

### Dear Parents,

As the summer term draws to a close, I am writing to say a huge 'Thank You All' for your continued support throughout the pandemic and particularly over this academic year. Our safety measures in school have worked extremely well in helping to reduce the spread of Coronavirus. I am most grateful to all our staff - for keeping the school running and providing remote learning as well as high quality education in school; our parents - for their support and compliance in adhering to the control measures and for engaging with home schooling as much as possible; to the children - for their resilience in adapting so well to a more restrictive learning environment; and finally, to our volunteers (our Governors and PTA) who have supported us remotely in whatever ways they could. Together, we made a formidable QI Team!

We say a fond farewell to all our Year 6 learners, who are now embarking on their secondary school journey. Despite the restrictions, 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 special thank you to the PTA for organising Leavers' Hoodies and the Year 6 Disco. ©

Over the summer, we are asking the children to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge, which is a national scheme run by the Reading Agency and supported by Waterlooville Library. Its aim is to keep children reading over the six-week summer break. For more information, please follow the links: <a href="https://www.loom.com/share/1cef6888bda54741a1aa5ea2f76c271e?sharedAppSource=personal\_library">https://www.loom.com/share/1cef6888bda54741a1aa5ea2f76c271e?sharedAppSource=personal\_library</a>

## https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=knGHZdbEXiw

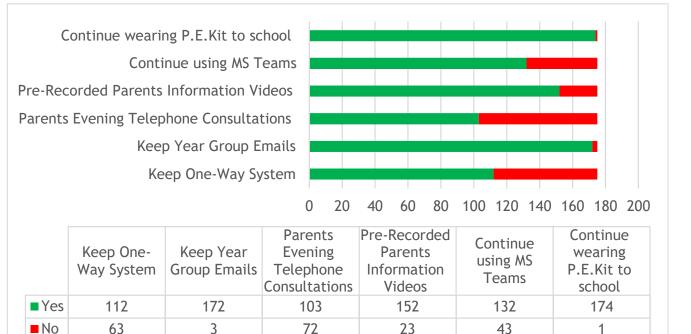
You will also receive a letter with more information and ideas for how you can encourage your child to engage in our Reading Summer Learning Project, which will be more important than ever this year.

I wish all a very enjoyable summer with your families. Take care of yourselves and keep safe.

Mrs Allen

## Parent Questionnaire – COVID-19 Measures

As you know, we greatly appreciate feedback from our stakeholders and would like to thank the 175 families who completed our most recent Parent Questionnaire. As you will see from the summary below, it was a decisive 'yes' to keep all 6 of the additional measures, which will all remain in place when we return in September.



As we learn to live with the impact of Coronavirus, we will review and adapt our procedures to comply with Government guidance, which was recently updated to reflect Stage 4 of the Roadmap/Exit Strategy. To access this infomaiton please visit - <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-colleges-during-to-colleges-dur</u>

# **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 white team who represented U.S.A. for achieving the highest combined score and were the overall champions of our 2021 Sport Days.

The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the Sports Enrichment Week in June. The highlights were 'Caving' for KS2 and 'Crazy Golf' for KS1. Children worked together in teams and gave real encouragement to others to overcome their fears and complete the challenges.

Following the success of the Bollywood Dancing in KS1, we invited them back to deliver the workshop for children in Years 3, 4 and 5 – which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. It was also a great opportunity to learn more about Indian culture and dance.

Year 4 took part in an internal gymnastics competition, competing in mixed ability squads against each other. They each had to perform a vault and a body management floor sequence. Congratulations to our competition winners - Green Squad. A special recognition was given to Kieran, Mia and Miley for their individual performance.

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 went on an Outdoor Adventurous Activities trip to Staunton Country Park and in teams, participated in blind trails through the woods, orienteering and scavenger hunts. Great fun was had by all!

#### **Charitable Donation**



We recently donated some classroom chairs which were destined for Africa, and made a connection with Sid Thunder, a fundraiser and collector of donations for less fortunate people in Ghana. When asked what else we could donate, we were shocked to hear that pairs of football boots are often shared amongst children – wearing a boot each whilst playing football! So, if you have any football boots that your children have outgrown, we would be delighted to receive them to pass on to Sid for the African children. ©

#### <u>P. E. Kit</u>

Further to your response to P.E. kit on the questionnaire, we are now expanding our uniform stock to include a summer and winter P.E. kit. We are in the final stages of conducting quality control checks and will communicate when it becomes available to purchase. Until the P.E. uniform is in place, we would recommend that the children continue to use their current summer P.E. kit in September. ©

# Please remember from 3<sup>rd</sup> September to:

- □ Remain at the waiting points until 8:30am and 3:10pm NO ACCESS BEFORE THEN
- □ Continue to follow the one way system around the school (Aintree Gate can now be used as an entrance and exit point)
- □ Ensure your child has a named water bottle 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 2021-22**, which is available on our website https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/\_site/data/files/files/site%20information/D5588319AC86B512B 16B7B5809CC277C.pdf

#### **INSET / Diary Dates**

QI is closed for INSET on Thursday 2nd September 2021 We welcome the children back to school on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021 Years 1 to 6 For diary dates please refer to our calendar on the website at <u>www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/Calendar</u>

