, as we are unable to monitor the grounds during those vulnerable times.

important things
to remember

Please remember from 4th September 2023 to:

- Ensure your child has a named water bottle in school every day and their clothing is clearly labelled too!
- Send your child into school in their summer P.E. kit on their P.E. Days in September – the days will be communicated to parents of children in Years 1 to 6 on or before 1st September.
- Provide an unprocessed fruit or vegetable snack for Snack and Story Time (Years 3 to 6).
- Pay for school meals from Year 3 as the Government free school meal funding ends in Year 2.
- **NEVER** include the following in lunch boxes: **ANY nuts or products containing nuts (incl hazelnut chocolate spread)** - risk of anaphylaxis, **fruit winders or fruit strings** – risk of choking, **confectionery** or **PRIME drinks**.
- Ensure your child has an appropriate hairstyle: short hair – minimum of grade 3 and no razor designs, or shaved styles. Long hair – needs to be tied back with discrete band, not large hair bows.
- Ensure your child does not wear make-up or nail polish to school.
- Remain at the waiting points until **8:30am** and **3:15pm**.
- Continue to follow the one-way route around the school – this eases the flow of pedestrian traffic and it makes the handover from parent to teacher much smoother.

Thank you ☺

Site Information

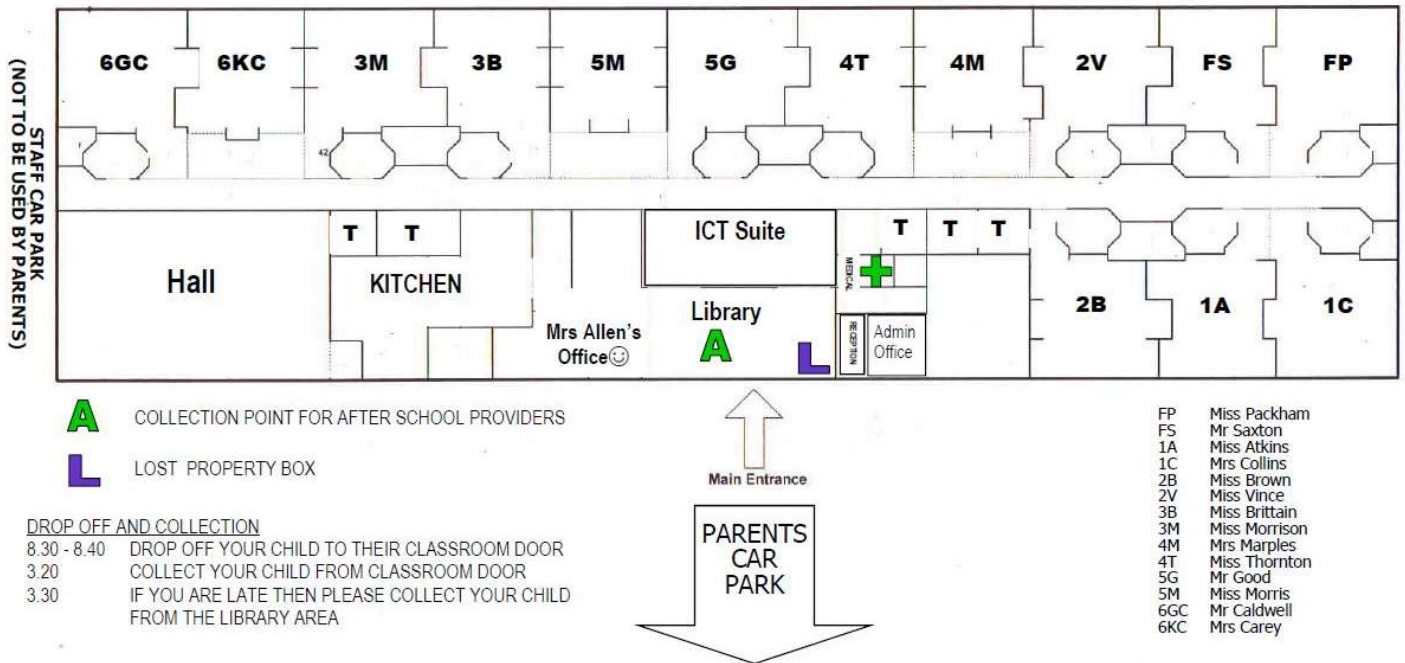


Please dismount your bike or scooter when entering the school grounds

Scooters and Bicycles - despite repeated reminders in our newsletters and texts year after year, we have reached exasperation point as we continue to see some children riding their scooters and bicycles on the site without and even with their parent's knowledge! As part of our recent monitoring, we have spoken to some of those parents and children to remind them to **'dismount at the school gates and walk'**. As a last ditch attempt to gain full compliance, Mrs Allen will be reminding all children of the rules when we return after the summer break and staff will be monitoring at drop off and collection times during the first two weeks of September, in the hope that we can avoid implementing a total ban.

Please help us to make the site safe for everyone – the rules apply to everyone!

Classroom Locations in September



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>

Autumn Term 2023	
1 Sept	INSET – school closure
4 Sept	Welcome back to school for children in Years 1 to 6 ☺
6 Sept	NEW Summer Learning Projects submission deadline
7 & 8 Sept	Stay and Play Sessions (with one Parent) for new Year F
10 Sept	First day for our Year F children ☺
20 Sept	NEW 'A Day in the Life of Information Session for Parents/Carers at 5:30pm to 6pm and repeated at 6:05pm to 6:35pm – please make every effort to attend as information for the year ahead will be shared.

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

