

QI Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are so pleased to end this month with some sunshine and look forward to the children maximising the use of our wonderful grounds for their learning during the summer term. We have many visits, visitors and exciting events planned for this term and look forward to the children consolidating their learning from over the year. We are pleased to offer our Summer Term Parents Consultation Evenings later this half term on Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd May – please request an appointment via the [booking form](#) on our website. As usual, we will also be sending home your child's final report in July. Meanwhile, we are looking forward to our INSET on Thursday when staff will continue to work together to follow up the action arising from our Ofsted Report. Let's hope the sun keeps shining!

Mrs Allen

New Information

Half-Term Activities

EdActive Holiday Club in May Half Term – We are excited to announce a pilot of onsite childcare during the May half term. EdActive invites all Parents/Carers to register their interest/support by completing a very short [questionnaire](#) by **Friday 10 May**. The aim is to gather information to determine whether there is sufficient interest within the QI community to run an EdActive Holiday Club. If successful, we may consider offering childcare during future school holidays.

Dolce – We were pleasantly surprised at how seamless the transition from HC3S to Dolce went and would like to thank everyone for making this such a success! We were delighted with their 5-star Hygiene Rating after receiving an unannounced inspection at the start of their second week – the kitchen was immaculate! The feedback from the children and staff is very positive, with comments on the improvement in the quality of meals, increased portion size and choice.



We did notice, during the first week, that SchoolGrid were charging £2.55 instead of £3.00 per meal – a mistake on their part which has now been rectified and Dolce will meet the cost of the shortfall. Please continue to pre-book meals in advance (by 8:55am if you leave it until the day) and **remember to cancel any pre-orders if your child is absent from school as you may be charged if not.**

School Photos – Fraser Portraits will be in school on **Thursday 23rd May**, to take individual and class photos during the school day. If dry, the photos will be taken outside and if wet will be in the hall. **Children in Years F, 2 and 4 have P.E. so will need to wear their school uniform and Year F to bring in trainers only and Years 2 and 4 bring their P.E. kit with trainers in a named bag for them to change into after their photo.** Due to restrictions on time, if you want your child to be photographed with their brother or sister, please contact Fraser Portraits direct on 01202 692433 (opt2) to reserve a sibling photo session at the end of the school day.



We are pleased to announce that Fraser Portraits will be at the School on

Thursday 23rd May


to undertake class group and individual photographs during the school day. No sibling photographs will be taken in the day.

If you would like sibling photographs taken we are holding a photograph session **after** school from

3.30-4.30 pm

THIS SESSION IS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

To reserve a time please call our office on

 **01202 692433 (option 2)**

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Staff Changes – We extend a warm welcome to Miss Broadbent, an experienced Learning Support Assistant, to the Year 4 team. Mrs Teal has started her maternity leave and we look forward to hearing news of the safe arrival of her baby. We are also saying a temporary farewell to Miss Burberry who, after 24 years at QI, is retiring from her Assistant Headteacher role. However, we are delighted that she has agreed to return in September (after a well-deserved break) as a part-time member of support staff! 😊

School Council – thank you to all those who donated – we raised £295 for Red Nose Day. During weekly meetings, the School Council have been discussing how QI can support better use of the playground during break times i.e. what additional equipment and resources (i.e. books) could enhance breaktimes. The School Council has been led by Miss Burberry since 2010 and she would like to thank all those children who have been a part of it over the years, for their efforts and enthusiasm. Mrs Allen and Miss Packham will continue to support the School Council for the rest of this academic year.

Our Voice counts....



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Uniform – whilst we are pleased to see that most children's clothing adheres to our policy, there are some children being sent to school in bright coloured tops for P.E. instead of a white tee shirt and black sweatshirt or hoodie. We would also like to inform parents that **Nike Pro shorts are not suitable for school**. Please help us to maintain high standards by providing the correct uniform and PE kit. Thank you.

Health & Safety – please can adults be mindful of children whilst waiting for the school to open.

