

QI Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am sure you share our excitement in seeing the first signs of Spring, at last! A number of our learners have spent their lunchtimes planting lots of bulbs around the school site, so please do look out for the first snowdrops and tulips that are starting to emerge! We always look forward to the children having more opportunities for learning outside as the weather warms up.

We know from our ongoing monitoring, that our children make the most progress in their learning during the Spring Term. Our primary focus remains on developing the children's reading, writing, and maths skills and have shared information in our Year Group Newsletters for how you can help further support your child with these areas at home. We also know how much this benefits children, especially when reading at home, and thank you for your partnership with us. If you need any assistance with activities or completing Home Learning, please do contact your child's class teacher.

Meanwhile, enjoy the sunshine!

Mrs Allen

New Information

New Parent Portal Launch on April 22nd! - We're thrilled to announce that we'll be launching our new Parent Portal, which will replace our current communication and payment system, Teachers2Parents. This change is designed to make it easier for you to stay informed and connected.



What to Expect:

- **Email Updates:** Keep an eye out for upcoming emails with instructions on how to register for your account.
- **In-App Messages:** Once the portal is live, in-app messages will replace text messages for communication. Be sure to download the app to stay updated!
- **Convenient Features:** The Parent Portal will provide you with easy access to important information, including your child's attendance, payments, and the ability to book Before School Club.

We believe this transition will improve communication for all our families and help resolve any issues we've encountered with our current system. We're excited for this change and look forward to providing you with a more streamlined experience! As always, your feedback is welcome.

Staffing Update – We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Miss Atkins has recently welcomed a new baby girl into her family! Both mother and daughter are doing well, and we wish them all the very best as they begin this exciting new chapter. We are pleased to extend a warm welcome to several new members of staff to our team; Miss Gowling has joined us as maternity cover for Class 1A, and two Learning Support Assistants; Miss Rosenfeld in Year F and Mrs Seward in Year 2 😊.



TRICK BOX

Trick Box: Since introducing 'Tricks' into the classroom in 2018, we have seen a great improvement in children being able to manage their own emotions and overcome conflict and challenges. If you would like to find out more about how this programme works at QI and strategies you can use to support your child at home, please join us on **19th March at 5:30pm in the hall**. Trick Box cards will be available to purchase for £3.50 on the day. For further information on the programme, please visit: [Trick Box Website](#).

Comic Relief – Red Nose Day Fundraiser - The School Council have been busy collecting ideas for this year's Red Nose Day fundraiser. This year's theme, will focus on supporting those affected by the current cost-of-living crisis, we are focusing on crucial issues such as hunger and homelessness.



To show our support, children are invited to wear something **red** on **Friday, 21st March**, in exchange for a food donation to **Growing Places Community Pantry** (Food Bank). We kindly ask for non-perishable food items such as canned goods, pasta, cereal or rice. Your generous donations will make a real difference in the lives of those in need.

School Meal Price Increase – from **Monday 31st March**, the cost of school meals will increase to **£3.26 per meal**.

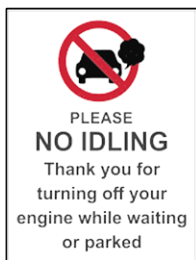


New Food Waste Regulations - Starting **Monday, 31st March 2025**, new regulations in England will require all organisations, including schools, to separate food waste from other waste and arrange for its collection. To ensure we are fully compliant, we will be implementing appropriate measures in school and involving the children in supporting this. For awareness, whenever children bring in packed lunches from home, we always ask that they take any food waste, wrappers, and empty containers back home with them in their lunchbox. This expectation is most importantly, to enable parents to see exactly what and how much their child has eaten for lunch, rather than just be thrown away. We appreciate your support in ensuring your child knows how important it is for them to do this.



INSET Day – **The school will be open, as usual, on Thursday, 1st May 2025**. The school premises will not be used as a polling station on this day, as the Hampshire County Council Elections have been postponed following the Government's White Paper.

Site Information



We continue to receive reports of drivers leaving their engine idling whilst they are parked in the Cornelius Drive car park. Under Section 42 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 **it is an offence to leave an engine idling**. Whenever your vehicle is stationary or parked, please switch your engine off to help ensure no further pollution to the air that we all breathe. Parents should not have to walk their children through the car park to avoid fumes. Please pass this message on to any grandparents, relatives or friends who may also collect your child. We are in the process of installing signs for the car park as a visual reminder too.

Parking Restrictions – In the UK, a single yellow line indicates parking is restricted during certain times. You may have noticed our Site Team speaking with drivers recently, so we'd like to take this opportunity to remind everyone about the parking restrictions in place outside our school gates:

- **Burnside: Monday to Friday between 8am and 9am & 3pm and 4pm.**
- **Cornelius Drive: Monday to Friday between 8am and 9am & 2:30pm and 4pm.**

Please ensure you comply with these restrictions to help maintain safety and smooth traffic flow. Thank you for your cooperation.

