

QUEEN'S CRESCENT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year and welcome you back to yet another exciting and busy new term. There are already a lot of events and activities happening as our calendar of events shows. The children, as always, have come back to school very settled after the Christmas break, and I have been particularly impressed by their positive learning attitudes. Should you have any concerns about your child or need to let us know about a change of family circumstance, for example, please let your child's class teacher know. Also if you would like to talk to me about any issues, once you have seen the class teacher, please make an appointment with the school administrative staff.



Y6 SATs Meeting

In order to inform you of the testing arrangements this year, we will be holding a SAT meeting for **Y6 parents** on **Tuesday 30 January at 3.15pm**. This

will last for approximately 30 minutes. It is important that you attend this meeting if possible. Y6 children are welcome to attend.



Annual Reports

We will be sending out your child's report on **Friday 9 February**. We have found sending out the reports at this time invaluable in informing parents at an earlier stage about their child's progress and targets for further improvement, thus enabling parents to feel more involved in working with their child to achieve these.

This will be followed by Parent's evening to discuss your child's progress for **KS1/KS2** on **Monday 26 February** and **Wednesday 28 February**. **FS2** on **Monday 26 February** and **Thursday 1 March**. You will be able to make appointments for these evenings via our online parents evening system. More information on the next newsletter.



Class Attendance

The results of the class attendance percentages at the end of term are as follows:-

Cheltenham – 95.7%
Sandown – 92.5%
Haydock – 93.6%
Newbury – 97.9%
Goodwood – 95.9%
Newmarket – 94.5%
Epsom – 96.4%
Chepstow – 98%
Catterick – 92.2%
Ascot – 95.5%
Aintree – 90.8%
Exeter – 94.3%

Unfortunately many classes' attendance was impacted by the nasty virus at the end of term.

Congratulations to **Chepstow** who were winners with **98%** attendance, the trophy will be proudly displayed in each of their classrooms.

Y1/Y3 Road Safety talks and walks

We had some very successful road safety workshops, for Y1 and Y3, last week run Mrs Sandi Beck from the Road Safety Team. These are

invaluable in ensuring that all children are clear about the rules in regards to crossing the road and what hazards they need to look out for to ensure their safety.



Grandparents Lunch – Monday 29 January & Monday 5 February

Please look out for the flyers with regards to these very popular lunches. Places are strictly limited to **15 per day**.



Bike it Breakfast

Despite the weather, many enthusiastic children arrived early on Monday morning to receive a well-earned hearty breakfast after either walking, cycling or scooting to school. It was great seeing the 'Bike It Crew' taking their responsibilities so seriously and helping the event run so smoothly.

Sustrans were available during the morning to talk to parents as they enjoyed a coffee and Matti Hemmings held some BMX workshops for selected KS2 children. He is so talented and the children are in awe of his impressive cycling skills. This is always a highlight of our Bike It Breakfasts. Let's continue to work together to ensure that an increasing number of children walk, scoot or cycle to school on every

day, as well as promoting a healthy lifestyle it will help to ease the traffic congestion around our school.

Y5/6 School Councillors visit Ivy Lane

As a Multi Academy Trust we continue to work with the other three founding schools to ensure that we are continually focussing on school improvement. As part of this process the Year 5/6 school councillors embarked on their second meeting with pupils from the three other founding schools. The meeting took place on **Tuesday 16 January** at Ivy Lane School.

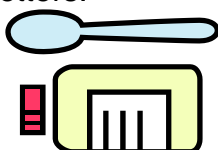


Sing Start

Come along and join us for a sing along on **Friday 9 February at 8:30am** in the hall. This is great fun and we love seeing parents and children participating with enthusiasm in all the songs and the actions! Hope to see you there!

New Term Dates

Please find attached to the end of this newsletter the terms dates for 2018/19, as yet we have not set any TD dates. These will be notified on future newsletters.



Medicines in school

Please could we remind you that children **should**

not bring any form of medicines into school, this includes throat/cough sweets and especially sachets of pain relief. Any medication held in school has to have been agreed by the school in advance and an appropriate health care plan or risk assessment signed and completed. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Year 2 Visit from the Wiltshire Scrapstore

The Year 2 pupils had a great time making Meerkats as part of their topic learning when the scrapstore came to visit today.

