



Queensgate Primary School

Newsletter December 6th 2024



Thank you to so many of our families for supporting recent events in schools.

We know it is a very busy time of year and appreciate all your donations for the Hope Central Foodbank, Festive Bake Sale and Christmas Fair. A special mention to Mrs Hesketh for the vast amount of time and effort she spent organising our enjoyable and successful Christmas Fair last night. Thank you very much to her and all her Elf helpers!

Our recent Parents' Evenings were very well attended and it was pleasing to hear that 99% of parents found it useful. Thank you to the 67 families who responded to our recent Parental Engagement Survey. We will be analysing these responses and sharing our actions as a result of the survey in the new year.

Staffing news

In the new year, the school office will be missing a very familiar face, as Mrs Small is retiring at the end of this term. Mrs Small has been a key part of the Queensgate family for an incredible 27 years! In this time, she has meticulously managed our school finances, as well as being a friend and colleague to us all. We would all like to pass on our thanks for her dedication throughout this time and wish her a very happy retirement.

Recent trips

Our Year 3 classes visited St Michaels' Church in Bramhall this week to take part in Christmas themed workshops. The children behaved impeccably during the sessions and were praised by the volunteers at the Church. Members of the public also commented on how polite and cheerful the children were on the walk to and from the Church!

Reception were very excited to go on their first school trip this week. They thoroughly enjoyed watching "The Bear" at Sale Waterside Theatre. Thank you to all the parent/ carer helpers that came along and made the trip possible.



Thank you to Notcutts garden centre for kindly donating a Christmas tree to us for all the children to enjoy.

The tree will soon be adorned with the children's "Friends of Queensgate" baubles.

If anyone would be able to make use of the tree after the end of term, please let us know.

Free collection from 2PM on Thursday 19th December!

Year 6 SATs results

As you will be aware, each May, Year 6 children in England complete SATs tests in reading, grammar and spelling and maths. Children's writing is assessed by the teacher. This week, the Department for Education has validated schools data and we can now share these with you.

We had another very positive set of results this summer and as you can see below, Queensgate's Year 6 results are significantly above the national averages in all areas. These children have now left Queensgate to start the next phase of their education. We know that they will be well-equipped for future success and we wish them lots of happiness and success on their journey.

	Queensgate 2024		National average 2024	
	Expected standard or above	Above expected standard	Expected standard or above	Above expected standard
Reading	92%	58%	74%	28%
Writing	81%	28%	71%	13%
Maths	94%	39%	73%	23%
Grammar, punctuation & spelling	92%	56%	72%	31%
Reading, writing, maths combined	72%	17%	60%	7%

*** Please note that as we are one of 10 primary schools in Stockport with a resource provision for pupils with EHC plans for SEND, data for these children are not included in the above data, however they are included in all published data for the school.*

**Well done to the children that attend Karate club each Friday morning before school.
Everyone passed their grading exam this morning!**



Dates to remember

- Tuesday 10th December 9.30AM Nursery, Reception Christmas Show (ticket required)
- Tuesday 10th December 2.00PM Year 2 Christmas Play (ticket required)
- Tuesday 10th December 6.30PM Year 4, 5 and 6 Carol Concert, Bramhall Methodist
- Wednesday 11th December Year 6 trip to Stockport Air Raid Shelters
- Wednesday 11th December 2.45PM Year 3 "Twas the night before Christmas" in the Hall
- Thursday 12th December 9.30AM Year 2 Christmas Play (ticket required)
- Thursday 12th December 2.00PM Nursery, Reception Christmas Show (ticket required)
- Friday 13th December Year 5 and Year 6 Declamations Final
- Friday 13th December Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner
- Friday 13th December 2.45PM Year 1 carols in the Hall
- Monday 16th December Nursery, Reception, Year 3 Christmas parties
- Tuesday 17th December Year 1, Year 2 and Year 5 Christmas parties
- Wednesday 18th December Year 4 and Year 6 Christmas parties
- Thursday 19th December Non-uniform day for the winning school House (Y1 - Y6)
- **Thursday 19th December** **School closes for 2 weeks**
- **Monday 6th January** **School re-opens**

Enjoy the weekend everyone. If you have any queries or wish to discuss any school matters, I am available before and after school most days.

Mrs Hitchcock,

Headteacher