PTA Update



Discos - A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Discos before half term, and for those who gave us such lovely feedback! The children had a blast on the dancefloor, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The net profit was **£840.47**.

The **doughnut sales** on the last day of half-term raised **£205.96**, and were completely sold out!

PTA Recruitment during March - This year, the PTA is eager to welcome new members, as many of our dedicated volunteers will be stepping down at the end of the school year when their children leave QI. Your involvement is crucial to ensuring that we can continue organising fun and engaging events for our children. Over the past two years, we've seen a full calendar of exciting PTA activities, and we're thrilled to keep that momentum going with your support. Every helping hand makes a real difference!

If you're interested in joining the PTA, please send your contact details to ptaqueensinclosure@gmail.com and Heather Rowlands or Amanda Gatrell will be in touch.

Donate Your Pre-Loved Items – Our PTA will be collecting any outgrown/unwanted costumes from world book day, dress-up day clothing, or Christmas jumpers your child has outgrown throughout the year so that we can recycle and re-use them for next year. Please hand any donations into the school office 😊 Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Curricular Enrichment Events

Year 5/6 Boys Secure Spot in Hampshire Cup Plate Semi-Finals - Our Year 5/6 boys' football team put on a fantastic performance in their Hampshire Cup Plate quarter-final, securing a 4-1 victory over Barncroft. The team displayed discipline, professionalism, and teamwork throughout the match, controlling the game with confidence. Four goals sealed the win sending the team through to the semi-finals, where they now eagerly await the draw for their next challenge. Bring on the semi-finals!



Ten Year 5 students recently attended a Tri-Golf festival where they had the chance to try their hands at golf by practising chipping and putting activities. The event was a fantastic experience for everyone involved. The highlight of the day was winning the **Spirit of the Games** trophy, awarded for their excellent teamwork and sportsmanship.

Year 5/6 Badminton Squad Compete at County Finals - After securing their place at the Hampshire County Finals back in January, our Year 5/6 badminton squad competed in the prestigious event in late February, facing some of the very best young players in the county—including those who have represented England and Great Britain. Our team put in a fantastic performance, with every player winning games throughout the competition. Despite a strong effort, they were unfortunately knocked out at the group stage. However, their resilience, determination, and sportsmanship shone through, and they represented Havant & Waterlooville with pride.

007 Dance and Drama Workshop - 15 children from Year 4 took part in this workshop hosted by Crookhorn College. The children developed their dance and drama skills to demonstrate the characterisation and atmosphere of Spies/Secret Agents. The children showed great creativity and enthusiasm and thoroughly enjoyed their morning.



Child and Family Support Worker

Barnardo's Hampshire Healthy Steps - Hampshire Healthy Steps is a new service run by Barnardo's and funded by Hampshire County Council. They offer group support in our local area for families with 2 to 12 year olds.

Healthy Steps Family Programme is run by our Family Coaches over 6 sessions. The 6 session group programme offers families support and advice on eating well, getting active, sleeping well, healthy teeth, my community and more!

All groups are designed to be fun, and interactive and to encourage children to get involved.

The programmes are designed to be flexible around you and your family. They offer online courses as well as face to face. If you are unable to make one of the sessions you can attend another one in a different area or online to catch up on what you have missed.

You can book a place by following the link below or if you would like to know more about this please contact Carla Farrell, our Child and Family Support Worker to discuss this on CFSW@queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk

<https://www.hampshirehealthysteps.org.uk/support-for-families>

Future Dates for the Diary

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

Spring Term 2025

6 March	World Book Day – Dress Up as a Book Character (optional)
7 March	NEW Online Safety UK, Lee Hayward Drop In for parents between 8:30am and 8:45am and 3:10pm and 3:40pm in the library
11 March	NEW Online Safety UK, Lee Hayward Drop In for parents between 3:10pm and 3:40pm in the library
17 March	School closed for INSET (Staff Training)
19 March	NEW Trick Box Information Session for Parents/Carers at 5:30pm in the hall (for approx. 30 mins). No pre-booking required.
21 March	NEW Comic Relief – dress in red in exchange for a food donation to Growing Places Community Pantry (food bank)
23 March	NEW World Maths Day
31 March	School Meal Price Increase to £3.26 per meal
7 – 18 April	Easter Holiday Break
21 April	Bank Holiday – Children return to school on Tuesday 22 April 😊
22 April	NEW Arbor Parent Portal Launch for communications & payment – replaces Teachers2Parents
1 May	NEW School will Open as Enforced Closure for polling is cancelled by Government.

Free support for families with 2 to 12-year-olds through the Healthy Steps Family Programme

Sleep Well

Eat Well

Healthy Teeth

Get Active

Healthy Steps

Find out more at www.hampshirehealthysteps.org.uk

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