

QUEEN'S CRESCENT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 - 4 January - 9 February 2018



WOW End of Term 3!

It is hard to believe that we have just over one week left of Term 3. This term has gone so quickly. As usual it has been an extremely busy but productive term with a wealth of learning opportunities for all. I hope everyone enjoys a restful holiday and returns to school on **Monday 19 February** refreshed and ready for another exciting term.



Grandparents' Lunch

It was lovely to see so many grandparents enjoying lunch with their grandchildren on Monday. The atmosphere was delightful and a joy to be part of, watching the children deep in conversation with their grandparents. I look forward to seeing more of you next Monday. Thank you so much for all the positive comments, it really is appreciated.

'Thank you so much for inviting me to grandparent's lunch today. I had a lovely

meal with my granddaughter.' – Sophie Smith's (Y1) Grandma

Friends of Queen's Crescent

Thank you to the Friends for their tremendous commitment to our school raising funds to support all your children. This year they have already raised over £5000 and as a result we have been able to install two new interactive whiteboards in the school to support the children in their learning. The children are thrilled about them. Please look out for other Friends events coming up to enable us to purchase more boards.



Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 6 February is Safer Internet Day. Next week all classes will be carrying out activities about how to keep safe with a focus on keeping themselves safe when using social media sites. Please see our website for useful information about this important subject. The following link has a video for parents that contains fact sheets, conversation starters, family activities, pledge cards etc. all based on e-safety.

Please take time to have a look.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2018/sid2018-education-packs/education-pack-parents-and-carers>



Welcome back!

We welcome back Mrs Boddington from her maternity leave at the start of term 4. She will be teaching in Year 3/4, in Epsom, with Mrs Gingell, on her return. She has already spent time with the class getting to know them and is very much looking forward to becoming their teacher after half term.



Hockey Tournament

Congratulations to the Year 5/6 hockey team, Lily Billett, Amy Fear, Gemma Fear, Laura Harris, Polly La Bouchardiere, Darryl Missen, Veer Mistry and Nick Spyer who came third in a recent hockey tournament against other Chippenham schools. They braved the cold weather and showed fantastic team spirit, thank you also to Mrs McKendrick for coaching the team and supporting them on the day.

Neil Griffiths visit

We had a fantastic time last Wednesday when author Neil Griffiths came to visit us. The children thoroughly enjoyed his books that were shared in a humorous manner during assembly and were excited to purchase books signed by him.

We had a high number of parents attending the reading workshop later in the day and were delighted with the positive feedback received.

Neil also led a staff meeting which was excellent and gave the teachers many exciting ideas to further promote reading in the school.

"What a treat to have Neil Griffiths visit the school, hugely entertaining for both parents and children. He obviously has a passion for getting all our children reading". Mrs Anthony

"What an inspirational man Neil Griffiths is! I came away with wonderful ideas to put life back into home reading, Neil's humour was so refreshing. An afternoon well spent!" Mrs Khalfan



New Children's Crossing.

Thank you to Mrs O'Regan for her continued support in the campaign to install a zebra crossing near the Co-Op. If we were to be successful in gaining a zebra crossing this would make a huge difference in ensuring the safety of all our children as they arrive and leave school.

"It was wonderful to received nearly 250 signatures for me to take to the council to request a zebra crossing in Queen's Crescent. I can confirm that funding has been put in place for further studies to be undertaken. This will be in the Gazette and Herald tomorrow." Mrs O'Regan



Parents Evening – KS1/KS2 Monday 26 February and Wednesday 28 February. FS2 Monday 26 February and Thursday 1 March

Just a little reminder that the online booking system for parent's evening will go live on **Monday 19 February at 5.00pm**. Details for how to access this can be found at the end of the newsletter.



Dogs on the School Premises

For the safety of all our children please can I remind you that dogs are **not** allowed on the school premises unless there has been prior agreement and risk assessments put in place. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter. Unfortunately this includes puppies in arms!



Dragon workshop

We have had a number of successful visits from the

scrapstore which have resulted in some amazing bugs and dragons being created. Year 3/4 children designed and made a variety of fearsome dragons.

