



Queensgate Primary School Newsletter 21.10.22



Thank you to everyone for their support and positivity during this half term. There has been much to celebrate and be thankful for in the last two weeks.

- Our Reception children have made a great start to school life and coped very well with their first half term. They will be ready for the “big playground” at lunchtime after the holidays. Their Year 6 buddies can’t wait for this!
- Well done to our Year 5/6 netball team who participated in a High Five tournament at St James’ High School last night. They played against six other schools; won every game and represented the school brilliantly.
- Year 6 have been outstanding role-models and risen to the high expectations we have for our oldest children. This week, they were also fantastic ambassadors for the school at our Open Morning for prospective parents.
- We raised £98 at our recent for Macmillan coffee morning. Thank you to parents and staff for your support.



Education Penalty Notices

We recently met with our Education Welfare Officer from the local authority to review our attendance data. Whilst the the overall attendance for the school is very positive and above local and national averages, we were reminded that a fine (Education Penalty Notice) should be issued to parent/s every time there are 10 or more sessions (i.e. **5 school days**) of unauthorised absence.

Last year we did have a number of term-time holiday requests as they were holidays that had been re-arranged/postponed due to COVID. This is no longer the case and term time holidays requests have been unauthorised. In line with local authority guidance, from **Monday 31st October we will be asking the local authority to issue a fine whenever there are 10 or more sessions of unauthorised absence.**

PTA

The PTA Spooky disco was very much enjoyed by the children last night and we are very grateful to the parents that stepped forward to make the event possible.

I can’t stress enough how important the funds raised for the PTA will be to Queensgate this year. After 12 years of being a Headteacher, I have never known a time when the school’s budget has been stretched to the point it is currently. It is not sustainable and already very difficult decisions are having to be taken to provide the very best education that we can for our children. Due to the context of our school (very low area of deprivation), we do not qualify for significant amounts of funding or support. The PTA is one of our very few sources of additional funding and we greatly appreciate it. Please continue to support our PTA in any way that you can.

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!

REMINDER * If grapes are sent into school, they should be cut in half so that they are not a choking hazard for the children *****

School photographs

If your child missed the school photographs this week, we are having a catch-up session on **Thursday 17th November**. We know who was absent on that day and will ensure that their photograph is taken.

REMINDER: The last day to place an order for free delivery back to school is **27th October**. If you have lost the QR code for your child's photo order, please call The School Photograph Company on **01295 250812**.

Important dates coming up

***** 21.10.22: School closes for half-term *****

MONDAY 31.10.22: School re-opens

1.11.22: PM Year 5 to Bramhall High School to watch "Rock of Ages" production
AM Year 1 fieldwork trip to Bramhall village

2.11.22: 9.15- 10.45 Open morning for prospective Reception 2023 families

3.11.22: 2.30PM Parent partnership meeting in school

16.11.22: Year 2 trip to Sharston Synagogue, Year 6 to Crucial Crew

17.11.22: Catch-up day for school photographer

18.11.22: Children in Need (spotty/ brightly coloured clothes, link for donations to be sent nearer the time)

21- 25.11.22: Year 6 Bikeability

22.11.22: 3.30 – 5.30PM Individual Progress Meetings with classteacher/s (details to follow)

23.11.22: 5.00 – 7.00PM Individual Progress Meetings with classteacher/s (details to follow)

29.11.22: Year 5 trip to Jodrell Bank

6.12.22: 6.30PM Y4, Y5, Y6 Carol service at Bramhall Methodist Church

7.12.22: Year 6 trip to Stockport air-raid shelters

8.12.22: 2.30PM Parent partnership meeting in school

13.12.22: 9.30AM Reception Christmas production (parents/carers invited to attend)

2.00PM Year 2 Christmas production (parents/carers invited to attend)

14.12.22: Reception Theatre visit to see "The Man who wanted to be a penguin"

15.12.22: 9.30AM Year 2 Christmas production (parents/carers invited to attend)

2.00PM Reception Christmas production (parents/carers invited to attend)

16.12.22: Nursery/ Reception Christmas party day

Christmas lunch for the children

Christmas jumper day

19.12.22: Year 1, Year 2 Christmas party day

20.12.22: Year 3, Year 4 Christmas party day

2.45PM Year 1 and Year 3 Carols and mince pies in the playground

21.12.22: Year 5, Year 6 Christmas party day

***** THURSDAY 22.12.22: School closes for Christmas holidays *****

***** School re-opens Monday 9th January 2023 *****

I hope everyone has a lovely holiday and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on **Monday 31st October**.

Mrs Hitchcock
Headteacher