

Dear Parents/Carers,

A big thank you to all those of you who do take the time to read our Newsletter each month. The aim of these newsletters is to keep you informed by sharing important updates, notices and dates for your diaries. Whilst we appreciate our parents have busy lives, we ask that you do take a moment to at least skim the newsletter and if you have no time to read the rest, PLEASE check the Diary Dates at the end – that way **important dates and deadlines** will not be missed. Thank you.

For awareness, in response to the General Election announcement earlier this week, we have contacted the Havant Elections Office to request that the school is not used for polling again - on 4th July. We await their response, but will notify you as soon as we know if we are forced into making some provision for voting. Meanwhile, I hope you all have a lovely half term and that the sun shines on us! Mrs Allen

New Information

EdActive Holiday Club in May Half Term – Mr Murray is delighted to have received bookings for half term – if you need childcare, there are spaces still available to book through School Money. For more information, please read the flyer published on the '**Clubs**' page on our website. We would be pleased to receive feedback from those who attend next week, so we can consider future plans.

School Meals – Since our move to Dolce, the feedback from the children and staff has been very positive with comments on the improvement in the quality of meals, increased portion size and choice of food. We would like to thank parents for ensuring meals are pre-booked. However, we do have a number of children who are sent to school with no lunch ordered which is having an impact on the office staff. **We have been told by parents that setting a reminder on the weekend to do this has helped. 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.**

Staff Changes – We welcome back Miss Salt who, having returned from maternity leave, will be supporting children across the year groups for the remainder of this academic year. We pass on our congratulations to Mrs Teal on the arrival of her beautiful baby boy – both mother and baby are doing well ♥.

10%
Discount

Uniform – we are offering parents the opportunity to **buy cost price school uniform with an added 10% discount whilst stocks last!** All items in stock will show as available to purchase through School Money - any orders placed during half term will be processed on Monday 3rd June. Please help us to maintain high standards of presentation by ensuring you child always wears the correct uniform and PE kit. Thank you.

Safety and Conduct – we have been concerned to hear, that whilst waiting for the school to open, some children have been seen entering neighbouring gardens and inadvertently treading on plants, stepping off the pavement into the road and bicycle/scooter riders not being considerate to pedestrians and other children. Please ensure your child stays with you at all times and is behaving appropriately, both for their own safety as well as the safety of others. Thank you.

Sadly, we also continue to receive complaints from residents who have been on the receiving end of rude and unpleasant interactions over inconsiderate and unsafe parking. As we have no jurisdiction outside of the school site, we can only encourage our residents to take photos of parking breaches and report them to Hampshire County Council's Parking and Traffic Enforcement department. Please be empathetic to our neighbours who are impacted by the surge of traffic at drop off and pick up – they have a right to be able to access their driveways and garages and not be verbally abused. ☹

Treat others
the way
YOU want to
be treated.

Summer Safety – Now that the warmer weather is here, please could parents ensure that children have a named water bottle in school. sun cream applied before school and a hat to wear during break times.



Child and Family Support Worker

We have come to the final petal and theme on our 'Back to Basics' learning journey. As a reminder, 'Back to Basics' is a Hampshire County Council scheme to approach parenting in a simple way to support your child's wellbeing.

This approach is a great reminder that we do not need to over-complicate parenting and that often it's the simplest approaches that will work best for you and your child, and achieve the greatest outcomes.

We have so far covered Take Notice, Give, Be Active and Keep Learning. For our final theme we will be looking at 'Connect'.

Connecting with others can give you the opportunity to share positive experiences and provide emotional support for you all. Building good relationships is positive for our wellbeing too.



As a generation we are currently battling against the negative effects that screen time has on the children of today. That's not to say there are some positives to it, but connecting with your child and encouraging them to connect with other people face to face is something we should all be aiming to do more of. The benefits of positive connections for a child can be huge. It can help children learn, develop and thrive in life.

As it's half term and the sunshine is out, why not take the opportunity to turn the devices off, invite friends over, and spend quality time together as a family. Connecting with your child doesn't need to take planning or cost a lot of money. Spending time with *you* and others is what they really want and need.

Here are some free/low-cost activity ideas of how you can connect with your child at home:

- **Balloon Tennis** - try to keep the balloons in the air.
- **Home Disco** - put some music on and dance.
- **Memory Games** - put items on a tray and cover with a towel. See how many you can remember.
- **Art and Crafts** - draw pictures together, try junk modelling using things you have recycled.
- **Role Play** - play shops for example using tins, packets from your cupboard and make some paper money.
- **Board Games or Puzzles** - let them choose which game to play and get them to explain it to you.
- **Make a Den** - with sheets/blankets. Play games inside them, or have a picnic.

Visit the Back-to-Basics webpage on the following link to look into this in more depth and for a reminder of everything we have covered over the last 5 months.

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

**“When a flower doesn't bloom,
you fix the environment in which it grows, not the flower.”**

- Alexander Den Heijer

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



QI hosted a friendly football tournament involving 20 children from Years 3 & 4. The children were split into 2 teams and competed against 1 other local school. There were some very close games and great saves. We also hosted a friendly football tournament for 20 boys in Years 5 & 6. Both teams came up against a strong team from Hart Plain and showed great resilience and teamwork in these fixtures.

A team of 10 children from Year 4 visited Crookhorn College to take part in their music departments 'Beat the Drums' event. They experienced playing lots of different drums, learnt how to play the drums correctly, using different parts of their hands and even had a go on their drum kits. There was a lot of noise!

We were excited to invite Zoo Lab in during the last week of term for Years 1, 4 and 6 to learn about how animals are grouped and classified in the scientific world. The children had a hands-on experience and came up close to giant land snails, snakes, hissing cockroaches, tree frogs and even a tarantula! Each class had a really exciting session and asked some excellent questions, the leader was very impressed.



After half term, we have more exciting events to look forward to including a Swimming Gala for Year 6, the Hampshire School Games Festival in Winchester and our P.E. Enrichment Days – more details to follow.

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](#).

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**

Summer Term 2024	
27 – 31 May	Half Term
27 June	KS1 Sports Day (Years F to 2) – 9am until 12 midday (10 th July if rained off)
1 July	After School Clubs end this week (no clubs running after 5 July)
2 July	KS2 Sports Day (Years 3 to 6) – 9am until 12 midday (10 th July if rained off) NEW Classes for September to be communicated via a letter at the end of the day
3 July	NEW Meet the New Teacher Session 1 of 2. NEW Secondary Transfer Day NEW Year F children starting September 2024 - Drop-In Session 9:30am-11:30am.
5 July	School closed for INSET (Staff training)
11 July	NEW KS1 P.E. Enrichment Day
12 July	NEW KS2 P.E. Enrichment Day
15 July	NEW 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