"I enjoyed designing my dragon. I used a cone, lots of shiny circles for scales and 2 plastic tubs for the head. I called him Icy Blast." Eva Donald

"I liked all the different materials and I liked that you could use what ever liked to make your dragon. I called mine Ruby because it was all red." Lucy Anthony

Year 5 Hardenhuish Visit

Our Year 5 children had an exciting and very informative visit to Hardenhuish School last Thursday and were a credit to our school. Well done, we are very proud of all of you.

"We are thrilled that your pupils enjoyed the day. They were an absolute joy and we were really impressed by their behaviour, energy and enthusiasm, they are a real credit to your school. I look forward to meeting them all again at some point." Alison Thurlow, Hardenuish School

Year 6 Romeo and Juliet Live Lesson

Our children had the chance to experience a live lesson from a Romeo and Juliet rehearsal by a Royal Shakespeare Company. The children really enjoyed this.

"It was quite enjoyable because it was live and not pre-recorded and you felt privileged to be part of it." Nick Spyer

"They showed us how to actually act it because it was live you saw that eve they make mistakes." Alice Salter

"I liked the way they spoke in expression and they showed you how do to this." Shaya Scott

World Thinking Day 22 February 2018

If your child is in Rainbows, Brownies or Guides, they are welcome to wear their uniform into school on this day to celebrate World Thinking Day.



Class Attendance

Please accept our apologies for an error on last month's newsletter. We incorrectly reported that Chepstow had won the attendance trophy with 98% when in fact Catterick had achieved 98.2%, a slight typo with the numbers. Congratulations Catterick!

Change of Menu/Pudding

As of this week there will be a slight change to **Week 2** of the dinner menu.

On **Thursdays** Treacle Tart is being replaced with Shortbread and on **Fridays** Mandarin Cheesecake is being replaced with Mousse.



KS2 Dinner money/School Dinners

Dinner money for Term 4 remains at **£2.10** per day, **£10.50** per week and **£58.80** for those who wish to pay for the whole of Term 4. Cheques payable to "**Chartwells**". Please can

we remind you that dinner money should be sent in with **your child, in advance** and to be placed in the special plastic wallet in their classrooms. Money should be in a sealed envelope, with their name and class clearly marked on it. Please try to avoid bringing this in to the school office, if you require change please mark this on the envelope or the additional money will be carried forward to the following day or week.

Slippery Play Areas

Due to the bad weather we have been experiencing, please be aware that the playground surfaces are slippery at present. We are currently working with our maintenance team to rectify this situation. In the meantime we would ask that you and your child/ren take care when on site.

Notice Boards

Please don't forget to look at the School and Friends Notice Boards at the front of the school for advertised up and coming events.



Lost Property

Lost property will be outside under the mosaics for the remainder of the term, anything not collected by **Friday 9 February** will be disposed of.

Mid-day Supervisor Vacancy

Please see at the end of this newsletter for further information.



Birthday Books

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

Matthew O'Regan – I'm a little Meerkat by Top That



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:

Isabel Holley, Amber Griffin, Thomas Brennan, Daniel Mills, Ethan Walters, Morgan Rylands, Oliver Kitto, Harry Turner, Max Leach, Sidnee Jennings, Dominic Patrick, Florence Houlihan, Harley Ryan, Thomas Wall, Elijah Willis, Layla Riozzi, Ethan Fereday, Ashley Salter, Annie Spurway, Ethan Llewellyn, Josh Shipway, Evelyn Wight-Radcliffe, Ellena Brown, Polly La Bouchardiere, Sophie Fulluck, Molly Paterson, Lacey Cowdry

Congratulations to all these children.