Wellbeing – staff are often made aware of inappropriate comments made through parents' private WhatsApp/Facebook groups. Please 'think' before you post a comment and be kind to one another. ♥

Child and Family Support Worker

If you have been following the previous three months, you will know that we have been looking at the simple approach to a happier home.... 'Back to Basics' – a Hampshire Country Council scheme to approach parenting in a basic way to support your child's wellbeing.

"When a flower doesn't bloom, you fix the environment in which it grows, not the flower." – Alexander Den Heijer

We have so far covered Take Notice, Give and Be Active. This month we are looking at 'Keep Learning'.

Learn something new! Did you know that learning something new can help you feel happier and more focused? It can raise confidence and self-esteem, and make you feel connected with others too.



Sometimes we think that children learn so much at school that they need a break from it when at home. But continuing learning with your child has so many benefits for you and them. Spending time together is something we have already spoken about, but adding the element of learning to it can give that time a great sense of purpose. Learn through play to make it fun for you both.

Embrace everyday learning opportunities such as making shopping lists, looking at the cost of things, baking/cooking and following a recipe. Talk to your child about their interests and talk to them about yours – take time to learn something new about each other. Reading books is always a fantastic way to keep learning – ask questions about what they have just read and open up conversations from it.

Encourage new hobbies and interests, find out about local clubs in your area, or try a new after school activity. Visit new places, explore further afield, or research about other parts of the world. Set yourself goals to learn something new and reflect on what you have gained from it. Learning keeps your mind engaged and your body active.

There are lots of ideas of how you can keep learning if you visit the Back-to-Basics website on the following link:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/back-to-basics>

If you'd like further support with this, please pop in to see Miss Farrell at the office or send her an email CFSW@queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk

Curricular Enrichment Events

Our Year 2 Learners visited Tuppenny Barn to learn how they cultivate and harvest organic produce and promote the benefits of growing, cooking and eating healthy food. The children loved the experience and we received feedback once again, that our children's behaviour was excellent on the visit.

10 children from Year 4 attended 'Ready, Steady, Cook!' at Crookhorn College. They got to design their own pizza box and make their own pizza. They had great fun kneading and rolling out the dough and deciding on their pizza design and toppings....and even more fun tasting it!

Havant and Waterlooville Sports School Partnership – The following sporting events were attended:

- After being postponed twice due to rain, 18 children from Year 6 finally competed as 2 teams in a Netball competition. They played a Round-robin tournament against 3 other local schools with our teams eventually finishing an incredible 1st and 2nd place.
- 12 children from Year 4 went to a Tennis festival. The children had a great time learning lots of different ball and racket skills.



Thank you to all those children who participated for their efforts and for being such great ambassadors of QI. As always, our great appreciation goes to the staff for organising these events and for transporting the children.

Future Dates for the Diary

For Year Group specific events please refer to the [website calendar](#).

Statutory Assessment Tests will take place during the summer term – please avoid any unnecessary absence during these times.

- Year 1 Phonics screening check – **week commencing Monday 10th June**
- Year 4 Multiplication Tables check between **Monday 3rd and Friday 14th June**
- Year 6 End of Key Stage 2 tests are timetabled **from Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May**

| Summer Term 2024 | |
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| 2 May | Enforced Closure – Polling Day |
| 6 May | School closed for Bank Holiday |
| 21 & 22 May | NEW Parents Consultation Evenings – by appointment |
| 23 May | Class and Individual Photos. Sibling Photographs after school by appointment. |
| 27 – 31 May | Half Term |
| 27 June | KS1 Sports Day (Years F to 2) – 9am until 12 midday (10 th July if rained off) |
| 2 July | KS2 Sports Day (Years 3 to 6) – 9am until 12 midday (10 th July if rained off) |
| 5 July | School closed for INSET (Staff training) |
| 23 July @ 3:20pm | NEW We break up for the Summer Holidays and return on Tuesday 3 rd September for the new Academic Year. |



Feedback - as you know, we welcome feedback all year round so please continue to share your comments, suggestions or questions with us via our 'Feedback Form' located on the 'Contact Us' page of our website