"It was really good because we got to make meerkats out of junk." – Harri Bevan

"Making the body was fun. We worked as a team." – Ruby Blackburn

Reading Events and visiting authors

Don't miss out the exciting opportunity to attend the Neil Griffiths Workshop on **Wednesday 24 January**. His events are always very popular and support parents with a range of strategies to help promote their child's reading at home. He is very humorous and great to listen to. He will also be leading on assemblies across the school to talk about his new book; signed copies of these will be available to buy after school. Don't miss out! Also Debi Evans, another well-known children's author will lead a KS2

assembly on **Wednesday 7 February** and will be selling signed copies of her books on this day. Please see information at the end of the newsletter.

French Club

Congratulations to our French Club, Sasha Bradbury, Amelie Fairbairn, Lexie Gingell, Bella Harper, Brooke Hart, Florence Houlihan, Aaliyah Khalfan, Faye Lindsey, Devon Luke, Sophie Minick, Mia Murphy-Bell and Florence Watts. Anna-Kate Fuller has commented that the whole club are an absolute pleasure to teach and she really enjoys coming to Queen's Crescent School, we are very proud of them.



Zebra Crossing Council meeting

Thank –you for everyone who signed the petition to have a zebra crossing on Queen's Crescent. The new date for the council meeting is on **Thursday 25 January 7pm** should you wish to support this event.

Y4 Braeside Presentation

To ensure you are well informed about the Year 4 residential to Braeside - **Monday 18 to Wednesday 20 June** we are holding a meeting on **Tuesday 6 February at 3.15pm** for parents and children. Please take time to attend as it will give you an opportunity to have your questions answered.



Birthday Books

Thank-you to the following children that have contributed birthday books to the school, they are much appreciated.

Jasmine Parkinson – The Outstanding Broccoli Boy by Frank Cottrell Boyce



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:

Theo Bryan, Isobel-Grace Carter, Ollie Partner, Noah Harding, Barney La Bouchardiere, Evalyn Hunt, Ruby Spence, Adalina Monterio, Ben Buckle, Eddie Westlake, Evelyn Berry, Dominic Patrick, Jacob Trowbridge, William Stevens, Amy Curtis, Lily Currie, Louis Doyle, Ollie Summerfield, Cameron Case and the whole of Exeter Class!

Congratulations to all these children.

Mrs J Hawkins
Headteacher

Celebrating out of School Achievements

Congratulations to:

Chloe Say, Zac Carter and Katie Thompson – for all of their Gymnastic achievements

James Rayner – for passing his level 1 in Swimming

Thomas Wall, Liam Nel and Ethan Fereday – for being awarded Rugby Players of the Week

Edwin Holmvall – for passing his Grade 2 Piano with Merit

Harry Holmvall – for passing his Grade 3 Piano with Distinction

Laura Harris – for being awarded a 'Talent for Writing' certificate

Macey Smith – for being awarded the Kickboxing Outstanding Performer of the year' Trophy

Dominic and Oliver Patrick – for earning their Purple Belts in Tae Kwon Do

Charlie Stevens – for being awarded medals for the May Mile and Sports Relief Games

Florence Watts – for being awarded a medal for Climbing

DATES FOR TERM 3

Monday 22 January	-	Y3/4 Dragon Workshop – Wiltshire Scrapstore
Wednesday 24 January	-	Afternoon Parent Workshop – Neil Griffiths
Wednesday 24 January	-	Y5/6 Hockey Tournament – Selected Children
Thursday 25 January	-	Y5 Hardenhuish Visit
Monday 29 January	-	Grandparents Lunch – More info to follow
Tuesday 30 January	-	Y6 SATs Meeting – 3.15pm
Wednesday 31 January	-	FS2 Bugs Workshop – Wiltshire Scrapstore
Thursday 1 February	-	Sheldon Dance Workshop – Selected Children
Monday 5 February	-	Grandparents Lunch – More info to follow
Monday 5 February	-	Y2 Cake Sale
Monday 5 February	-	Dance Festival – Selected Children
Tuesday 6 February	-	Y4 Braeside Presentation – 3.15pm
Wednesday 7 February	-	Debi Evans – Author Visit
Thursday 8 February	-	FS2 Parent Meeting – Reports/Maths – Studio 9am-9.30am
Friday 9 February	-	Singstart – Hall 8.30am
Friday 9 February	-	Reports Out
Friday 9 February	-	Last Day of Term 3

