



Queensgate Primary School

Newsletter September 20th 2024

Welcome Meetings We hope that everyone who attended our recent Class

Welcome Meetings found them informative. Well done to Year 4, where 60% of parents joined us, the highest percentage in the school!

Attendance Attending school every day is crucial for your child's academic success. In accordance with new Government guidelines, penalty notice fines will be issued for unauthorised absences during term time, persistent absences and persistence lateness to school. Any request for term time absence must be submitted in advance on our [Absence Request Form](#) (paper copies available from the school office). Term time leave will not be authorised unless evidence of exceptional circumstances provided and a penalty notice may be issued.

Fines for unauthorised term time or unauthorised irregular attendance leave are as follows:

1st offence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days• £160 per parent, per child if paid after 21 days
2nd offence (within three years of the 1st offence)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days
3rd offence (within three years of the 1st offence)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application for prosecution submitted to Magistrates Court. Fines can be up to £2,500 per parent, per child.

Library Books We pride ourselves on providing the children at Queensgate with a wide range of inspiring books in our Library. Mrs Lee (English Lead) and Mrs Griffiths put a lot of thought into which new books we can purchase and work very hard to make the Library an inviting space. Sadly, last year many of our books were lost and not returned to school or were damaged. We are not able to replace these books due to a lack of funds. Therefore, if a book goes missing, a sticker will be placed in your child's Reading Record to let you know the title of the missing book. Your child will not be able to take home another book, until the book is returned. If the book has not been returned by the following week, a £5 charge will be issued on Parent Pay. Once the £5 charge has been paid, your child will be able to access the Library books as normal.

Parent Partnership Meeting We regularly hold an informal Parent Partnership meeting on the school premises and all parents/ carers are welcome to attend. The purpose of the meetings is for parents to meet members of staff, to share information about areas of the curriculum or initiatives that we are reviewing and to gain your views and suggestions. It is also a good way for parents/carers to meet other parents and be part of the Queensgate community. Our next meeting is on **Thursday 10th October** at 8.55AM in Larks and Owls. Mrs Lofthouse and myself will be attending the meeting and we are hoping to obtain suggestions and feedback on how we can ensure that children and families from all cultures, faiths and backgrounds feel part of our school and local community. Refreshments are provided and we would love to see you there.

Fundraising for Destiny Garden School Last year, we began raising money for Destiny Garden School in Mombasa. Due to your fantastic support, we were able to send them a cheque for over **£4,600.00** in July! This was far more than we ever expected to raise and we know that the money will help provide the very vulnerable children in Destiny Garden School with basics such as; food, shelter, clothing, education, and access to proper health care. Thank you and keep an eye out for the next DGS fundraising event. Click [here](#) to find out more about the school.

Macmillan Coffee Morning We would love to see you at our Macmillan Coffee morning on **Friday 27th September, 9.00AM**. There will be thousands of Coffee Mornings across the country, helping raise vital funds to support the 3 million people in the UK living with cancer, from the moment they are diagnosed, throughout treatment and beyond. We would be grateful for any **cake donations** and these can be dropped off at the school office on Thursday 26th September.



New Online Safety Hub for families in Stockport The Online Safety Hub is a brand-new online resource with lots of expert advice and guidance to help you manage your child's safety online as a parent. You can access it for free here: <https://stockport.onlinesafetyhub.uk/> It includes information on the latest hot topics when it comes to keeping children safe, such as how to manage your child's screen time, understand the latest gaming platforms, what they mean for your child's safety and lots more.

They are also offering you as a parent, a free Qustodio account facilitating parental controls on any individual device and free premium access for 30 days. Gain more visibility on what's going on in your child's online world. Block dangerous content, introduce screen-free schedules, receive alerts for inappropriate content, keep tabs on their location and more. Follow the link below to create your free account

https://www.qustodio.com/en/30-days-school-special/?utm_source=internal&utm_medium=OSHUB&utm_campaign=stockport-uk

**** REMINDER: Dogs are not allowed on the school**

premises/ playgrounds **

Dates to remember

- Tuesday 24th September European Day of Languages
- Wednesday 25th September Year 5 trip to Jodrell Bank
- Wednesday 25th September 6pm Reception meeting, "How to support your child's reading at home"
- Friday 27th September 9.00AM, Macmillan Coffee morning in the Hall
- Thursday 3rd October National Poetry Day
- Thursday 3rd October Reception - Year 6 flu vaccinations (see flu email re giving consent online)
- Monday 7th October Year 6 Make do and Mend 1:30PM (in school)
- Wednesday 9th October Year 3 Stone Age workshop (in school)
- Thursday 10th October Parent Partnership Meeting 8.55AM (Larks and Owls)
- Thursday 10th October Year 6 trip to Imperial war Museum North
- Friday 11th October Year 2 trip to Staircase House, Stockport
- Monday 14th October School photograph day (individual photos)
- Friday 18th October School closes for 1 week
- Monday 28th October School- re opens
- Friday 15th November Children in Need (details to follow)
- Monday 18th November Year 4 trip to Crowden River
- Wednesday 20th November Parents' Evening (details to follow)
- Thursday 21st November Parents' Evening (details to follow)
- Wednesday 4th December AM Year 4 Carol Concert rehearsal in Bramhall
- Tuesday 10th December 9.30AM Nursery and Reception Christmas Show
- Tuesday 10th December 2.00PM Year 2 Christmas Play
- Tuesday 10th December 6.30PM Year 4, 5 and 6 Carol Concert in Bramhall
- Wednesday 11th December Year 6 trip to Stockport Air Raid Shelters
- Wednesday 11th December 2.45PM Year 3 mince "Twas the night before Christmas"
- Thursday 12th December 9.30AM Year 2 Christmas Play
- Thursday 12th December 2.00PM Nursery and Reception Christmas Show
- Friday 13th December Year 5 and Year 6 Declamations Final
- Friday 13th December Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner
- Friday 13th December Year 1 mince pies and carols (time TBC)
- W/B 16th December Year groups will have parties this week, dates TBC
- Thursday 19th December School closes for 2 weeks
- Monday 6th January School re-opens

I hope everyone has a lovely weekend.

Mrs Hitchcock,

Headteacher