

QI Newsletter

Welcome | Issue 1 - September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back everyone, and a big welcome to all those Foundation Parents new to our school, I hope you all had a lovely summer. During the break, we had a number of small construction projects undertaken as well as a complete refurbishment of our KS1 and Foundation toilets – they look wonderful 😊 As you have probably seen from the overflowing skip, we had a big clean and tidy up of the whole school too!

During our INSET Day on Monday, staff received Safeguarding Training and familiarising themselves with the updates to the Keeping Children Safe in Education guidance. Once they are issued by Hampshire, our updated Safeguarding and Child Protection policies will be available on the 'Safeguarding' page of our website.

I hope to be able see you all at the '**A Day in the Life of ...**' session advertised below. This has always had very good feedback, but is not always as well attended as we would like, as some parents suggest they know all the information already. No doubt some of this will be the same, but things do change and we always have new information to share. This is also an opportunity for the Teaching Team to build relationships with our families as we know how important this is, so we would really appreciate it if you could come along just to say hello!

I look forward to another successful year and as always, if you have any questions or suggestions about any aspect of our school, please do get in touch through our [Feedback Form](#). Thank you.

Mrs Allen

Communication between School and Home

Here's a reminder of what you need to know:

1. **SchoolGrid** → a SchoolGrid account is essential if your child has a school meal. Meals need to be pre-booked by a Parent in advance or by 8:55am at the latest, on the day it is required.
2. **Teachers2Parents** → this is used:
 - to book Before School Club sessions (previously known as Breakfast Club). **Please pay online through the app or by card at the office as we are now cashless.**
 - to purchase a book bag/drawstring bag (not available through SkoolKit) and P.E. sweatshirts (whilst stocks last).
 - to pay for any chargeable activities i.e. Year 6 residential.
 - to send parents/carers text messages or emails with information, reminders about events previously communicated in newsletters and links to information on our website etc.
3. **QI Newsletter** → information applicable to the whole school which is sent out via Teachers2Parents on the last working day of each month.
4. **Year Group Newsletter** → year group specific information sent out via the Year Group email at the start of each half term.
5. **QI website** → this is kept up-to-date and holds a wealth of information including an up-to-date calendar of events, After School Club/Holiday Club info and feedback/booking forms and questionnaires via the '[Contact Us](#)' page etc.
6. **Year Group Emails** → used for direct communication between teachers and parents. Teachers do not check emails during the school day so if you have an **urgent message**, please contact the school office – adminoffice@queensinclosure.hants.sch.uk / **02392 268067** rather than email the teacher.



We put a lot of time and effort into our written communications, which are the primary source of information for our Parents/Carers, so please, please make every effort to read them. We also ask that, to avoid disappointment or embarrassment, you meet the deadlines we set, as late requests add additional workload to our extremely busy team and cannot always be accommodated. We hate to disappoint anyone, so please help us to ensure we don't have to. Thank you in advance for your co-operation. 😊

General Information

Staffing - we extend a warm welcome back to Mrs Borrow, an experienced Learning Support Assistant, who worked at QI previously – she will support our Year 2 learners. We also welcome back Ms Burberry who retired as Assistant Headteacher at Easter and has returned in a support role. We also say a fond farewell to Mrs Champion, who has left QI to pursue other interests – we will miss her and wish her well.

Before School Club (previously known as Breakfast Club) - to ensure that we have the correct adult to child ratio for the number of children attending each session, please book online and pay prior to arrival – simply show the EdActive staff your booking confirmation if it's a last-minute booking. **We wish to give you advance notice that the price per session will increase to £3.50 from 1 January 2025, after keeping it at £3.00 for the last 7 years.**

EdActive Holiday Club - following the success of the Summer Holiday Club, we are excited to announce that EdActive will be running an October Half Term Holiday Club! It offers a variety of fun and engaging activities for your children during the break. Bookings can now be made directly through the [EdActive website](#) We look forward to welcoming your children for another fantastic holiday experience!

Asda Donates £££s to schools – our PTA have registered QI to receive Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools. Schools can receive 0.05% of the value of purchases made instore or online between 02/09/2024 and 30/11/2024. We already have over £120 in the cashpot! Thank you to the PTA for registering us and to everyone who selects our school to receive the vouchers 😊.

Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools

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1

Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app

Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.

2

Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com

Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.

3

Asda does the rest

The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.

