



Queensgate Primary School Newsletter 20.1.23



Happy New Year!

It certainly appears that everyone enjoyed a lovely two-week holiday and the children have come back refreshed and ready to face the challenges of a new term. I would like to thank everyone who supported the children and staff before the holidays by finding costumes for the plays, party food donations and gifts for the staff – the list goes on! Our Christmas Jumper Day raised £180 for Stick and Step, a charity close to our hearts at Queensgate. I know that it is a very busy time of year and we are fortunate to have such supportive parents.

School meals

We have been informed by our school meals provider, Dolce, that the cost of a school meal will be increasing from the 1st April 2023.

Year 3 – Year 6 children's meals- increase from £2.30 to £2.44
Nursery children's meals - increase from £1.95 to £2.07

Children's mental health week

This year the theme for the National Children's Mental Health Week is **Let's Connect**. All classes will be having a specific focus on this theme in their PSHE (personal, social, health education) lessons and assemblies. We will also be inviting the children to come to school on Friday 10th February in their own clothes. They can use clothing and colour to express themselves. This could be dressing as your favourite superhero or simply wearing your favourite outfit – anything that makes them smile and reflects their personality. We are not asking for donations on this occasion.

Parents and carers are very welcome to join Ms White for an in-school workshop on Monday 6th February, 2- 3.15pm. Ms White is an accredited Mental Health Lead and trainer and has designed a bespoke workshop for our families, focussing on positive mental health and having conversations about feelings and mental health with your child. There is no charge for this workshop. We would just ask that you email admin@queensgate.stockport.sch.uk to confirm your attendance.



Cross country success

Well done to three of our Year 5 and 6 children who have been selected to represent Stockport in the Greater Manchester Cross-Country Championships, to be held at Heaton Park on Saturday 4th February. This is due to their high rankings and success in the cross-country season so far this year. Good luck to Olivia P, Freddie W and Harry O!

The Queen's Green Canopy map

Thank you to the PTA who have ensured that our [Jubilee tree planting \(click on link\)](#) has been uploaded to The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) map. Thank you for your contribution to this special initiative, which we hope will inspire countless others. With your support we are creating a greener UK and a legacy in honour of The Queen's leadership of the nation, which will benefit future generations.

Staff news

I am pleased to be able to share with you the very special news that Mrs Clough is expecting a baby later this year. We are in the process of appointing a teacher to cover Mrs Clough's maternity leave and will let you know when this process has been concluded.

We would also like to congratulate Miss Sutherland, who has returned to Queensgate as Mrs Hamnett after getting married in the Christmas holidays.



Important dates coming up

Tues 31st January: 4PM virtual Robinwood meeting for parents (link to the meeting will be sent next week)

Wed 1st Feb: National Education Union industrial action day (more information to follow)

Fri 3rd Feb: National Number Day

Mon 6th Feb: Children's mental health week

Mon 6th Feb: 2 – 3.15pm Children's mental health workshop for parents led by Ms White (held in school)

Tues 8th Feb: Safer Internet Day

Thurs 9th Feb: PTA Valentine's disco after school (details to follow from PTA)

Fri 10th Feb: Own clothes day, "Dress to Express" for children's mental health week. No donation requested.

***** Friday 10th Feb: School closes for one week *****

Mon 27th Feb: INSET day for staff

Tues 28th Feb: School re-opens for children

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Wed 1st/ 2nd/ 3rd March: Year 5, 3-day residential trip to Robinwood Activity Centre

Thurs 2nd March World Book Day (details to follow)

W/B Mon 6th March: British Science Week (STEM)

Thurs 9th March: 2.30PM Parent Partnership meeting- all welcome, held in school (TBC)

Wed 15th March: National Education Union industrial action day (more information to follow)

Thurs 16th March: National Education Union industrial action day (more information to follow)

Fri 17th March: Comic Relief Red Nose Day

Wed 22nd March: Parents' Evening (booking details to follow)

Thurs 23rd March: Parents' Evening (booking details to follow)

Fri 31st March: Queensgate Talent Show

***** Friday 31st March: School closes for two weeks *****

Monday 17th April: School re-opens

Have a lovely weekend and please remember that I am available before and after-school most days.

Mrs Hitchcock
Headteacher