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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

The recent parents' evenings were well attended and the vast majority of parents were positive about their children's progress. I had many conversations with parents about how the new homework system is working and, for us, it is invaluable to get feedback. I would like to remind all parents and children that a homework club runs every Wednesday from 12.45 - 1.15 p.m. in class 5. Here, children can get help - including use of laptops for research - for any aspect of homework. It may be that your child just needs a quiet place to sit and concentrate. Please encourage them to come along. Mrs Hopkins and Mr Skelcher are both on hand to offer any necessary support.

David Skelcher, Headteacher

Maths Evening for Parents

The Maths Evening will take place on Monday 23rd March, from 6.30 - 7.30 p.m. More details will be sent out in a letter, next week.



Attendance

We are under ever-growing pressure to ensure that our attendance is at least 95%. If you are one of the families who received an attendance letter, recently, then thank for your positive response, you have already made a difference.

Number on Roll

We now have 157 on roll and our Reception class is full for September 2015.

Change of contact details? - don't forget to let Mrs Maxwell know.

Intervention And Support

We are developing TAs (Teaching Assistants) to specialise in specific areas of need; Currently - maths, handwriting, EAL; so that they are not tied to one class but can work with children from a mixture of age groups who have similar difficulties in a specific area. This includes the more able, e.g. a group of Year 6 who are working at level 6 in maths. Particularly in maths, the impact of Mrs Edwards (maths specialist teacher), who comes in every Wednesday a.m., has been huge.

WoW Assembly

Don't forget, every Friday, at 2.45 p.m. we have our **Worker of the Week Assembly** and would be delighted if you came along. Also, if your child has achieved any kind of award, outside of school, please bring it in, during the week, and it can be presented on a Friday.

World Book Day

We never cease to be amazed by the huge effort and stunning costumes the children wear. On 5th March, it was a brilliant day as you will see from the selection of photos in the newsletter. A massive thank you for all your support.

Reminder: If a child has sickness or diarrhoea they must stay off school for 48 hours.

Have a look at the website: quintonprimaryschool.co.uk

Something's Not Right

Sadly, child abuse is commonplace and as a school, we try to be vigilant, in noticing those tell-tale changes in children that indicate things are not as they should be. However, it is not always that simple and some parents and children become extremely adept at concealing the truth, for whatever reason. The abuse may be: physical, emotional, sexual or neglect and the whole school community has a responsibility to fight it. In school, Mr Skelcher is the DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead) and if any parent has a concern about possible abuse, please report it to him. Following recent press reports, there is a raised awareness of CSE (Child Sexual Exploitation) across the whole country and Warwickshire has just launched the "Something's Not Right ..." campaign. If you want to contact the CSE service directly, call 01926 684490 to discuss your concerns or visit <http://warwickshirecse.co.uk> .

If you have any concerns that may affect the welfare of a child, please act on it. If you are worried about being involved, you can remain anonymous.



Making Sure We Do It Right!

Trevor Davies, our external adviser (As well as being a former head teacher, he both trains Ofsted inspectors and is a current Ofsted inspector, himself) was in school for a day. He carried out some informal observations of all the classrooms and teachers; carried out an audit of the school with Mr Skelcher and Mrs Hopkins and looked at our system for assessment without levels, following the demands of the new National Curriculum. His professional judgement is that the school is in a strong position with a very positive working ethos. On the 11th March, a LIO (Learning Improvement Officer) from the LA (local authority) is spending the day in school to carry out formal observations of the teaching and to gather information about our assessment system. Currently, all schools are trying out their own systems as there is no standardised system, either nationally or within Warwickshire.



Sports

We were delighted to be invited to play in the "Score for Stratford" football fundraiser tournament, at Stratford Football Club. This was as a result of Miss Johnson's successful letter, in which she was asked to justify why Quinton should be allowed to enter a team. Not only did we enter but we came 3rd out of 6 teams, our best result to date. Well done to all the players who also had the chance to be photographed with the Barclays Premiership Trophy - awesome!

Praise also for our intrepid cross-country runners who have braved the weather and given up their Saturday mornings to run for the school. Remember, it all starts again, next November.



Cygnets - News for school

At Cygnets we really enjoyed dressing up as our favourite book characters for World Book Day and it was great to see all the fantastic costumes the children and teachers at Quinton Primary wore to school. With Easter fast approaching we are planning some fun activities for the holidays, for information about our holiday club please call us on 01789 721161.

