

QUEEN'S CRESCENT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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The run up to Christmas is always busy with lots happening in school. However, all our classes are really settled in their learning and enjoying their new topics, with a busy, industrious working atmosphere around the school.

We are currently working with the Friend's to raise money to update the Interactive white boards across the school. These are an invaluable teaching and learning resource in all lessons, so please look out for ways to support the Friend's fund raising events - many of which are highlighted in this newsletter. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.



Children In Need

We raised an amazing **£376.37** for Children in Need on Friday. Thank you for all of your kind contributions. A special mention to Aailyah Khalfan who raised **£43** by selling jokes in Chippenham town centre and after school, dressed as Pudsey. This was such an amazing and kind hearted gesture.



Goodbye

Mrs Goodyear will be leaving Queen's Crescent at the end of term 2 as she has successfully been awarded the role of SENCo at a primary school in Swindon. She will be sadly missed and we wish her all the best in this new exciting opportunity.

To ensure continuity of high standards, Mrs Gingell will be teaching Epsom full time until the end of term 3 when she will then be sharing the class with Mrs Boddington, on her return from maternity leave. More details will be given to Epsom class and their parents nearer the time.



Christmas Fayre Christmas Fayre

Please remember it is our Christmas Fayre on **Friday 15 December** after school. The Friends have been working hard to organise this event and it looks to be fantastic. Don't miss out on meeting Santa, winning on the chocolate tombola and much more.

Non Uniform Day - Christmas Fayre Donations

We will be having a non uniform day on **Friday 8 December** in exchange for much wanted donations for the Friend's Christmas fayre. If you can, please send in an item of the following:-

KS2 – A Bottle Donation

KS1 – A Chocolate Donation

FS2 – Something 'Christmasy'



Anti Bullying Week

Last week we had a whole school focus on anti-bullying following on from the National focus week by the anti-bullying alliance. This was really successful and aimed to empower children to not tolerate any form of bullying, whether it's happening to them or someone else, face to face or online. The week involved a range of activities including class discussions to raise pupil awareness and discuss further strategies for reporting bullying. The 'odd sock day' was a huge success, helping to raise awareness.



Simonsbath

The Year 6 children had a fantastic experience on their residential at Simonsbath, Exmoor. They were involved in many exciting and challenging activities including mountain biking, archery, wall climbing and grass sledging. The teachers were very impressed with the children's behaviour, which was exemplary throughout the week. A great time was definitely had by all.

Quote from a parent

Please could you pass on our thanks to all involved in the Simonsbath trip, my daughter had a fantastic time and hasn't stopped talking about it. She even mentioned it on her way to school this morning! The activities that were among her favourite were grass sledging. Circus skills, The Barle Valley walk and Emily and her dogs.

Quotes from the children

"I really enjoyed the high ropes because I faced my fears." Ella Cowdry

"All the activities were really good. Archery was my favourite because I've never tried this before." Lewis Clark



Parking

With the weather becoming very much colder and wetter, please can I remind everyone **not** to drive through the staff only area of the carpark, there are a number of cones to remind everyone of this. This is for the safety of all the children and will ensure that the area does not become blocked should an emergency vehicle need to access the school quickly.

Please see notice at the end of this newsletter from the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service which highlights the problems faced throughout the UK.

Please can I also remind you not to block other parents and staff when dropping your child off outside of the school gates. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



M and M productions.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the M and M productions of Beauty and the Beast last week, I hear that a great time was had by all, including the teachers!

"It was very well performed and it was such a good performance they could not

have done any better, I loved it!" Louis Smith

"I thought the production was outstanding. My favourite part was when Mrs Gingell and Miss Barker had to get up to dance." Lauren Halliwell

FS2 2017 Applications

Please remember to apply for a school place for September 2018 as soon as possible. Applications need to be in by **15 January 2018.**



Year 3/4 Carols by Candle Light Service

In response to parents suggestions and to alleviate the problem of overcrowding at the annual KS2 carol concert, the 3/4 children will be having their own carol concert on **December 12 at 6pm in Ladyfield Church.** (Please note change of venue). In order to make this a success we would like as many children as possible to turn up for this event, so please put the date in the diary. We have some lovely ideas for the evening already, don't miss out!

