



Queensgate Primary School

Newsletter 17.3.23



Invitation to share in your child's learning in school

We are pleased to be able to invite you into school in the coming months to share learning opportunities with your child/ren. During your child's time in school, these will include: practical Forest school sessions, musical performances, plays and presentations by the children to share their learning.

The dates are as follows:

- **Monday 13th March:** Nursery "Stay and Play" 9.00 – 9.30AM (for beginning of the week children)
 - **Friday 17th March:** Nursery "Stay and Play" 9.00 – 9.30AM (for end of the week children)
 - **Friday 24th March:** 11AM – 11.45 Year 4 (both classes) ukulele performance
 - **Monday 27th March:** 2.30PM Year 1 Oak Food technology workshop
 - **Wednesday 29th March:** 2.30PM Year 1 Elm Food technology workshop
 - **Thursday 30th March:** 9.05AM Reception Tales Toolkit session with children and parents
 - **Thursday 30th March:** 11.00 – 12.00 Class R Easter crafts and coffee morning
- *Easter holidays***
- **Friday 5th May:** 8.45- 9.30AM- Open morning for current parents/ carers. Please pop in to look at your child's books with them and let them tell you about everything they have been learning this year. As this will be a very busy event and the classrooms will be extremely full, we can only allow 1 parent/ carer per family.
 - **Wednesday 24th May:** 9.30AM Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day
 - **Thursday 25th May:** 9.30AM Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Sports Day
- *Whit holidays***
- **Wednesday 28th June:** 2.30PM Year 3 Ancient Civilisations workshop
 - **Monday 3rd July:** Nursery "Stay and Play" 9.00 – 9.30AM (for beginning of the week children)
 - **Wednesday 5th July:** Year 5 Shakespeare performance at the Lowry theatre in the evening
 - **Friday 7th July:** Nursery "Stay and Play" 9.00 – 9.30AM (for end of the week children)
 - **Wednesday 12th July:** 2.30PM Year 2 Design and technology workshop
 - **Thursday 13th July:** 6.00PM Year 6 Leavers' Play
 - **Wednesday 26th July:** 9.10AM Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Summer 2023 statutory testing (SATS)

All schools in England will be required to administer statutory assessments in specific year groups again this year. The table below is a reminder of when, and for whom, these tests are applicable.

Who?	When?	What tests do the children sit?
Year 1	June 2023	Phonics screening check
Year 2	May 2023	English (reading) Maths (arithmetic, reasoning)
Year 4	June 2023	Multiplication tables check
Year 6	Tuesday 9 th May 2023 – Friday 12 th May	English (reading, grammar/ punctuation/ spelling) Maths (arithmetic, reasoning and problem solving)

Mr Knowles is holding a SATS meeting for Year 6 parents/ carers at **6.00PM on Wednesday 1st March**. This is not a meeting for children, but an information sharing meeting for parents. I would encourage all parents to attend in order that you can best support your child in preparation for their SATS.

For parents of children in Year 1/ 2 and 4, the upcoming check for your child will be discussed in the Spring Parents' evening and staff will be happy to answer any questions that you might have.

We always tell the children that these checks/ tests are an opportunity to celebrate their learning and not something to worry about.

Thank you to all the parents/ carers that recently attended our Children's Mental Health Parent Workshop and to Ms White for delivering the training. We hope that you found it informative and following a suggestion made in the meeting, we are creating a collection of books that help support children's positive mental health that can be borrowed by our families to share at home.

HARRET MUNCASTER creator of *The World of Isadora Moon* will be at **Simply Books** on Wednesday 22nd February between 1PM- 3PM for the launch of Emerald and the Ocean Parade, a brand-new series introducing Isadora's mermaid friend Emerald. Harriet will be signing her new books and if you'd like go along in your very best Isadora Moon fancy dress (fairies and vampires welcome) that would be lovely! More details are [here](#)

Learning postcards

If your child is in Year 1 – Year 6, they will be bringing home a Learning Postcard this week as a short piece of holiday Home Learning. We send these home each half-term, so that the children can have the opportunity to talk to you, or another member of the family, about what they have been learning about in their Topic. This short retrieval task helps consolidate the learning for the children and hopefully provides you with an insight into their latest Topic. Please ask your child the question on the postcard and then write a little about what your child said in response to the question. The postcard will then be stuck in your child's Topic book. Thank you and we hope you enjoy hearing all about the topics!

Important dates coming up

*** Friday 17th Feb: School closes for one week ***

Mon 27th Feb: INSET day for staff

Tues 28th Feb: School re-opens for certain classes, due to National Education Union industrial action day (see email sent 16.2.23 re class closures)

Wed 1st March: 6pm SATS meeting for Year 6 parent/ carers – held in Year 6 classroom

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

Thurs 2nd March: World Book Day

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

Tues 7th March: Y3 trip to Poole's Cavern

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

Fri 10th March: Science Wild Workshops for Nursery – Y3

Tues 14th March: Diversity workshops for Y5 and Y6

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 March 31st: Queensgate Talent Show

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

Monday 17th April: School re-opens

Fri 21st April: Y2 trip to Dunham Massey

Thurs 15th June: Clean Air Day 2023

I hope that all our families have a lovely holiday. Thank you for your on-going support this half-term.

Mrs Hitchcock
Headteacher