

# QI Noticeboard

November 2021

Dear Parents,

We have had a very positive start to the new academic year, with the children settling quickly into their new learning environments and routines. We thoroughly enjoyed finding out about their 'Summer Reading Challenge – QI Loves reading' activities during the summer and we had some wonderful displays around the school; thank you for supporting your children with these.

We hope the presentation 'A Day in the Life of Year n', emailed to parents in October, gave an insight into the structure and content of their child's day and what they will experience in the year ahead.

Thank you for participating in our recent Parents' Consultation Evenings. We received positive feedback on using a blended approach and aim to continue to offer a choice of face to face meetings and telephone consultations in the future. To keep you informed regarding your child's progress, we will be sending home Interim Reports at the end of January and hosting formal Parents' Evenings in the Spring Term.

As always, if you have any questions about your child's learning or wellbeing, you are welcome to contact their class teacher through our Year Group emails or through the Contact Us Facility on our website. Thank you for your continued support and constructive feedback, which we welcome to help us make even better provision for our children.

Mrs Allen

## For Your Information / Updates

**Anti-bullying week is 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> November** - the National theme is 'One Kind Word'. As always, we include activities in our learning during that week to raise awareness. We invite the children to wear odd socks to school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November to show our support of this - it is not a fundraising event.



**After School Clubs** - we have taken a very cautious approach to reinstate our after school clubs. During the school day, children continue to learn and play with others in their class or year group only. It worked well during the Lockdowns and we hope that by continuing to keep this preventative measure in place, it will help to minimise the wider transmission of Coronavirus. When children attend clubs, they will mix with children in other year groups and therefore increase the risk of exposure to transmission. We appreciate that families want to return to 'normal' and so we are trialling a 4 week period of clubs, run solely by Planet Education, between 15<sup>th</sup> November and 10<sup>th</sup> December. To view the club timetable, please visit <https://www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Clubs&pid=149>

If successful, we hope to extend the provision to include outside providers (Gems Dance and Hawks Football Club) in the Spring Term.

**Leave of Absence Requests** – so far this term, 55 children have been taken out of school for holidays/weekends away, missing a total of 212 sessions/106 days. When we are trying to close the gaps in learning as a result of COVID, we cannot stress enough how important it is that children are in school every day.

**P.E. Kits** - the introduction of our new range of summer and winter P.E. kit has been further delayed due to problems with suppliers. We are now liaising with Skoolkit, who provide us with our school uniform, to help us source a suitable P.E.Kit uniform. We hope to update parents in the next couple of weeks, however if you urgently need to buy any winter P.E. Kit, then please purchase only black tracksuits/white tee shirts because this will align to our new kit when it comes. Thank you ☺



**School Photos** – further to a number of parent enquiries, we are pleased to announce that our School Photographer, Cardwell and Simons, is booked to take individual, sibling and family portraits from **9:00 to 16:00 on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021**. If you are interested in having a photograph, please telephone 02380-773834 ext 2 to book your slot. As usual, class photos will be taken in the summer term – our provisional date is Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

**Sporting Events** – we are delighted once again, to be participating in the Havant and Waterlooville School Games where children from across the school are being chosen to take part in offsite sporting events/competitions. Year 4 have already won gold in the tri-golf competition ☺

**Lunch Menu** - there is an updated lunch menu on our website for this half-term. Children in Years 1 to 6 continue to eat lunch in their classrooms, as they really enjoy being able to eat together with their friends and having a longer time playing outside.



## Christmas Diary Dates – 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> December

This year, we have modified our annual Christmas programme of events to minimise the risk of Coronavirus transmissions. We have taken the difficult decision to cancel the annual KS2 Christmas Church Service, as we do not want to have 4 year groups and their families in such close proximity to one another. We are planning to make a recording of each year group (Years 3 to 6) singing to share with parents instead.

Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day PTA Christmas Market (Present Buying Day - outside)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> - 9:00 to 9:30	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance for Year 1 Parents only
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> - 9:00 to 9:30	Year F Nativity
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> - 9:00 to 9:30	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance for Year 2 Parents only
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> - 1:10pm	Early Closure

We will circulate a Christmas Newsletter at the start of December, which will contain more details.

## Governors

Our Governors Finance Committee are fully supportive of the school in making improvements to the grounds, which continues to be a key investment this year. We have a rolling maintenance programme over the next 12 months, to replace the old slabs around the building and up the mall with new block paving. To enhance the outdoor learning experiences for the children, we have had new pathways laid leading to the outside classroom, into the wooded area and by the poly tunnel. We now also have an electricity supply to the outside classroom, which enables us to provide heating and lighting and extends the amount we can use this resource. Parts of the Trimtrac have been renewed and learning/play areas have been fenced off to help contain the areas and protect the astroturf surfaces. In August, Hampshire County Council installed solar panels along a section of our roof. We hope that this will reduce our electricity bills by up to a quarter. We are also investing in new classroom furniture, additional IT (ipads and laptop trolley for KS2), reading books and learning resources to further enhance our engaging curriculum.

We have also invested a considerable amount of funding on additional staff to support the Catch Up Programme, which is having a noticeable impact on closing the gaps in learning caused by COVID. We are continuing to recruit additional staff to support our children even further.

**Parents Car Park** - as the colder weather approaches, may we politely remind parents and grandparents to turn their car engines off when parked; exhaust pipes from running engines blow fumes into the air which nearby children and adults then breathe in. ☹️



## School Council

We are holding elections for Class Councillors in Years 1 to 6 over the next week. Each Class Councillor will represent their class on the School Council and report back to their classmates with information from the School Council and news about events.

We are also electing four Executive Officers from Years 5 and 6, who will organise the School Council meetings and events. In previous years we have elected a Chair, Assistant Chair, Secretary and Assistant Secretary but we want to change the way the Council is run and allow all the Executive Officers to experience the different roles needed to run a School Council. Each Year 5 and 6 class will vote for an Executive Officer from their class.

The School Council's first event will be fund raising for Children-in-Need, on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November**. One of the first tasks of the newly elected School Council Executives will be to communicate how everyone can take part.



## Spring Term INSET / Diary Dates

Q1 will be closed for INSET on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**The children return to school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Next INSET – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022