Past Pupil's Achievements

We are always proud of our past pupils achievements and we would like to have a new section on our website to celebrate this. If you would like your child to be recognised for their achievements – degrees,

awards etc. please e-mail the school with the details and if possible a photograph. We'd love to hear from you.



Friend's Quiz night

The Friend's organised a really successful quiz night on **Wednesday 8 November** centred on the theme the Best of British. The Queen's Crescent staff entered a team although despite their best efforts unfortunately did not win on this occasion! The night raised over **£200**. Thank you to Mr Scott and the Friends for their time organising the event, it is really appreciated.

Friend's Disco

Don't forget the Friend's disco on **Wednesday 6 December**, We look forward to seeing lots of children there. There will be a shopping event held for parents in the studio whilst your children are dancing so please take time to visit and purchase some early Christmas presents!



Sing Start – Thursday 14 December 8.30am

Due to popular demand we have another "Sing Start" on **Thursday 14 December**, led by our music specialist Mrs Guest. This is a great opportunity to sing popular Christmas

songs with your children and a great way to start the day. Join us in the studio at **8.30am**, we look forward to seeing you there.

Year 1 Visitor

The Year 1 had a very exciting visitor last week from the Oak and Furrows Wildlife Centre. They were delighted to see the baby hedgehog and worked as a team to ensure that they didn't wake her as she slept!

"I liked it when the hedgehog came around and we looked at it."
Florence Houlihan

"I liked it when the baby hedgehog came out of its box." Heath Rowley

Library Helpers

We are looking for some extra parents to help with the school library system. If you would be interested in undertaking some simple training on this and can spare time each week to support us with this please call into the school office and let us know. Thank you.



Harvest Festival.

We have received another thank you for all of your recent harvest festival donations, this time from The Salvation Army.

"We are really blessed that the support from local schools and churches is so good at this time of year. We would like to say thank you to the children and their

parents for donating the food."

Teacher Appointments

If you have a concern that you need to talk to your child's class teacher about in the morning and an alternative time cannot be arranged, please be mindful that there are other children around!

Can I remind you that not only is the school responsible for modelling courteous and kind behaviour to the children of our school, but also yourselves. We realise that the majority of parents and carers pay due regard to this and do work with the staff in the best interests of the children. We believe that the relationships that are built up between the school and families are very good and would like to thank you for this.

Please can I also remind you that at Queen's Crescent, we will not tolerate any form of verbal aggression against members of the school community.



Christmas Cards

We will be following the same format as in previous years which has worked really well.

The children will only have an opportunity to post cards on **Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 December of the last week of term.**

There will be a post box outside of each classroom in the central corridor area and the FS2 will have the large wooden Christmas post box. We would encourage the children to only send a few cards as we know how costly they are. Please still make sure that the child's name and class are clearly written on the envelope. Help us to support this by not sending in Christmas cards any earlier than these set dates. Thank you for your co-operation with this.



KS2 Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day

The Christmas dinner date is **Thursday 14 December** and you should receive your dinner request slips by the end of this week. These are due back on **Monday 4 December**. This is very important as it allows the kitchen to cater for the correct number of children.

All FS2 and KS1 children will be down to have a **Christmas Dinner**. If your child **does not** want a Christmas dinner on this day please could you let the school office know. We look forward to seeing everyone in their Christmas jumpers on this day, including teachers!

Dinner Menu Change

With the Christmas dinner being on the Thursday the

following changes will apply:-

Wednesday 13 December

Meatballs/Veggie
Meatballs in a tomato sauce or Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings.

Thursday 14 December

Christmas Dinner



Golden Book

The following children have been entered into the Golden Book as they have been spotted around the school demonstrating excellent behaviour and manners:

Jack McKendrick, Takara Wooten, Ellie Harvey, Joshua Thompson, Erin Greenland, Millie Witt, Evelyn Wight-Radcliffe, Eddie Westlake, Sophie Townson, Finley Scrivin, Evan Watt, Cameron Brakes, Daniel Greenland, Theo Hawkins-Wyatt, Cameron Case, Elsie-Ray Powell, Benita Bartlett, Sophie Scutt, Jacob Trowbridge, Amy Curtis, Harrison Brennan, George Curtis, Esther Tiddy, Joshua Shipway and the Y6 Reading Buddies.