Mrs J Hawkins
Headteacher

Celebrating out of School Achievements

Congratulations to:

Maya Pajak – for completing Level 5 in Gymnastics and cutting 30cm off of her hair and donating it to a Cancer Charity
Elsie Karaoli, Billy Hart, Isabelle Hawker, Natasha O'Regan and William Townson – for their Swimming achievements
Thomas Wall, Liam Nel and Ethan Fereday – for being awarded Rugby Players of the Week
Aiden McCauley-Ochoa – for being awarded his "All About Me Badger" badge from St Johns Ambulance
Phoenix Horton – for being the Mid Wilts Scrapheap Challenge Winner
Gabrielle Ford – for being awarded the Football Player of the Match Trophy
Jacob Collins and Veer Mistry – for their achievements in Tae Kwon Do

DATES FOR TERM 3

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| 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 / Book Sales after school |
| 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 |

DATES FOR TERM 4

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| Monday 19 February | - | First day of Term 4 – All in school |
| Wednesday 21 February | - | Y5 Sheldon Taster day – First Group |
| Thursday 22 February | - | World Thinking Day |
| Thursday 22 February | - | Y5 Chippenham Library Visit |
| Monday 26 February | - | FS2/KS1/KS2 Parents Evening – 4.00pm – 7.00pm |
| Tuesday 27 February | - | FS2/KS1 Drama4all sessions – in school |
| Wednesday 28 February | - | Y5 Sheldon Taster day – Second Group |
| Wednesday 28 February | - | Wiltshire Air Ambulance Assembly – KS2 |
| Wednesday 28 February | - | KS1/KS2 Parents Evening – 3.10pm – 6.00pm |
| Thursday 1 March | - | World Book Day – More information to follow |
| Thursday 1 March | - | FS2 Parents Evening – 3.10pm – 6.00pm |
| Tuesday 6 March | - | Storytelling Evening 5.30pm – More information to follow |
| Thursday 8 March | - | Bags2School Collection Day |
| Monday 12 March | - | Mother's Day Lunch – please look out for flyers |
| Tuesday 13 March | - | Mother's Day Lunch – please look out for flyers |
| Wednesday 14 March | - | Wiltshire Air Ambulance Assembly – FS2/KS1 |
| Friday 16 March | - | Non Uniform Day – Chocolate Donations for Easter Fayre |
| Friday 16 March | - | Chippenham Rugby Tournament – Selected Children |
| Saturday 17 March | - | Netball and Football Tournament – Selected Children |
| Monday 19 March | - | Y1 Cake Sale |
| Monday 19 March | - | PAT Football Tournament |
| Tuesday 20 March | - | Y5/6 Harry Potter Trip – More information to follow |
| Wednesday 21 March | - | Down syndrome Day – Wear odd socks |
| Thursday 22 March | - | Friends Easter Fayre |
| Friday 23 March | - | Singstart – 8.30am |
| Friday 23 March | - | Sport Relief Mile – More information to follow |
| Monday 26 March | - | Y3/4 Production – PM |
| Tuesday 27 March | - | Y3/4 Production - AM |
| Wednesday 28 March | - | Last Day of Term 4 |
| Thursday 29 March | - | TD Day – No Children in school |

Parents' Evenings - Online Appointment Booking

Appointments can be made from **Monday 19 February 5.00pm onwards**

Please visit <https://queenscrescent.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

You will need to put in the following information

First name/Initial *Surname* *E-mail address*

Child's First Name *Child's Surname* *Date of Birth*

Make sure that your e-mail address is correct so that you receive confirmation of the appointment.

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the school office who will be happy to add appointments on your behalf.

Queen's Crescent Primary School, Chippenham

**We have a vacancy for a permanent Mid-day Supervisor
for 5 days per week
term time only 12:15 – 1:00 p.m.**

Hourly rate: £7.83 Start date: 19th February 2018

We are looking to appoint someone who can build up happy and caring relationships with the children at lunch times and supervise them (training is given).

Further details and application form are available from the school office or please send a SAE to the address below.

Details also available from our website www.queenscrescent.wilts.sch.uk

Closing date for applications: 9.00 am Wednesday 7th February 2018

Interview Date: Friday 9th February 2018

Please return your completed application form plus a short letter letting us know a little about yourself to:

Mrs J Hawkins, Queen's Crescent School,
Windsor Close, Chippenham, Wiltshire. SN14 OQT
Tel: 01249 460190

Queen's Crescent School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All applicants will be subject to a full Disclosure And Barring Service check before appointment is confirmed.