Once opted in and selected a school, we will add £1 to your chosen schools Cashpot to help get them started.

Each school will get an additional £50 added to their Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app.

Site Information Reminder

TIMES

The school hours are 8:30am to 3:20pm. With the exception of those who attend Before School Club, for safety reasons no parents and/or children are permitted to be on site before 8:30am. Please ensure this is adhered to.

Cornelius Gate/Car Park is open from 7:40am to 7:00pm.

If you are not attending Before School Club, please wait at the Stop Point until **8:30am and 3:15pm**, when you can then walk round to your child's class.

Burnside Gate will automatically unlock (push gate to open) for Before School Club access between 7:40am and 8:10am and will unlock again for school access at 8:30am until 8:50am and 3:15pm until 7pm.

NOTE: If you need access via the Burnside Gate when it's locked, you will need to request access via the intercom.

Aintree Gate is manually unlocked to allow access between 8:30am and 9:00am and 3:15pm to 4:40pm.

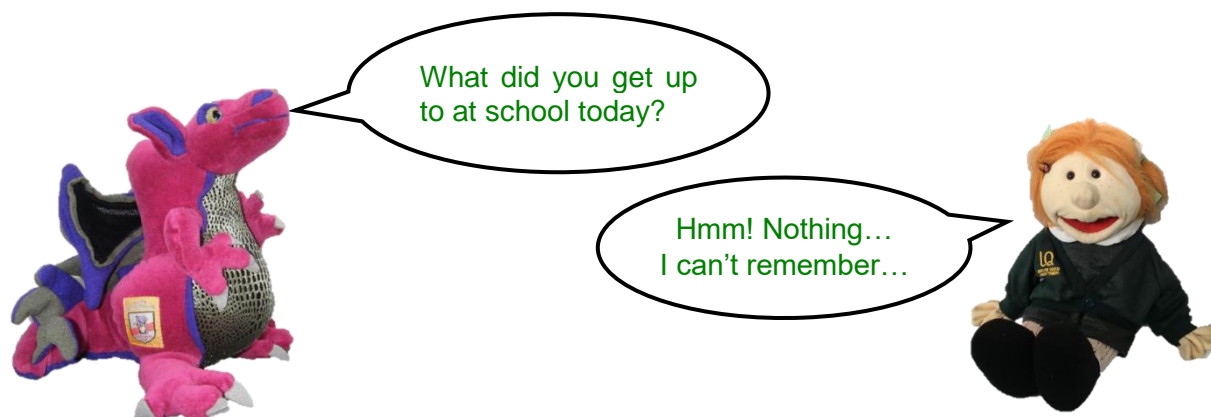
Please continue to use the one-way system as this helps with the flow of pedestrian traffic. Thank you 😊

Information Session for Parents

You are invited to 'A Day in the Life of ...'

On Wednesday 18th September 2024

5:30-6:00pm, repeated at 6:05-6:35pm



If this sounds familiar – or if you would just like to find out what your child's Year Group gets up to during a day at QI – please join us for one of our 'A Day in the Life of ...' sessions.

This is an invaluable opportunity for you to meet your child's class Teacher and the Year Group Team. The aim is for you to gain an understanding **of the learning and expectations for your child during the year ahead**. We will be sharing photos and examples of the learning and activities that form a usual school day for your child and explaining some of the methods children learn over the year. There will also be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

Each session will take place in your child's Year Group classrooms and children are welcome to attend if childcare is an issue. No need to book. 😊

We look forward to welcoming you into school again and hope to see as many of you as possible!

Future Dates for the Diary

Please refer to our [website calendar](#) for a comprehensive list of all events.

Autumn Term 2024	
9 September	Year F - First Day 😊 [Group 2: 9am -11:45am & Group 1: 1:10pm – 3:20pm].
11 September	Summer Learning Project to be brought in to school from Years 1 to 6.
18 September	'A Day in the Life of ...' Parents Information Sessions 5:30pm – 6:00pm and repeated at 6:05pm - 6:35pm. Please make every effort to attend.
23 September	After school clubs start this week. For more information, please visit the clubs page on our website before contacting the office. Thank you 😊
17, 22 & 23 October	Parents Consultation Evenings – by appointment. Details to follow.
28 October	EdActive Half Term Club (Monday 28/10 to Friday 1/11) - EdActive website
4 November	INSET date confirmed

As always, we communicate year group specific events and information via the Year Group emails.