# **QI** Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We were very lucky with the weather for the KS1 Sports Day on Thursday – although it was overcast, it was still warm, with no rain! The children really enjoyed taking part in all the events and showed great team spirit. Thank you to all of you who came along, it was lovely to see so many parent and grandparent spectators supporting the children during the morning. The scores for each team will be combined with the KS2 scores and the overall winning team will be announced via text on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

A big thank you to the PTA for selling the refreshments before Sports Day, they will be back again for the KS2 Sports Day on Tuesday morning (2<sup>nd</sup> July). We look forward to seeing many of you then.

Teachers are beginning to complete their end of year assessments and writing the children's reports which will be sent home to you by the 19<sup>th</sup> July. Meanwhile, if you have any questions or would like to share any feedback with us, please do get in touch via the 'Contact Us' page on our website.

Mrs Allen

#### **New Information**



**EdActive Holiday Club** – following the success of the May half-term Holiday Club, EdActive are delighted to offer parents three weeks of childcare during the summer holiday –  $29^{th}$  July to  $9^{th}$  August and  $27^{th}$  to  $30^{th}$  August. A flyer with booking info will be sent out by Monday  $8^{th}$  July.

Staffing for September – on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, we will announce to the children who their new teacher will be and give them a letter to take home detailing the staffing arrangements for September. The current year group's Learning Support Assistants will accompany the children when they spend time with their new teacher on the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> July, where they will formulate their Summer Learning Project which will form part of the learning in September.

We are fully aware that some classes have experienced staffing changes due to maternity and sickness and although we try our very best to minimise disruption and provide continuity, we can never guarantee that this will not happen again in the future - some things are unforeseeable and teachers are human! We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

**Communication** – we would like to remind parents that the year group emails are generally monitored by the teachers *outside of school hours*. If your request is urgent i.e. a change to the end of day collection, please email or call the office - <u>adminoffice@queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk</u> / 02392268067 instead, as they will ensure the class teacher is alerted.

**Ticks –** from time to time, deer appear on site which presents a higher risk of ticks and Lyme's disease. Please visit <u>https://lymediseaseuk.com/</u> for information about preventative measures you can take, as well as advice regarding what to do if you find a tick on your child. If we notice one on a child during the school day, we will communicate this to the parent. We have staff who are willing to remove ticks but will always seek the permission from a parent first.



School Meals – A gentle reminder to pre-book your child's school meals in advance via School Grid. If you leave it until the day you have until 8:55am to book. Please remember to cancel any pre-orders if your child is absent from school otherwise Dolce will charge.



**Uniform** – as we approach the end of the academic year, we would like to remind parents of the opportunity to **buy cost price school uniform for the new academic year - it has an added 10% discount!** All items in stock will show as available to purchase through School Money. Please help us to maintain high standards of presentation by ensuring your child always wears the correct uniform and PE kit to school and understand if sometimes we have to give a reminder. Thank you.

### **Child and Family Support Worker**

Making Plans for Summer - as the summer holidays approach, you may be starting to think about plans for the summer. For some, it may be the countdown to a well-deserved holiday, others may be trying to juggle childcare and work, most will be wondering how you can entertain the children on a budget. Whatever the plan is, putting together a visual summer planner to help maintain structure and routine for you and your children may help.

Children enjoy structure and predictability, with many finding it easier to visualise what they are doing on any given day. Having a calendar or large visual planner will stop those anxieties building up and make the summer holidays seamless for you and for them. You could do this with them as an activity - ask them to make a list of activities they would like to do that you can then sit together to go through and plan together. You could ask them to put together a summer bucket list that have a mixture of free activities, low cost things to do, and those more elaborate ideas that may or may not make it to the planner!

Remember that not every day needs to be full of plans - keep some days simple with easy activities at home. The plan isn't about filling up every minute of every day, some days might only have one thing written in that your child has asked to do but to them you are helping them make memories.

Visual timetables are a brilliant way of reducing a child's anxiety and with the summer being a long time away from school keeping to some sort of routine will help with that transition back into school in September.

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For free downloadable planners that you can print out and use, please visit https://busyb.co.uk/downloads.

If you would like a planner, support with making plans for the summer, finding childcare provisions or if you have any worries about the summer break, please pop in to see Miss Farrell at the office or send her an email to **CFSW@queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk**.



We are looking forward to the PTA's QI Big Summer Event on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Our PTA need lots of bottle donations for their Bottle Tombola i.e. drinks, condiments, toiletries - like bubble bath, etc. Any contribution would be greatly received, big or small! The office staff are collecting the donations on behalf of the PTA. Thank you ©

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QI Website - www.queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk

# Curricular Enrichment Events



A team of 6 swimmers from Year 6 competed in a Swimming Gala at Barncroft Primary School. They competed against 7 other teams in individual and relay races, eventually finishing an impressive second place, only 4 points behind the first place.

QI hosted a friendly netball tournament involving 18 children from Years 5 & 6. The children were split into 2 teams and competed against 2 teams from another local school. There were some close games and good teamwork shown by all. QI also hosted 2 friendly football tournaments for 8 boys and 10 girls in Years 5 & 6. Both teams competed in hard games against other local schools, with QI eventually winning both their respective tournaments.

8 children from Year 5 went to a Tennis Festival where they played a variety of games in either singles or doubles. They learnt the scoring system and how to serve correctly.

A team of 13 children from Year 6 went to the Hampshire School Games festival in Winchester. They had an opportunity to try different sports including frisbee, karate, squash and even some outdoor adventure activities including making a fire and toasting marshmallows! They also had a chance to use the giant inflatables before they came home. They all had a wonderful day.

2 teams of 10 children from Year 2 and 3 went to a Target Festival. They tried a carousel of activities all about hitting targets including golf, cricket, archery and fencing. The children really enjoyed their morning.

8 children from Year 2 visited Crookhorn College to take part in their annual Dragons Den competition. The children had to design a storyboard and an original character and then present their story and character to the panel. They had a great morning, the panel were extremely impressed how they worked as a team, eventually finishing an impressive 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall.

Well done to all those children who participated for their efforts and for being such great ambassadors of QI and our thanks, as always, to Mr Murray who organises these friendly tournaments. ©

# Future Dates for the Diary

For Year Group specific events please refer to the website calendar.

	Summer Term 2024				
1 July	After School Clubs end this week (no clubs running after 5 July)KS2 Sports Day (Years 3 to 6) – 9am until 12 midday (10th July if rained off)Classes for September to be communicated via a letter at the end of the day				
2 July					
3 July	Meet the New Teacher Session 1 of 2. Secondary Transfer Day (Year 6) Year F children starting September 2024 - Drop-In Session 9:30am-11:30am.				
4 July	School closed for INSET (Staff training)				
10 July	Reserve KS2 Sports Day				
11 July	KS1 P.E. Enrichment Day – Archery and Boogie Bounce				
12 July	KS2 P.E. Enrichment Day - Archery and Boogie Bounce				
15 July	Meet the New Teacher Session 2 of 2				
23 July	We break up at 3:20pm for the Summer Holiday				
2 September	School closed for INSET (Staff training)				
3 September	First day back 😊				



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