



# Queensgate Primary School

## Newsletter 24.7.23



Well, we have made it to the end of another action-packed year at Queensgate! We truly appreciate all the support that we are fortunate to receive from our families- it really is a joint effort between home and school. The staff have worked tirelessly to care for and teach the children and are certainly ready for a well-deserved break.

### School Games award

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded the GOLD School Games Award for 22/23! Well done to all our children, parent helpers and, of course, Mr Knowles for providing so many amazing opportunities for PE in our school.



### PE kits

As you are aware, this term, we have been trialing the children coming into school in their PE kits on their PE days. Feedback from children, parents and staff has been very positive, so we will be continuing with this in the future.

### Reminders for September:

- Year 3 children do not bring rucksacks into school as their school bags. Just as in Year 2, the children use pegs to hang their belongings on and rucksacks are too cumbersome. Children in Year 4/ 5 and 6 are allowed to bring rucksacks as we have lockers or additional storage space in these year groups.
- Children are not allowed to do PE/ swimming in earrings for health and safety reasons (as advised by the LA.) If your child has **pierced ears**, we request that they remove their earrings the night before at home, or if they are older, they should be able to remove them and put them back in by themselves in school.
- If your child is due to have their ears pierced, please do so at the **start of the summer holiday** so that they will be able to remove them for PE/ swimming in September. Watches are also removed for PE lessons, and could be left at home on PE days.

### BBC 500 words competition



The [500 Words website](#) is packed with information about how to get children writing now - there's some brilliant story writing tips from our judges and children's books authors; We know that we have many enthusiastic, skilled writers at Queensgate, so feel free to get writing over the summer holidays in advance of the competition opening in September.

### Staff news

I am pleased to be able to share with you the special news that Mrs Hamnett is expecting a baby later this year. We are fortunate that Ms King-Barker, a qualified teacher, joined the Queensgate Reception team a few weeks ago and will step into Mrs Hamnett's shoes when she is on maternity leave.

### Stockport Book Awards

Well done to our amazing Reading Ambassadors who recently attended the Stockport Book Awards. All the staff had nominated a Reader of the Year from their class and then one overall Queensgate reader of the Year was selected. Our 2023, Reader of the Year is... **Liliya Webb in Y2**. Well done Liliya!

## Summer reading challenge 2023: ready, set, read!

Get ready for an adventure full of team spirit, sporty heroes, and lots of fun during the school holidays, with this year's summer reading challenge. The goal is to read 6 books over the holidays, collect stickers and rewards along the way, with a certificate and medal at the finish line! It's all free, so make sure you pick up your collector folder from your local library.

Kick-off is **Saturday 8 July** and the challenge runs until **Saturday 9 September**. Check out all the extras, including games, reading logs and lots of ideas to keep you entertained on the [summer reading challenge website](#).



## Y6 transition advice

The transition from primary to secondary school is exciting for children and marks a new phase in their lives. Children recognise it as part of growing up and are aware that their lives are about to change in an important way. Like any change, it can also bring uncertainty. Most children will manage the transition to secondary school successfully. However, there may be ups and downs. It's easy for children to slip from feeling happy and confident one minute, to feeling nervous or anxious and back again as they find their feet. As a parent or carer there is much you can do to help your child through the transition period with careful and sensitive preparation. Y6 families, you might find this document from the [Anna Freud charity](#) useful.

## Summer event at Bramhall Methodist Church

Children aged 5 to 11 are invited to three mornings filled with games, crafts, and exploration of captivating stories about Jesus and Peter. Starting on the 30th of August, this engaging and educational club aims to provide a fun-filled environment where children can learn about faith and have a blast at the same time.

**Dates:** Weds 30th August to Friday 1st September

**Time:** 10am to 12.30pm

**Location:** Bramhall Methodist Church, right next door to the Bramhall Village Square shopping centre

**Cost:** £15 per child

**Age:** 5 to 11-year olds (currently in primary school)

**Register:** Church website [here](#)

## Attendance

It goes without saying that regular attendance is essential to your child's progress and success. We aim for all children to attend well above the national average of 93.8%. This year our overall whole school attendance figure is **96.3%**. Well done to Year 2 for topping the leader board this year!

<b>Reception 96.6%</b>	<b>Year 1 Elm 96.8%</b>	<b>Year 1 Oak 94.9%</b>	<b>Year 2 97.5 %</b>
<b>Year 3 97.3%</b>	<b>Year 4 Ash 96.1%</b>	<b>Year 4 Birch 96.7%</b>	<b>Year 5 Cedar 96.5%</b>
<b>Year 5 Pine 96.1%</b>	<b>Year 6 94.9%</b>		

## Important dates coming up

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July:** Non-uniform day for the winning House **Curie (yellow House)**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July:** 9.10AM Year 6 Leavers' Assembly for Y6 parents/carers

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July:** Teddy Bear's picnic at lunchtime

**\*\*\*Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July: School closes\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September: School re-opens 8.45AM\*\*\***

Have a happy summer break with your loved ones.

**Mrs Hitchcock, Headteacher**