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about:

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“We want to unlock the learning potential of every child in our school, remove any barriers to learning and offer every child opportunities to develop the skills they need for a happy and successful life”

Newsletter

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Dear Parents

My apologies for the delay in writing a newsletter. I had started on a couple of occasions but my own health issues got in the way which means that I haven't even managed to wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year, yet. From my point of view, the emphasis is certainly on healthy and hope you all have a great year free from ailments of any kind.

Can I please remind parents not to block the school vehicle entrance either in the morning or after school. On several occasions recently, staff have been unable to get into or out of the car park. We do have a disabled parking bay if that is needed but access to the school must be kept clear at all times. Thank you.

David Skelcher, Headmaster

School Council

Back in December, the school discos organised by the school council were a massive hit with the children and the Christmas Fayre that the children organised, raised nearly £500.00 - amazing! As I write this we are all getting ready for our first Environmental Day. The idea and the content of the day has been carefully considered and we are all looking forward to an interesting and informative day that we hope we have some positive impact on the environment.

Environmental Day

Well done to the School Council for their organisation of a great day. They started it off with a very professional presentation to the whole school and each class then had a full day of activities all related to improving our environment and reducing waste. The School Council were well-prepared and we all learnt so much from them. They have ordered some extra recycling bins for each classroom to make sure that we stick to our promises. I also need to say how impressed we all were with some very original costumes and accessories that had been created by the children (with some help from mums/dads - thank you!)

Reading Evening

This will take place on Monday 13th March. We hope to give parents a good idea of expectations and how they can support their child's reading in the best way possible. Things have changed a lot over the last year or two and the emphasis is definitely on better understanding and comprehension skills. Just being a fast reader is only a small part of what is needed. A letter will follow after half-term.

Safeguarding

The PE equipment check has been carried out without any problems. The section of fencing on the back field has been made secure. A successful fire drill - total evacuation of the school - has been carried out in a time of 2m.43s. We have now appointed someone to carry out repairs and maintenance around the school to try and sort out any potential problems before they arise.

What Are The Children Eating?

We are often surprised by what children have in their lunchboxes or for a break-time snack. Far too many sweets/junk food. I don't want to ban anything if I can help it and would like to think that I can rely on parents to make sure their children eat healthily. Also, on the subject of food, a number of children tell us that they are not having anything to eat before they come to school in the morning for various reasons. Please make sure they eat something, even if it's only a piece of fruit. There's a lot to be said for healthy body, healthy mind.

Governors Update

It is important for a school to have governors who understand how we work and are prepared to challenge us if needed. There has been some more intensive training recently with Trevor Davies. Also, all the governors have been into school for "Learning Walks" where they have had the opportunity to talk to staff and children and get a truer picture of what it's like at the sharp end!

Staffing

We are advertising for a part-time teaching assistant to replace Mrs Lucas who will be leaving us at the end of February. We wish her all the best for the future.

Training for TAs

As part of her role in school, Mrs Edwards, our maths specialist, is training the teaching assistants so that they can develop their expertise and understanding in maths, to further improve the quality of support for the children.

Head Lice

We seem to have some very determined head lice in school. Please be vigilant and keep checking!

Cygnets News

At Cygnets we have been busy exploring and using media and materials; we have been singing songs, making music, dancing and experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function with a variety of materials, tools and techniques.

We will carry this on during half term week, for information about our holiday club please call us on 01789 721161.

British Values

Since we had our British Values Day, we have continued to work hard to embed those five key principles into our daily life at school. Just in case you've forgotten them, here they are again:

Tolerance,
Respect,
The Rule of Law,
Democracy,
Individual liberty.

I think that they are a great set of values by which to live no matter what cultural background a person may have.

Sports News

The children have been competing in indoor athletics; taken part in a swimming gala; turning out for the school on Saturday mornings for cross country and we are in the process of organising some netball matches. It is still early days for our sports teams but I am always impressed by the effort that our children put into all of these events and we will continue to invest in qualified sports coaches to support this.

Attendance and Illness

Recent attendance - 93.3% - has been hit by a combination of winter bugs and also Scarlet Fever to give us our lowest figure for a long time. Children and staff have all been affected. If a child has any kind of sickness/diarrhoea they have to stay off school for 48 hours after their last incident. Please adhere to these guidelines in a bid to keep the school population as healthy as possible. Shortly, the school will be having a specialist deep clean to see if we can help eradicate some of those persistent germs.



If you haven't visited the school website, please have a look -
quintonprimaryschool.co.uk