Congratulations to all these children.

Mrs J Hawkins
Headteacher

Celebrating out of School Achievements

Congratulations to:

Ellie Rumble – for being selected to play in the Wiltshire Cricket team 2 years above her age group

Calan Gilmour, Matthew Prowting, Sam Satchell – for all of their football achievements

Noah Foreman, Christos Karaolis, Billy Hart, Max Leach and Toby Halliwell – for all of their Swimming achievements

Lily Hawkins-Wyatt – for taking part in Romeo and Juliet at the Wyvern Theatre as part of the Shakespeare Schools Festival

Alice Salter – for taking part in the Remembrance Parade in Town

Brooke Harrold and Kenzie Wootten – for making their Brownie Promise's

Alice Phillips – for passing her Cecchetti Classical Ballet Exam

Isabelle Hawker – for being awarded Player of the Week in Netball and for receiving her 'Green' Blue Peter Badge

Aaliyah Khalfan – for raising £43.00 for Children in Need by selling Jokes

Lauren Scott – for being awarded a 'Being Brave' certificate for holding a snake

William Townson, Riley Atkin and Nick Spyer – for all of their Rugby achievements

DATES FOR TERM 2

Thursday 23 November	-	Y5/6 Dental Talks
Tuesday 28 November	-	Y6 Bikeability – Day 1
Friday 1 December	-	Christmas Cross Country – Hardenhuish – Selected Children
Tuesday 5 December	-	Y6 Bikeability – Day 2
Wednesday 6 December	-	Friends Christmas Disco and Christmas Shopping Event
Thursday 7 December	-	Y3/4 Greek Banquet and dress up day
Tuesday 12 December	-	FS2 Nativity – 9.30 am
Tuesday 12 December	-	KS1 Nativity – 1.45pm
Tuesday 12 December	-	Y3/4 Carol Concert – 6pm – Ladyfield Church
Wednesday 13 December	-	KS1 Nativity – 9.30am
Thursday 14 December	-	Christmas Dinner / Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 15 December	-	Friends Christmas Fayre
Monday 18 December	-	Y5/6 Carol Service – Ladyfield Church – 1.30pm
Wednesday 20 December	-	Class Attendance and Excellent Learners Assembly
Wednesday 20 December	-	Last Day of Term 2

DATES FOR TERM 3

Thursday 4 January 2018	-	First Day of Term 3 – Everybody in school
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Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service ask: Are we getting through?



Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service has launched an awareness campaign across its area, targeting poor or inconsiderate parking.

The Service is asking all drivers “Are we getting through?” as, when responding to a 999 call, every second that the emergency services are delayed could have serious, life-threatening consequences.

The smallest fire engine needs a minimum of three metres, or the width of two cars, to pass safely. If you called for help, you would want to know firefighters could get through.

One particular area of concern is parking on roads near schools, as these are often difficult to pass through safely, especially when cars are dropping off or picking up children. Drivers may not be parking illegally, but the Service is urging everyone to see whether a smarter option, maybe a bit further away, is available.

Poor or inconsiderate parking can also affect high streets and the roads by fire stations. On-call firefighters have to be at their station within five minutes of their pagers going off, so any delay in arriving has a negative effect on the emergency response.

The Service is therefore asking drivers to think before they park, with the following advice to drivers to help keep narrow streets clear:

- When parked, pull in your wing mirrors (don't forget to flip them out before driving off).
- Don't park too close to corners - fire engines are larger than cars and need more room to turn.
- If you're parking opposite someone, remember that a fire engine needs three metres, or two car widths, to pass safely.
- Make sure your wheels are straight and are not sticking out.
- Park as close to the kerb as you can.
- Always follow the Highway Code and obey road markings such as yellow lines and box junctions.
- In narrow streets, only park on one side of the road where possible.
- Make sure you leave enough space for pedestrians on the pavement.
- Don't block driveways.

For more information about the challenges caused by poor or inconsiderate parking, please visit <http://www.dwfire.org.uk/education/road-safety-education/are-we-getting-through>