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2018-19

	August/September				
Monday		3	10	17	24
Tuesday		4	11	18	25
Wednesday		5	12	19	26
Thursday	30	6	13	20	27
Friday	31	7	14	21	28
Saturday	1	8	15	22	29
Sunday	2	9	16	23	30

October				
1	8	15	22	29
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	31
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November				
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	December				
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	March				
Monday		4	11	18	25
Tuesday		5	12	19	26
Wednesday		6	13	20	27
Thursday		7	14	21	28
Friday	1	8	15	22	29
Saturday	2	9	16	23	30
Sunday	3	10	17	24	31

April				
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	June				
Monday		3	10	17	24
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Wednesday		5	12	19	26
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July				
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Bank and Public Holidays 2018/2019			
Christmas Day Holiday	25th December 2018	Term 1	38
Boxing Day Holiday	26th December 2018	Term 2	35
New Years Holiday	1st January 2019	Term 3	30
Good Friday	19th April 2019	Term 4	30
Easter Monday	22nd April 2019	Term 5	23
May Day Holiday	6th May 2019	Term 6	39
Spring Bank Holiday	27th May 2019	TOTAL	195
Summer Bank Holiday	26th August 2019		

5 days are also available for professional training day closures during term time, set by the Headteacher and Governors of each school.

Dates are correct at time of publication.

The Secret Adventures of Rolo



Book 1 - Athelstan and the Time Tunnel

Book 2 - The Chilvester Passage

Book 3 – The Dragon’s Pram

Book 4- Jewel Dog and the Dragons

Debi Evans has embarked upon a brand-new adventure series and will be introducing dragons and a time travelling dog to **Queen’s Crescent** on **Wednesday 7th February** ‘*Rolo is a rescue dog. When he settles in his new home he discovers that he is ‘the chosen one’; whatever that might mean! The little Jack Russell embarks upon an incredible secret life by night when he undertakes time travel adventures. Rolo pops up during moments in history, influences events and encounters dragons*’. The books are written in his own words, sharing his love of nature, history – some local – and blogging, in three different strands throughout the books.

The Secret Society of Dragon Protectors book ‘The Dragon’s Tale’ will also be discussed - ‘*Dragons are real, still alive and hiding in dragon shaped objects*’!

Any book can be signed, dedicated and purchased after school on the day or by returning the order form to school. **Please see special offers on the form attached. Cheques acceptable payable to D Evans.**

www.debievans.com

School: Queen’s Crescent	Name:	Class:	
Debi Evans Books		Price	Total
The Secret Adventures of Rolo Book 1 – Athelstan and the Time Tunnel Rolo is a rescue dog with special powers. He time travels at night and in secret through an old oak tree unbeknown to his owners; popping up during events in history and sometimes influencing them. He also blogs and shares nature notes in this first book in the series.		£6.99	
The Secret Adventures of Rolo Book 2 – The Chilvester Passage Rolo’s time travelling adventures continue and include Shakespeare, Ancient Egypt, space and the Bronze Age and many more dogs. You will find out where The Chilvester Passage leads and how important it is to Rolo’s further adventures.		£6.99	
The Secret Adventures of Rolo Book 3 – The Dragon’s Pram Rolo’s recent time travelling adventures include Magna Carta, Henry VIII, Iron Age, a chocolate factory and medieval knight. Athelstan has a very important mission for our heroic pup involving dragons		£6.99	
The Secret Adventures of Rolo Book 4 – Jewel Dog and the Dragons Includes more dragons and mythical creatures, WW1, King Alfred and Saxon Wessex, Bronze Age, Greek Mythology and founding of United Arab Emirates		£6.99	
Special offer: Rolo Books 1 - 4. saving £3 if buying the set		£25.00	
The Secret Society of Dragon Protectors book 1 Special offer: 5 books in the SSDP series plus dragonore crystal £25		£6.99 £25.00	
TOTAL ENC.			£